



TREE CHANGE, PALM RELOCATION CAMERON PARK

Wellington's Cameron Park is about to add one more palm to its already impressive collection, as staff from Dubbo Regional Council (DRC) work with a local property owner and arborist, to relocate a large Canary Island Palm. The property owner, who was looking to remove the tree from their property, contacted DRC staff through a local arborist to enquire about the possibility of preserving the palm in Wellington's Cameron Park.

Mayor of the Dubbo Region, Ben Shields said it is a great story of 'one man's trash is another one's treasure'. "This is a wonderful story for the community, the very impressive Canary Palm was destined for the wood chipper but with some staff proactivity, we are going to relocate this glorious palm, where it will be right at home in Cameron Park," said Councillor Shields.

"Palms are iconic throughout our region and Wellington is no exception. Warne Street Wellington has some magnificent palms along with Cameron Park and when you drive into Dubbo you can see the theme continue. This is a long standing and slightly

unexpected theme for visitors, that I am proud to continue,” he said.

DRC’s Director Liveability Skye Price said this salvage operation presented a rare opportunity for Council. “The opportunity to salvage this size palm does not come around every day, and it’s lovely to be able to rehome the palm within the community. It will join a number of existing palms to assist in recreating an avenue and increase the aesthetics of the beautiful Cameron Park in Wellington,” said Ms Price. “The transplantation of this Canary Palm forms part of a succession planting plan for Cameron Park which aims to reflect its Victorian era design.”

The work to transplant the approximately 10 metre palm will be carried out by a contractor local to the region. The expected delivery and relocation operation will take most of the day with limited disruptions to general park users.

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