

MPC Open Spaces Works Report – August 2026

Cllr Rich Tucker offers the following Open Spaces Works Report for the month of August 2026.

Tasks updates / completion notes as follows:

1. Quotes Pavilion doors	Proposal submitted to council for September meeting for approval
2. Clearing of Orchard and path maintenance	Proposal submitted to council for September meeting for approval
3. Play Park equipment maintenance and repair	Proposal submitted to council for September meeting for approval
4. Pavilion Cleaning	Proposal submitted to council for September meeting for approval
5. Clearing of recreational ground perimeter	Contractor to be instructed
6. Replacement mower	Ongoing
7. Cost of hand dryer / hand washer for public toilet area of pavilion	Ongoing
8. Discussion of Moorlands Lease and the need for Solicitor scrutiny	Ongoing
9. Improvements to Clapperhay Open Space	To be discussed (Figure 3)
10. Child Defib	Waiting Quote for installation

Initial pricing has been received for the surfacing of the adult gym equipment area and a rubberized tennis court surface. Proposal to be bought to council in October 2026. The provisioning of groundwork in clearing the ditch bunt would need to be completed prior to replacement surfacing works. Prices being sought.

Proposals for the following have been submitted as part of the report:

- Replacement doors for the pavilion
- Clearing of the Orchard and path maintenance
- Play Park equipment replacement and installation.
- Pavilion cleaner

ARB will be instructed to complete the clearing of the recreational ground perimeter, at 2 working days.

Following last months issues around the security at the pavilion (public entrance), the external door has been fixed (figure 1) to provide closure and security including the modification of the self-closure timings on the night latch. Currently locking at 20:00 hours, this is temporary improvement until the door is in place (as per proposal at number 1). Another measure of security is now the access key safe code will be

changed more frequently to minimise intrusion and too many previous users knowing the code.

We have replaced the three aging benches that are on the right side of the recreational field (closest to the pavilion), with repaired units previously being stored (figure 2). We have one more which will be located in the left-hand corner (near carpark) of the field once groundwork activities have improved the area.

Reference beautification of Merriott outside spaces, design and planting costings have been received from Butler and Parker garden design, discussions are ongoing but confirmation of ownership of the space needs to be confirmed (opposite pharmacy).

Clapperhay open space improvements at Figure 3 to be discussed during the meeting prior to bringing proposal to council.

We have carried out a site meeting with our electrical contractor for the child defibrillator at the preschool. Quote may have already been issued to the Clerk, if not yet received will chase. A proposal will follow next month for the installation costs.



Figure 1



Figure 2

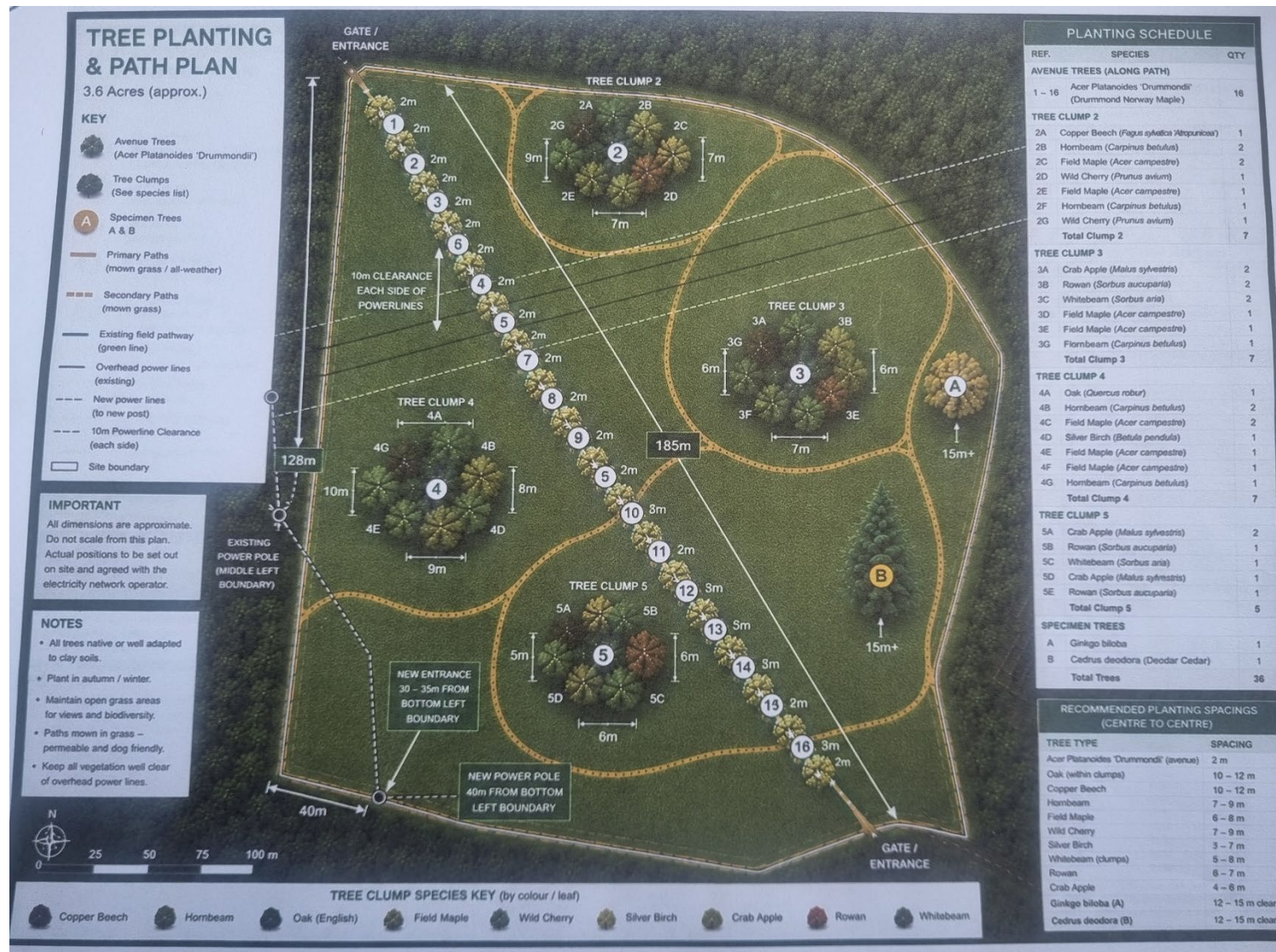


Figure 3