

COMMUNITY UPDATE

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Iconic Canary Island Palm protected

One of three Canary Island Palms at Pearce's Corner, where Pennant Hills Road meets the Pacific Highway at Wahroonga, has been relocated to ensure the historic trees remain a local landmark for many more years to come.

LendLease Bouygues Joint Venture Environmental Manager Rebecca Grant said the tree required replanting to support road widening work as part of the \$3 billion NorthConnex project.

"For nearly 100 years, three Canary Island Palms have signalled to residents and motorists their arrival at Pearce's Corner," Ms Grant said.

"The Canary Island Palms were planted in 1924 and have become a local icon, recognised as having heritage significance in the Hornsby Local Environmental Plan 2013.

"The NorthConnex project team have worked closely with arborists and heritage experts to retain the three palms and their visual importance to the local community.

"Earlier this month, an 80 tonne crane was used to lift the tree from its original location next to Pennant Hills Road to its new position five metres away.

"The tree will be carefully monitored and cared for while roadwork continues."

Ms Grant said the tree's relocation is a great outcome for the local community as this work will ensure that an iconic local heritage landmark is retained.

"NorthConnex will remove 5,000 heavy vehicles from Pennant Hills Road and improve traffic conditions for motorists," Ms Grant said.

"Motorists will be able to experience significant travel time benefits and continue to appreciate the local significance of the Pearce's Corner palms."



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