

WATERSTONE FICUS TREES

These Ficus trees are healthy and show no signs of failure or instability.

No disease nor nutritional deficiency is present.

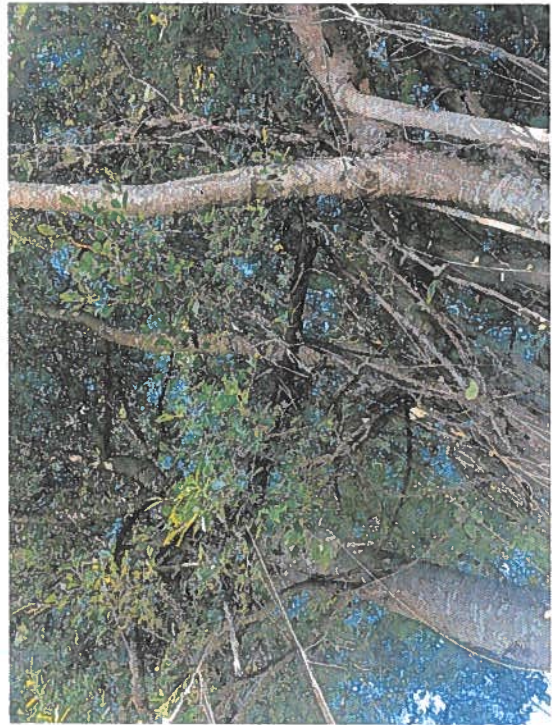
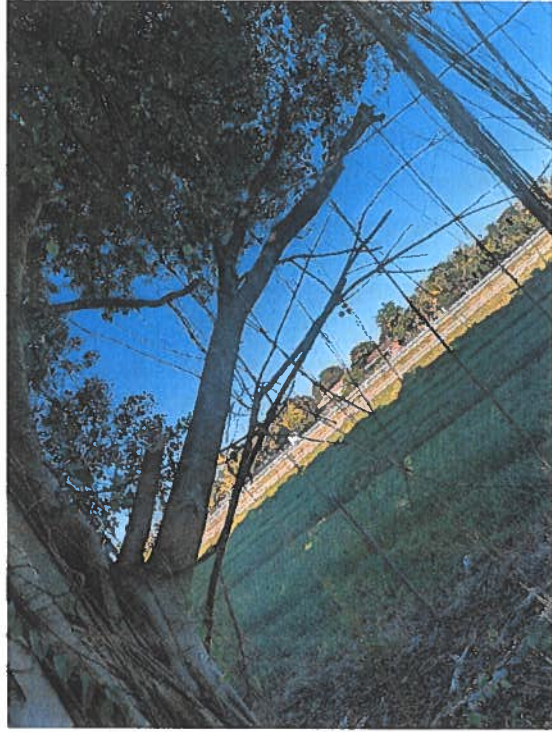
There is, however, a vine growing in the canopies of most of them and I recommend its removal. It interferes with proper nutrition and gets very heavy, causing a possible branch failure.

Except for side pruning (from the residents) on a couple of units, these trees were never pruned. There is a considerable amount of dead wood in the canopies, few of them of large size that could potentially harm someone if they were to dislodge.

My observations and recommendations are below.



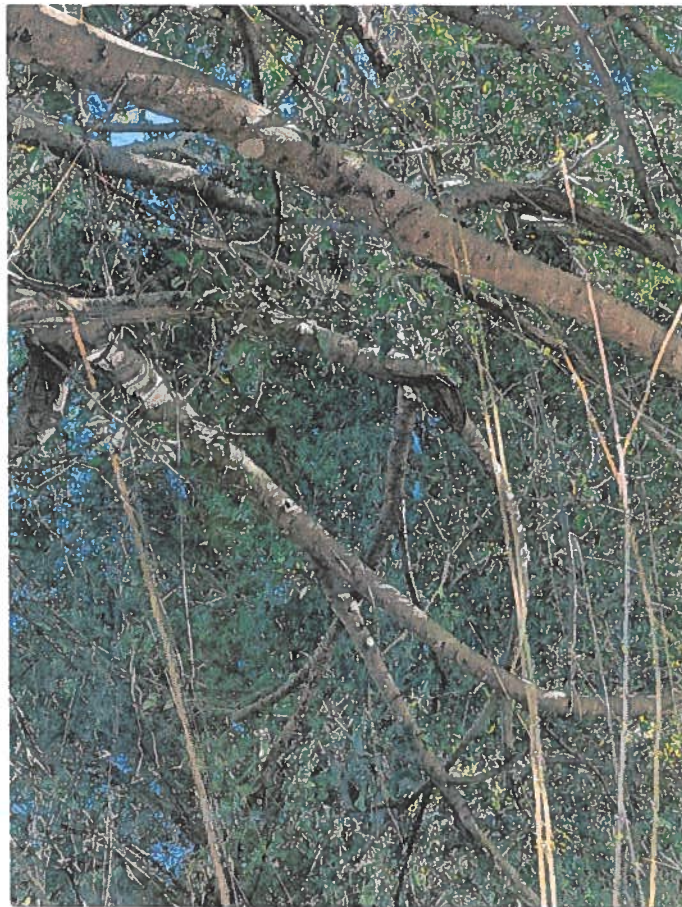
The branches of this Ficus are growing through the pergola, they should be trimmed up a little.



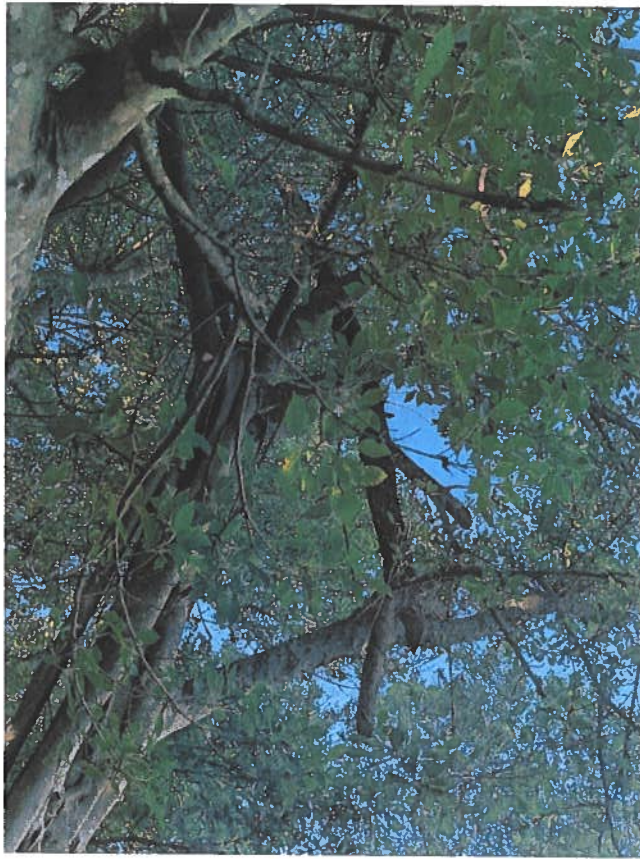
Dead wood and large broken branch in the canopy



This one would definitely hurt!



Large broken branch in the canopy



Another large broken branch in the canopy; we call these
“Widow Maker”,
Because it could break someone’s neck.



These large roots are causing damage.



The Ficus here has not suffered any damage caused by the car fire.

In conclusion, I recommend Crown Reduction, using the Drop-Crotch Method, to be performed every other year from this point forward. This will keep the trees in “control” and the root system will be kept at bay.

All the vines should be removed as early as possible.

All the dead parts should be removed as well.

Do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions regarding this report.

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