



Help Us Save The Convent, School & Village From Fire This Summer

We need your help to safeguard our cherished Our Lady of Kazan Convent and preserve its legacy for generations to come. As we face the increasing threat of fires and the urgent need to protect our sanctuary, we launch this crucial fundraising campaign.

A critical concern has emerged regarding 62 trees on the Kazan convent grounds, some of which are 60-70 years old. Tragically, these trees have succumbed to root rot after enduring 9 months of standing in water and mud following an exceptionally wet year.

These towering trees, ranging from 20-40m tall and 10-15m wide, pose an imminent FIRE RISK. Their sheer size, coupled with their proximity to public buildings such as the church, school, and residences, heightens the danger. Beyond the potential harm to adults, our grannies, granddads and children, there is also a significant risk to the safety of visitors to the convent and their vehicles due to heavy falling branches.

The urgency of the situation is further compounded by the variety of fiercely combustible trees containing natural oils on the property, including Radiata pines, Cypress pines, Leyland pines, Eucalyptus trees, and exceptionally hazardous Poplars.

We need your urgent help to secure the necessary funding for tree removal. The sisters approached the local Campbelltown City Council (CCC) in January 2023 seeking permission for the removal.

Unfortunately, the process is costly, with the Arborist report alone exhausting \$6600 from the convents' modest charity funds. The bureaucratic hurdles escalated further with the need for a formal development application, a significant processing fee and the total removal cost skyrocketed from an initial \$30,000 to an overwhelming \$120,000.

A Dead Dying and Dangerous tree application was not appropriate due to the massive number of trees and a formal development application had to be submitted. Exasperating the situation, the Council's reluctance to act necessitated Ministerial intervention after persistent efforts from January to November 2023. Only through the threat of legal and mass media action did the Council finally respond. Most small tree lopping companies refused to even entertain the idea of providing a quote for the job!

Due to the rural position of the property it is a popular area to dump and set alight stolen cars. Should this happen unawares in the middle of the night, many people, fast asleep in bed, could potentially die in a fire! The massive trees are FIRE BOMBS!!!

Your generous support is crucial not only for the removal of the hazardous trees but also for the REPLANTING of new TREES in the area to promote our distinctly Australian wildlife (Koalas, kangaroos, endangered black wallabies, large reptiles eg meter long goannas and many species of wild birds including kookaburras, white and black (protected) cockatoos, king parrots, green parrots, lorikeets, honey suckers, wild ducks, plovers etc.

It will also contribute to maintaining a cool, fresh, and oxygen-rich environment.

Please help to preserve our rich heritage!! Protect the spiritual centre where troubled, ill, refugee or homeless families or individuals, men, women and children, seek solace, respite, peace, medical and spiritual advice, reassurance and treatment. A place to pray and regenerate internally to face their seemingly insurmountable problems. A place where they will be heard, comforted, helped and not rejected!

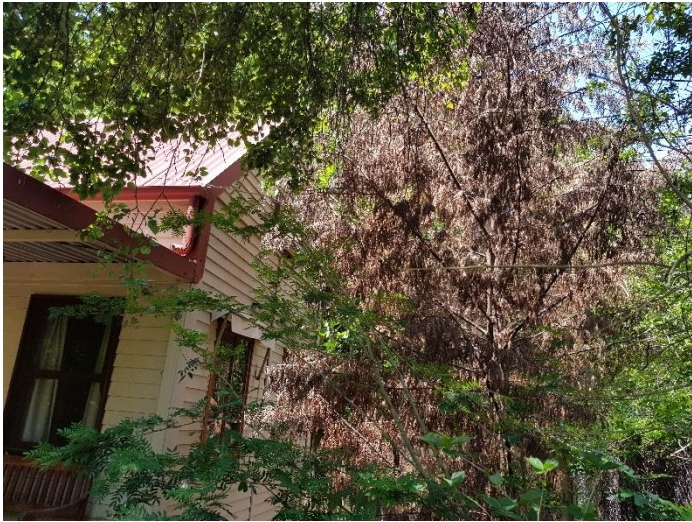
For the past 10 months the nuns have lived in fear. We are currently in the midst of a severe fire danger period with temperatures currently reaching 37C-44C and soon predicted to peak at 50C for 40 days and nights.



Please give generously during this festive period to keep our 60 local residents plus visitors, nuns and children from the ravages of fire in these extreme conditions.

DONATE TO HELP KEEP YOUR KAZAN CONVENT, THE LOCAL RESIDENTIAL VILLAGE AND KENTLYN PRIMARY SCHOOL SAFE.

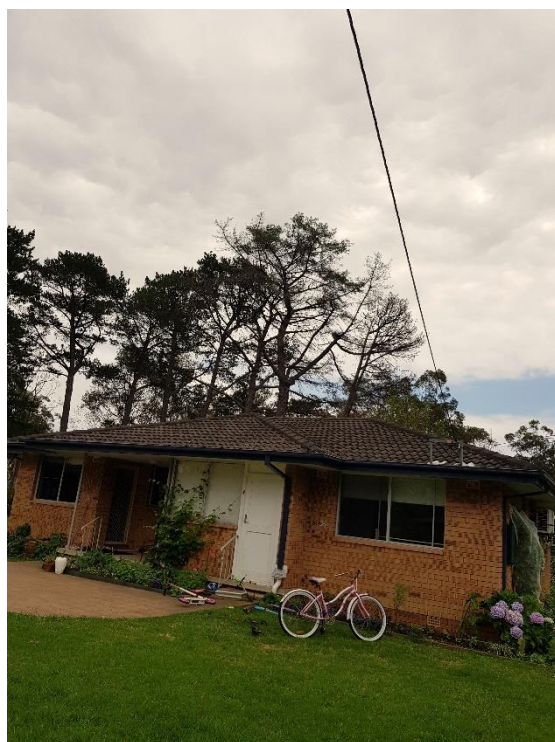












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Your early support inspires others to donate. Make a donation.

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