

## Killer On The Loose

Last Friday night in Leongatha, someone deliberately killed all the crepe myrtle trees on the north side of Turner Street, from Roughead Street all the way down to Clinton Court.

Council's Parks and Gardens Coordinator, Steve Missen, said it was a senseless act.

"These eight trees were planted a couple of years ago and were just starting to come into their own. This summer they would have been mature enough to really put on a show.

"It was devastating for my colleagues to come to work this morning and find the trees killed. These are trees that they planted and have nurtured to a point of being established.

"Why would anyone in their right mind simply destroy them when they are planted to make our neighbourhoods look and feel nicer? These vandals should feel ashamed.

"For the people who live the length of Turner Street, this destruction means that it's going to be another wait to get trees in the ground and established. So, the act of one person – or a few people – disadvantages all the people who live up and down that street.

"It makes me sick," said Steve.

Anyone with information about the Crepe Myrtle Killer/s is urged to contact the Police.

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