



Kingborough

SIGNIFICANT TREE REGISTER INFORMATION SHEET

WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANT TREE REGISTER?

Many of the trees found in our parks, gardens and road reserves have significant aesthetic, cultural and/or historical importance. In acknowledging these important values Kingborough Council decided to establish a *Significant Tree Register* which identifies and protects the region's exceptional trees.

The Register is a list of trees considered to be highly valued, over and above other trees of their type in the Kingborough municipality. It consists of native and non-native trees on both public and private land. The *Significant Tree Register Policy* guides the implementation of the Register and is available for viewing on Council's website at www.kingborough.tas.gov.au.

The list of trees currently registered is publicly available and once nominated trees have been listed they will have statutory protection under the Kingborough Planning Scheme. Council will work to ensure the trees have appropriate protection and encourage careful planning and management around them. Once a tree is listed on the Register it cannot be removed or damaged without approval from Council.

WHAT MAKES A TREE SIGNIFICANT?

A tree must meet the requirements of one or more categories of significance that will act to set the tree apart from others of its type to be included on the register. The categories were reviewed by the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens and include:

- tree size and/or age;
- aesthetic beauty;
- rarity;
- unusual physical form;
- historical significance; and
- landscape significance.

HOW ARE TREES PLACED ON THE REGISTER?

Everyone in Kingborough is invited to nominate trees to be on the register. The nomination form is available from Customer Service or Council's website. While Kingborough Council will call for nominations to update the Register annually, nominations are accepted through-out the year.

Nominations must demonstrate that the tree is genuinely significant in some way. Anyone making a nomination is asked to provide as much information about the tree as they can, including a photo. Each nomination is assessed by a panel made up of people with expertise and experience in arboriculture, cultural heritage, environmental management, urban and/or landscape design.

The panel makes recommendations to Council as to whether the nominations qualify as significant and whether they ought to be added to the register. Their recommendation will depend, in part, on how significant the nomination is in relation to other such trees in Kingborough. Affected landowners have a say regarding nominations on their property.



LANDOWNER AND COMMUNITY INPUT

Each round of nominations will be advertised and any affected landowners contacted directly when they themselves have not made the nomination. The general public have 14 days to make a submission to Council about a nomination. Landowners will have four weeks to make a submission. All submissions will be taken into account in assessing nominations. Landowners have the right to refuse a listing on their property.

CAN A TREE BE REMOVED FROM THE REGISTER?

A tree may be delisted by Council if it becomes unsafe or for some other reason is no longer considered significant. A landowner or third party may also apply to have a tree delisted. However, delisting for the sake of development alone is not encouraged and Council will prioritise conservation of significant trees in determining an application for delisting.

All nominations for delisting will be advertised and assessed under a similar process to listing nominations.

FURTHER INFORMATION

The nomination form contains further detail about the categories of significance and the type of information required to assess a nomination. The *Significant Tree Policy* provides full details of the process required to add or remove trees from the Register.

For any specific questions about the Register, please contact Council's Customer Service on 6211 8200.

