

SIGNIFICANT

TREES

*How to manage
your registered
tree*

Congratulations on your registered tree

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 established a Significant Tree Policy.

The aim of the policy is to value and protect trees in Kingborough that have the highest aesthetic, cultural, landscape, heritage and/or environmental values, compared with other trees in the municipal area. The policy is primarily aimed at conserving individual or groups of trees, rather than large areas of bushland. These are already protected under the *Nature Conservation Act 2002* as threatened vegetation communities or other provisions in Council's planning scheme.

The policy outlines the process and the criteria to be considered for listing a significant tree in the Planning Scheme. Details of the listing is also available in the link provided below.

<https://www.kingborough.tas.gov.au/services/20844-2/significant-tree-register/>

Kingborough



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The Significant Tree register is a partnership initiative by Council to empower individuals to play an active role in conserving and enhancing the trees you see in your neighborhood.

OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- Maintain and preserve the listed tree/s;
- Submit a Tree Application to Council for any maintenance works, such as lopping; or pruning including for safety reasons - link to form found here: <https://www.kingborough.tas.gov.au/services/20844-2/clearing-and-tree-removal/>
- If assistance with the application or maintenance process is required, please contact Council on 6211 8200 or kc@kingborough.tas.gov.au;
- All pruning is to be undertaken in accordance with a permit issued by Council;
- Where a landowner (or neighbour) proposes to remove or injure a registered tree, the removal/impacts will be considered as part of a development application to remove trees under the Planning Scheme;
- The application will also be referred to the Significant Tree Assessment Panel and will be the subject of a report to Council; and
- In situations where the landowner wishes to retain a tree but undertake works on the site, a Tree Management Plan may be required to be prepared by an independent qualified arborculturalist, to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

Where an immediate risk to public safety from a significant tree is identified (damaged in a storm etc) Council approval must still be obtained. In these circumstances the decision will be expedited and will be determined by the General Manager.

COUNCIL'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- Maintain the Significant Tree Register, including the associated mapping, database and website information;
- Protect Registered Tree/s;
- Implement an annual call for nominations to the Register as per the Significant Tree Register Policy (5.9);
- Advise landowners of their rights and responsibilities;
- Refer all Planning Applications on land with a Registered Tree/s to the Significant Tree Assessment Panel for advice;
- This assessment will take into consideration the condition and risk of the tree/s based on the advice of a suitably qualified arborist and continued appropriateness of a tree's listing. Any adjustments to the Register require Council approval and an amendment to the planning scheme;
- Should any works be required on a tree, the owner of the tree will be notified in writing of this, and the appropriate approval automatically processed;
- There is no exemption specific to Council or Government Authorities in relation to doing works on Significant Trees unless the advice of a suitably qualified arborist confirms the works are necessary to remedy an unacceptable safety risk.
- Any works that will impact on any nominated or registered trees require referral to the Significant Tree Assessment Panel and any necessary approvals will be obtained by Council.

