

REPORT

ARBORICULTURAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

634-652 High Street,
Penrith NSW

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1.0 PREFACE

Redgum Horticultural has prepared this report for and on behalf of TOGA Project Services Pty Ltd (*the applicant*), Level 5, 45 Jones Street, Ultimo NSW.

Mr. Neville Shields (*the author*) attended 634-652 High Street, Penrith NSW (*the site*), on 3 March 2018 and the trees and their growing environment were examined. The site is subject to a Development Application and this report and any works recommended herein, that require approval from the consenting authority, forms part of that Development application. This report takes into consideration the trees within the site and within five metres of the common boundary affected by the development.

We understand in accordance with the plans for the development that the two sites are to be developed separately and that this report has been prepared to accompany each report.

2.0 INTRODUCTION

The land is situated in the Penrith City Council (*the Council*) Local Government Area (LGA) and the trees are protected under Part 5 (Clause 5.9) of Local Environment Plan 2010. Council is the consenting authority for development works on the site. This report involves 18 trees (*the tree*), as indicated on Site Plan A - Survey of Subject Trees (Appendix D) and considers their removal. The trees will be considered as 2 stands to encompass the trees which are within the scope of this report, as marked on Appendix D, Site Plan A – Survey of Subject Trees.

The site is comprised of five parcels of land where the existing structures are to be demolished and are to be replaced with a proposed urban residential and mixed-use precinct, requiring the removal of the existing trees within the site and on the road reserve. As part of the Landscape Plan where appropriate, the tree cover on the site will be enhanced by planting with advanced specimens/s of appropriate tree species for the space available above and below ground being soil volumes available and to prevent future conflict between trees and built structures.

The proposed building design and its configuration and infrastructure were arrived at prior to the undertaking of an arboricultural assessment of the trees on the site to determine their significance by Redgum Horticultural. The plans provided do not show the location of sewer, water or electricity supply to the proposed development.

The Summary lists the general condition of trees and a summary of works in Table 1.0. In section 5.0 each individual tree is described in greater detail including protective or remedial works. Tree maintenance works including pruning, removal or transplantation are detailed in section 4.0.

3.0 SUMMARY

This report considers 19 trees, 18 trees within the site and 1 trees on the adjacent road reserve with Trees 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14^{x3}, 15 & 16 that are recommended to be removed. They are recommended for removal and replacement with super advanced specimens in 75 or 100 litre bags size stock within more appropriate positions within the development. Replacement of this specimen needs to be mindful of their spatial requirements to allow them to grow to maturity and not be impeded by the built structure.

The general condition of each tree and a summary of works are listed in Table 1.0.

1.0 AIMS

- 1.1 Detail the condition of the trees on the site or on adjoining sites where such trees may be affected by the proposed works, by assessment of individual specimens or stands, and indicate remedial works or protection measures for their retention in a safe and healthy condition, or a condition not less than that at the time of initial inspection for this report, or in a reduced but sustainable condition due to the impact of the development but ameliorated through tree protection measures able to be applied, and will consider the location and condition of the trees in relation to the proposed building works, or recommend removal and replacement where appropriate.
- 1.2 Provide as an outcome of the assessment, the following: a description of the trees, observations made, discussion of the effects the location of the proposed building works may have on the trees, and make recommendations required for remedial or other works to the trees, if and where appropriate.
- 1.3 Determine from the assessment as detailed in 1.2 a description of the works or measures required to ameliorate the impact upon the trees to be retained, by the proposed building works or future impacts the trees may have upon the new building works if and where appropriate, or the benefits of removal and replacement if appropriate for the medium to long term safety and amenity of the site.

2.0 OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 Assess the condition of the subject trees.
- 2.2 Determine impact of development on the subject trees.
- 2.3 Provide recommendations for retention or removal of the subject trees.

3.0 METHODOLOGY

Note: Individual methodologies applied as applicable.

- 3.1 The method of assessment of tree/s applied is adapted from the principles of visual tree assessment undertaken from the ground, which considers:
 - Tree health and subsequent stability, both long and short term
 - Sustainable Retention Index Value (SRIV) Version 4 (IACA 2010) ©
 - Hazard potential to people and property
 - Amenity values
 - Habitat values
 - Significance
- 3.2 This assessment is undertaken using standard tree assessment criteria for each tree based on the values above and is implemented as a result of at least one comprehensive and detailed site inspection to undertake a visual tree assessment from the ground of each individual tree, or stand of trees, or a representative population sample. Any dimensions recorded as averages, or by approximation are noted accordingly.

- 3.3 This report adopts Australian Standard AS4970 2009 *Protection of trees on development sites* as a point of reference and guide for the recommended minimum setbacks (Table 2 – Part B) from the centre of a tree's trunk to development works and the distances may be increased or decreased by the author in accordance with AS4970 – Section 3.3.4 as a result of other factors providing mitigating circumstances or constraints as indicated by but not restricted to the following:
1. Condition of individual trees,
 2. Tolerance of individual species to disturbance,
 3. Geology e.g. physical barriers in soil, rock floaters, bedrock to surface
 4. Topography e.g. slope, drainage,
 5. Soil e.g. depth, drainage, fertility, structure,
 6. Microclimate e.g. due to landform, exposure to dominant wind,
 7. Engineering e.g. techniques to ameliorate impact on trees such as structural soil, gap graded fill, lateral boring,
 8. Construction e.g. techniques to ameliorate impact on trees such as pier and beam, bridge footings, suspended slabs,
 9. Root mapping,
 10. Physical limitations - existing modifications to the environment and any impact to tree/s by development e.g. property boundaries, built structures, houses, swimming pools, road reserves, utility services easements, previous impact by excavation, or construction in other directions, soil level changes by cutting or filling, existing landscaping works within proximity, modified drainage patterns,
 11. Extraneous factors e.g. potential future impacts from development on adjoining land when the tree is located on or near to a property boundary.
- 3.4 Trees in groups may be referred to as stands and a stand may exclusively contain specimens to be either retained or removed or a combination of both. A stand may be used to discuss all the trees on a given site to expedite their assessment, or refer to trees growing proximate to one another or within a defined space. Stands may be comprised by mass boundary or screen plantings, to form a group of the same or a mixture of taxa. Each stand is considered as a single unit with each component tree assessed and expressed in tabular form, or indicated by a given percentage as a population sample of each stand. Where it is appropriate for a stand of trees to be retained in full or part, the location and setback of Tree Protection Zone fences or works, are prescribed to provide for the preservation of the stand or selected component trees, in a condition not less than that at the time of initial inspection for its incorporation into the landscape works for the site, or in a reduced but sustainable condition due to the impact of the development but ameliorated through tree protection measures.
- 3.5 The meanings for terminology used herein are taken from the IACA Dictionary for Managing Trees in Urban Environments 2009. An extract from the IACA Dictionary forms a glossary of terms included as Appendix E.

4.0 PRUNING STANDARDS

- 4.1 Any pruning recommended in this report is to be to the Australian Standard® AS4373 *Pruning of amenity trees*, and conducted in accordance with the NSW Work Cover Authority Code of Practice, Tree Work, 2007.
- 4.2 All pruning or removal works are to be in accordance with the appropriate Tree Management Policy where applicable, or Tree Management Order (TMO), or Tree Preservation Order (TPO).
- 4.3 Tree maintenance work is specialised and in order to be undertaken safely to ensure the works carried out are not detrimental to the survival of a tree being retained, and to assist in the safe removal of any tree, should be undertaken by a qualified arboriculturist with appropriate competencies recognised within the Australian Qualification Framework, with a minimum of 5 years of continual experience within the industry of operational amenity arboriculture, and covered by appropriate and current types of insurance to undertake such works.

Table 1.0 General condition and Schedule of works of trees or large shrubs. Trees described in greater detail in section 7.0.

Tree / Stand No.	Genus and species	Common name	Condition G = Good, F = Fair P = Poor, D = Dead W= Weed	Description of work to be done
1	<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i>	Bull Bay Magnolia	F	Remove and replace with new plantings as per Landscape Plan
2	<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i>	Bull Bay Magnolia	F	Remove and replace with new plantings as per Landscape Plan
3	<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i>	Bull Bay Magnolia	F	Remove and replace with new plantings as per Landscape Plan
4	<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i>	Bull Bay Magnolia	F	Remove and replace with new plantings as per Landscape Plan
5	<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i>	Bull Bay Magnolia	F	Remove and replace with new plantings as per Landscape Plan
6	<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i>	Bull Bay Magnolia	F	Remove and replace with new plantings as per Landscape Plan
7	<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i>	Bull Bay Magnolia	F	Remove and replace with new plantings as per Landscape Plan
8	<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i>	Bull Bay Magnolia	F	Remove and replace with new plantings as per Landscape Plan
9	<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i>	Bull Bay Magnolia	F	Remove and replace with new plantings as per Landscape Plan
10	<i>Castanospermum australe</i>	Black Bean Tree	G	Remove and replace with new plantings as per Landscape Plan
11	<i>Grevillea robusta</i>	Silky Oak	F	Remove and replace with new plantings as per Landscape Plan
12	<i>Metasequoia glyptostroboides</i>	Dawn Redwood	F	Remove and replace with new plantings as per Landscape Plan
13	<i>Metasequoia glyptostroboides</i>	Dawn Redwood	F	Remove and replace with new plantings as per Landscape Plan
14/2	<i>Acer negundo</i> x3	Box Elder Maple	F	Remove and replace with new plantings as per Landscape Plan
15	<i>Toona australis</i>	Australian Red Cedar	G	Remove and replace with new plantings as per Landscape Plan
16	<i>Lophostemon confertus</i>	Queensland Brush Box	F	Remove and replace with new plantings as per Landscape Plan – Road Reserve Specimen

5.0 TREE ASSESSMENT – 5.1 - Assessment of a stand of Trees

Tree / Stand No.	Genus & Species Common Name	Age Y = Young M = Mature O = Overmature	Vigour GV = Good Vigour LV = Low Vigour	Condition G = Good F = Fair P = Poor D = Dead	1. SRIV Age, Vigour, Condition / Index Rating www.iaca.org.au / 2. Estimated Life Expectancy 1. Long 2. Medium 3. Short	Crown Form D = Dominant C = Co-dominant I = Intermediate S = Suppressed F = Forest E = Emergent	Ht. Approx. metres	Crown Spread approx. metres / Orientation N = north S = South E = East W = West				Crown Cover % / Crown Density % / D = dormant	DBH in mm @ 1.4m, or other, as indicated / Trunk Orientation other than R = radial, e.g. N/S g = ground	Trunk Lean 1 = Upright-Slight 2 = Moderate 3 = Severe 4 = Critical. 5 = Acaulescent / Orientation / ST = Static P = Progressive Sc = Self-correcting	Roots Evident at Root Crown 1. = None 2. = Adventitious 3. = Basal Flare 4. = Buttresses 5. = First Order Roots (FOR), No. & distribution e.g. R = radial, or one each to N, S, E and W	Pests, Diseases & Damage No or Yes If Yes see comments	Branch Bark Included No or Yes or N/A	Form G = Good Form P = Poor Form	Significance scale 1=High 2=Medium 3=Low / Retention Value 1=High 2=Medium 3=Low 4=Remove
1	<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i>	M	GV	F	MGVF - 9 1	D	6	2 N	2 S	2 E	2 W	70 70	140 R	1/R ST	1	NO	NO	G	2 2
	Bull Bay Magnolia	Comments: Trunk erect, straight, gradually tapering & continuous, crown excurrent. x2 smaller plants either side of specimen under height.																	
2	<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i>	M	GV	F	MGVF - 9 1	D	6	1 N	1 S	1.5 E	1 W	70 70	140 R	1/R ST	1	NO	NO	P	2 1
	Bull Bay Magnolia	Comments: Trunk to 1 metre, crown deliquescent, orientation E/W, asymmetrical bias to the east.																	
3	<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i>	M	GV	F	MGVF - 9 1	D	6	1 N	1 S	1 E	1 W	70 70	120 R	1/R ST	1	NO	NO	G	2 2
	Bull Bay Magnolia	Comments: Trunk erect, straight, gradually tapering & continuous, crown excurrent.																	
4	<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i>	M	GV	F	MGVF - 9 1	C	6	2 N	2 S	2 E	2 W	60 60	140 R	1/R ST	1	NO	NO	G	2 2
	Bull Bay Magnolia	Comments: Trunk erect, straight, gradually tapering & continuous, crown excurrent.																	
5	<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i>	M	GV	F	MGVF - 9 1	C	6	2 N	2 S	2 E	2 W	60 60	140 R	1/R ST	1	NO	NO	G	2 2
	Bull Bay Magnolia	Comments: Trunk to 1 metre, crown deliquescent, orientation radial, symmetrical.																	
6	<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i>	M	GV	F	MGVF - 9 1	C	6	2 N	2 S	2 E	2 W	60 60	140 R	1/R ST	1	NO	NO	G	2 2
	Bull Bay Magnolia	Comments: Trunk erect, straight, gradually tapering & continuous, crown excurrent.																	
7	<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i>	M	GV	F	MGVF - 9 1	C	6	2 N	2 S	2 E	2 W	60 60	140 R	1/R ST	1	NO	NO	G	2 2
	Bull Bay Magnolia	Comments: Trunk erect, straight, gradually tapering & continuous, crown excurrent.																	
8	<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i>	M	GV	F	MGVF - 9 1	C	7	2 N	2 S	2 E	2 W	70 60	200 R	1/R ST	1	NO	NO	G	2 2
	Bull Bay Magnolia	Comments: Trunk erect, straight, gradually tapering & continuous, crown excurrent.																	
9	<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i>	M	GV	F	MGVF - 9 1	C	7	2 N	2 S	2 E	2 W	70 60	200 R	1/R ST	1	NO	NO	G	2 2
	Bull Bay Magnolia	Comments: Trunk erect, straight, gradually tapering & continuous, crown excurrent.																	
10	<i>Castanospemum austral</i>	M	GV	G	MGVG - 10 1	D	10	7 N	7 S	5 E	5 W	80 80	1050/R 1140 DARB	1/R ST	4	NO	NO	G	2 1
	Black Bean Tree	Comments: Trunk to 3 metres, crown deliquescent, orientation N/S, asymmetrical. Planted specimen, significant due to position.																	

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11	<i>Grevillea robusta</i>	M	GV	F	MGVF - 9	D	9	4	4	5	3	70	340#@g	5/R	1	YES	NO	P	3
	1				N			S	E	W	70	R	ST	4					
Silky Oak		Comments: Acaulescent or short trunk @ or near ground, crown deliquescent, orientation radial, asymmetrical bias to the east. Old borer damage.																	
12	<i>Metasequoia glyptostroboides</i>	O	LV	F	OLVF - 2	D	12	2	3	4	2	70	400	1/R	1	YES	NO	P	2
	2.5				N			S	E	W	40	R	ST	3					
Dawn Redwood		Comments: Trunk erect, straight, gradually tapering & continuous, orientation E/W, asymmetrical bias to the east, crown excurrent. Part of old street planting, possible lighting strike, dead apical down 3m into crown, soil build up.																	
13	<i>Metasequoia glyptostroboides</i>	O	LV	F	OLVF - 2	D	12	3	5	1	2	70	1000	1/R	1	YES	NO	P	2
	2.5				N			S	E	W	40	R	ST	3					
Dawn Redwood		Comments: Trunk erect, straight, gradually tapering & continuous, orientation N/S, asymmetrical bias to the south, crown excurrent. Possible lightning strike, basal trunk wound to north extending up 4m, soil build up.																	
14/2	<i>Acer negundo</i> x3	M	GV	F	MGVF - 9	C	9	3	2	7	1	70	300#@g	5/R	1	NO	NO	P	3
	1				N			S	E	W	70	R	ST	4					
Box Elder Maple		Comments: Acaulescent or short trunk @ or near ground, crown deliquescent, orientation E/W, asymmetrical bias to the east. Self-sown against building.																	
15	<i>Toona australis</i>	M	GV	G	MGVG - 10	D	7	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	70	290	1/R	1	NO	NO	G	2
	1				N			S	E	W	70	R	ST	2					
Australian Red Cedar		Comments: Trunk erect, straight, gradually tapering & continuous, crown excurrent.																	
16	<i>Lophostemon confertus</i>	M	GV	F	MGVF - 9	D	4	7	6	4	5	70	690	1/R	1	YES	NO	P	3
	1				N			S	E	W	70	R	ST	4					
Queensland Brush Box		Comments: Trunk to 1 metre, crown deliquescent, orientation N/S, asymmetrical bias to the north. Lopped for line clearance. - Road Reserve Specimen																	

Observations

- 5.2 The site has a stand of mature or senescent, planted non-locally indigenous or exotic evergreen and deciduous taxa within the current proposal which are recommended for removal due to the proposed development or are not worthy of retention. They are recommended for removal and replacement with super advanced specimens in 75 or 100 litre bags size stock within more appropriate positions within the development. Replacement of this specimen needs to be mindful of their spatial requirements to allow them to grow to maturity and not be impeded by the built structure.

Tree Significance

- 5.3 Significant Trees as established by the Rating System for Tree Significance – IACA Stars (2010), Appendix A.

Significance Scale

- 1 – High
2 – Medium
3 – Low

Significance Scale	1	2	3
Redgum Tree No.		1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15	11, 14, 16

Tree Retention Value

- 5.4 See Appendix A for Retention Value Matrix.

Retention Value

- High** – Priority for Retention
Medium – Consider for Retention
Low – Consider for Removal
Remove - Priority for Removal

Retention Value	High Priority for Retention	Medium Consider for Retention	Low Consider for Removal	Remove Priority for Removal
Redgum Tree No.	2, 10	1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 15	12, 13	11, 14, 16

Demolition and Tree Removal/s

- 5.5 Trees 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14^{x3}, 15 & 16 are to be removed as they are not worthy of retention or located within the site in a position where they cannot be retained due to the proposed building footprints and associated infrastructure such as excavation of the basement where encroachment will have an adverse impact on its roots and crown for viability and stability.

- Tree 1 to 9: *Magnolia grandiflora* - Bull Bay Magnolia; located within the property on the Mulgoa Road frontage and positioned within the proposed building envelope. If this current proposed design is approved, then these specimens cannot be retained and are recommended to be replaced as part of the proposed landscape works.
- Tree 10: *Castanospermum austral* - Black Bean Tree; located within the property on the corner of Mulgoa Road & High Street and positioned within the proposed building footprint. This specimen is recommended to be removed as part of the proposed development.
- Tree 11: *Grevillea robusta* - Silky Oak; located within the middle of the site on John Tipping Grove and positioned within the proposed building envelope. If this current proposed design is approved, then this specimen cannot be retained and is recommended to be replaced as part of the proposed landscape works.
- Tree 12 & 13: *Metasequoia glyptostroboides* - Dawn Redwood; located within the middle of the site on John Tipping Grove and positioned within the proposed building envelope. These specimens are both overmature with structural issues and are recommended to be removed and replaced as part of the proposed development.
- Tree 14^{x3}: *Acer negundo* Box - Elder Maple; located within the eastern side of the property and positioned within the proposed building footprint. These self-sown specimens are recommended to be removed and replaced as part of the proposed development.
- Tree 15 & 16: *Toona australis* - Australian Red Cedar & *Lophostemon confertus* - Queensland Brush Box; located within the site to the east of the property and positioned within the proposed new roadway. If this current proposed design is approved, then these specimens cannot be retained and are recommended to be replaced as part of the proposed landscape works.

6.0 CONCLUSION & RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 The trees to be removed is to be undertaken in accordance with section 4.0, parts 4.1 - 4.3. As the tree is nominated for removal, replacement species in accordance with the associated Landscape documentation for the development is recommended. Where appropriate, the Landscape Plan will include planting with new trees including street tree/s.

6.2 The replacements are to be vigorous specimens with a straight trunk, gradually tapering and continuous, crown excurrent, symmetrical, with roots established but not pot bound in a volume container or approved similar and be maintained by an appropriately qualified and experienced landscape contractor.

It is often a consequence of redevelopment, and subject to the nature of the proposed land use that some or all of the trees present on the site prior to that redevelopment may be required to be removed and replaced with new tree plantings in different locations. This may be dependent upon the type of development and its design constraints and the requirements of the local planning instruments and any Landscape Design Codes if existing. Where tree removal is required for this development, it is considered that those trees identified within this report are not sustainable within the context of the proposed development. The retention of some or all of the existing trees contributes to: the preservation of local amenity, screening of views to and from the site, and a balance to the scale and bulk of buildings, while maintaining elements of a continuous landscape, providing a more harmonious integration and transition of the use of the land.

If all the recommendations and procedures detailed herein are adhered to, some or all of the trees the subject of this report will continue, or will be replaced with more appropriate plantings in suitable locations, or enhanced by additional new plantings, and will grow to develop as important landscape components providing elements of long term amenity for the property and its owners or occupants, and the local community.

The recommendations made in this report are subject to approval by the consent authority.

As a renewable and dynamic natural resource, the urban tree and the growing environment essential for its survival must be understood and carefully managed to balance its needs with those of people. It is crucial that as required: this resource be planned for, planted, nurtured, protected, maintained and replaced, to ensure appropriateness and suitability of new plantings and trees retained, for safety and viability, so that it remains vital, and is sustainable in continuity.



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The author and Redgum Horticultural take no responsibility for actions taken and their consequences, contrary to those expert and professional instructions given as recommendations pertaining to safety by way of exercising our responsibility to our client and the public as our duty of care commitment, to mitigate or prevent hazards from arising, from a failure moment in full or part, from a structurally deficient or unsound tree or a tree likely to be rendered thus by its retention and subsequent modification/s to its growing environment either above or below ground contrary to our advice.

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Appendix A

IACA Significance of a Tree, Assessment Rating System (STARS) © (IACA 2010) ©

In the development of this document IACA acknowledges the contribution and original concept of the Footprint Green Tree Significance & Retention Value Matrix, developed by Footprint Green Pty Ltd in June 2001.

The landscape significance of a tree is an essential criterion to establish the importance that a particular tree may have on a site. However, rating the significance of a tree becomes subjective and difficult to ascertain in a consistent and repetitive fashion due to assessor bias. It is therefore necessary to have a rating system utilising structured qualitative criteria to assist in determining the retention value for a tree. To assist this process all definitions for terms used in the *Tree Significance - Assessment Criteria* and *Tree Retention Value - Priority Matrix*, are taken from the IACA Dictionary for Managing Trees in Urban Environments 2009.

This rating system will assist in the planning processes for proposed works, above and below ground where trees are to be retained on or adjacent a development site. The system uses a scale of *High*, *Medium* and *Low* significance in the landscape. Once the landscape significance of an individual tree has been defined, the retention value can be determined.

Tree Significance - Assessment Criteria



1. High Significance in landscape

- The tree is in good condition and good vigour;
- The tree has a form typical for the species;
- The tree is a remnant or is a planted locally indigenous specimen and/or is rare or uncommon in the local area or of botanical interest or of substantial age;
- The tree is listed as a Heritage Item, Threatened Species or part of an Endangered Ecological Community or listed on Councils Significant Tree Register;
- The tree is visually prominent and visible from a considerable distance when viewed from most directions within the landscape due to its size and scale and makes a positive contribution to the local amenity;
- The tree supports social and cultural sentiments or spiritual associations, reflected by the broader population or community group or has commemorative values;
- The tree's growth is unrestricted by above and below ground influences, supporting its ability to reach dimensions typical for the taxa *in situ* - tree is appropriate to the site conditions.

2. Medium Significance in landscape

- The tree is in fair-good condition and good or low vigour;
- The tree has form typical or atypical of the species;
- The tree is a planted locally indigenous or a common species with its taxa commonly planted in the local area
- The tree is visible from surrounding properties, although not visually prominent as partially obstructed by other vegetation or buildings when viewed from the street,
- The tree provides a fair contribution to the visual character and amenity of the local area,
- The tree's growth is moderately restricted by above or below ground influences, reducing its ability to reach dimensions typical for the taxa *in situ*.

3. Low Significance in landscape

- The tree is in fair-poor condition and good or low vigour;
- The tree has form atypical of the species;
- The tree is not visible or is partly visible from surrounding properties as obstructed by other vegetation or buildings,
- The tree provides a minor contribution or has a negative impact on the visual character and amenity of the local area,
- The tree is a young specimen which may or may not have reached dimension to be protected by local Tree Preservation orders or similar protection mechanisms and can easily be replaced with a suitable specimen,
- The tree's growth is severely restricted by above or below ground influences, unlikely to reach dimensions typical for the taxa *in situ* - tree is inappropriate to the site conditions,
- The tree is listed as exempt under the provisions of the local Council Tree Preservation Order or similar protection mechanisms,
- The tree has a wound or defect that has potential to become structurally unsound.

Environmental Pest / Noxious Weed Species

- The tree is an Environmental Pest Species due to its invasiveness or poisonous/ allergenic properties,
- The tree is a declared noxious weed by legislation.

Hazardous/Irreversible Decline

- The tree is structurally unsound and/or unstable and is considered potentially dangerous,
- The tree is dead, or is in irreversible decline, or has the potential to fail or collapse in full or part in the immediate to short term.

The tree is to have a minimum of three (3) criteria in a category to be classified in that group.

Note: The assessment criteria are for individual trees only, however, can be applied to a monocultural stand in its entirety e.g. hedge.

Table 1.0 Tree Retention Value - Priority Matrix.

		Significance				
		1. High	2. Medium	3. Low		
		Significance in Landscape	Significance in Landscape	Significance in Landscape	Environmental Pest / Noxious Weed Species	Hazardous / Irreversible Decline
Estimated Life Expectancy	1. Long >40 years					
	2. Medium 15-40 Years					
	3. Short <1-15 Years					
	Dead					

Legend for Matrix Assessment

	Priority for Retention (High) - These trees are considered important for retention and should be retained and protected. Design modification or re-location of building/s should be considered to accommodate the setbacks as prescribed by the Australian Standard AS4970 <i>Protection of trees on development sites</i>. Tree sensitive construction measures must be implemented e.g. pier and beam etc if works are to proceed within the Tree Protection Zone.
	Consider for Retention (Medium) - These trees may be retained and protected. These are considered less critical; however their retention should remain priority with removal considered only if adversely affecting the proposed building/works and all other alternatives have been considered and exhausted.
	Consider for Removal (Low) - These trees are not considered important for retention, nor require special works or design modification to be implemented for their retention.
	Priority for Removal - These trees are considered hazardous, or in irreversible decline, or weeds and should be removed irrespective of development.

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Appendix B

Matrix - Sustainable Retention Index Value (S.R.I.V.) ©

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The matrix is to be used with the value classes defined in the Glossary for Age / Vigour / Condition.

An index value is given to each category where ten (10) is the highest value.

Age Class	Vigour Class and Condition Class					
	Good Vigour & Good Condition (GVG)	Good Vigour & Fair Condition (GVF)	Good Vigour & Poor Condition (GVP)	Low Vigour & Good Condition (LVG)	Low Vigour & Fair Condition (LVF)	Low Vigour & Poor Condition (LVP)
	Able to be retained if sufficient space available above and below ground for future growth. No remedial work or improvement to growing environment required. May be subject to high vigour. Retention potential - Medium – Long Term.	Able to be retained if sufficient space available above and below ground for future growth. Remedial work may be required or improvement to growing environment may assist. Retention potential - Medium Term. Potential for longer with remediation or favourable environmental conditions.	Able to be retained if sufficient space available above and below ground for future growth. Remedial work unlikely to assist condition, improvement to growing environment may assist. Retention potential - Short Term. Potential for longer with remediation or favourable environmental conditions.	May be able to be retained if sufficient space available above and below ground for future growth. No remedial work required, but improvement to growing environment may assist vigour. Retention potential - Short Term. Potential for longer with remediation or favourable environmental conditions.	May be able to be retained if sufficient space available above and below ground for future growth. Remedial work or improvement to growing environment may assist condition and vigour. Retention potential - Short Term. Potential for longer with remediation or favourable environmental conditions.	Unlikely to be able to be retained if sufficient space available above and below ground for future growth. Remedial work or improvement to growing environment unlikely to assist condition or vigour. Retention potential - Likely to be removed immediately or retained for Short Term. Potential for longer with remediation or favourable environmental conditions.
Young (Y)	YGVG - 9 Index Value 9 Retention potential - Long Term. Likely to provide minimal contribution to local amenity if height <5 m. High potential for future growth and adaptability. Retain, move or replace.	YGVF - 8 Index Value 8 Retention potential - Short – Medium Term. Potential for longer with improved growing conditions. Likely to provide minimal contribution to local amenity if height <5 m. Medium-high potential for future growth and adaptability. Retain, move or replace.	YGVP - 5 Index Value 5 Retention potential - Short Term. Potential for longer with improved growing conditions. Likely to provide minimal contribution to local amenity if height <5 m. Low-medium potential for future growth and adaptability. Retain, move or replace.	YLVG - 4 Index Value 4 Retention potential - Short Term. Potential for longer with improved growing conditions. Likely to provide minimal contribution to local amenity if height <5 m. Medium potential for future growth and adaptability. Retain, move or replace.	YLVF - 3 Index Value 3 Retention potential - Short Term. Potential for longer with improved growing conditions. Likely to provide minimal contribution to local amenity if height <5m. Low-medium potential for future growth and adaptability. Retain, move or replace.	YLVP - 1 Index Value 1 Retention potential - Likely to be removed immediately or retained for Short Term. Likely to provide minimal contribution to local amenity if height <5 m. Low potential for future growth and adaptability.
Mature (M)	MGVG - 10 Index Value 10 Retention potential - Medium - Long Term.	MGVF - 9 Index Value 9 Retention potential - Medium Term. Potential for longer with improved growing conditions.	MGVP - 6 Index Value 6 Retention potential - Short Term. Potential for longer with improved growing conditions.	MLVG - 5 Index Value 5 Retention potential - Short Term. Potential for longer with improved growing conditions.	MLVF - 4 Index Value 4 Retention potential - Short Term. Potential for longer with improved growing conditions.	MLVP - 2 Index Value 2 Retention potential - Likely to be removed immediately or retained for Short Term.
Over-mature (O)	OGVG - 6 Index Value 6 Retention potential - Medium - Long Term.	OGVF - 5 Index Value 5 Retention potential - Medium Term.	OGVP - 4 Index Value 4 Retention potential - Short Term.	OLVG - 3 Index Value 3 Retention potential - Short Term. Potential for longer with improved growing conditions.	OLVF - 2 Index Value 2 Retention potential - Short Term.	OLVP - 0 Index Value 0 Retention potential - Likely to be removed immediately or retained for Short Term.

Appendix C

Glossary

From

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Age of Trees

Age Most trees have a stable biomass for the major proportion of their life. The estimation of the age of a tree is based on the knowledge of the expected lifespan of the taxa in situ divided into three distinct stages of measurable biomass, when the exact age of the tree from its date of cultivation or planting is unknown and can be categorized as *Young*, *Mature* and *Over-mature* (British Standards 1991, p. 13, Harris *et al*, 2004, p. 262).

Young Tree aged less than <20% of life expectancy, *in situ*.

Mature Tree aged 20-80% of life expectancy, *in situ*.

Over-mature Tree aged greater than >80% of life expectancy, *in situ*, or *senescent* with or without reduced *vigour*, and declining gradually or rapidly but irreversibly to death.

Condition of Trees

Condition A tree's *crown form* and growth habit, as modified by its *environment* (aspect, suppression by other trees, soils), the *stability* and *viability* of the *root plate*, trunk and structural branches (first (1st) and possibly second (2nd) order branches), including structural defects such as wounds, cavities or hollows, *crooked* trunk or weak trunk/branch junctions and the effects of predation by pests and diseases. These may not be directly connected with *vigour* and it is possible for a tree to be of *normal vigour* but in *poor condition*. Condition can be categorized as *Good Condition*, *Fair Condition*, *Poor Condition* and *Dead*.

Good Condition Tree is of good habit, with *crown form* not severely restricted for space and light, physically free from the adverse effects of *predation* by pests and diseases, obvious instability or structural weaknesses, fungal, bacterial or insect infestation and is expected to continue to live in much the same condition as at the time of inspection provided conditions around it for its basic survival do not alter greatly. This may be independent from or contributed to by *vigour*.

Fair Condition Tree is of good habit or *misshapen*, a form not severely restricted for space and light, has some physical indication of *decline* due to the early effects of *predation* by pests and diseases, fungal, bacterial, or insect infestation, or has suffered physical injury to itself that may be contributing to instability or structural weaknesses, or is faltering due to the modification of the *environment* essential for its basic survival. Such a tree may recover with remedial works where appropriate, or without intervention may stabilise or improve over time, or in response to the implementation of beneficial changes to its local environment. This may be independent from or contributed to by *vigour*.

Poor Condition Tree is of good habit or *misshapen*, a form that may be severely restricted for space and light, exhibits symptoms of advanced and *irreversible decline* such as fungal, or bacterial infestation, major die-back in the branch and *foliage crown*, *structural deterioration* from insect damage e.g. termite infestation, or storm damage or lightning strike, ring barking from borer activity in the trunk, root damage or instability of the tree, or damage from physical wounding impacts or abrasion, or from altered local environmental conditions and has been unable to adapt to such changes and may decline further to death regardless of remedial works or other modifications to the local *environment* that would normally be sufficient to provide for its basic survival if in *good* to *fair* condition. Deterioration physically, often characterised by a gradual and continuous reduction in *vigour* but may be independent of a change in *vigour*, but characterised by a proportionate increase in susceptibility to, and *predation* by pests and diseases against which the tree cannot be sustained. Such conditions may also be evident in trees of advanced senescence due to normal phenological processes, without modifications to the growing environment or physical damage having been inflicted upon the tree. This may be independent from or contributed to by *vigour*.

Senescent / Moribund Advanced state of decline, dying or nearly dead.

Dead Tree is no longer capable of performing any of the following processes or is exhibiting any of the following symptoms;

Processes

Photosynthesis via its foliage crown (as indicated by the presence of moist, green or other coloured leaves);

Osmosis (the ability of the root system to take up water);

Turgidity (the ability of the plant to sustain moisture pressure in its cells);

Epicormic shoots or *epicormic strands* in Eucalypts (the production of new shoots as a response to stress, generated from latent or adventitious buds or from a *lignotuber*);

Symptoms

Permanent leaf loss;

Permanent wilting (the loss of turgidity which is marked by desiccation of stems leaves and roots);

Abscission of the *epidermis* (bark desiccates and peels off to the beginning of the sapwood).

Removed No longer present, or tree not able to be located or having been cut down and retained on a site or having been taken away from a site prior to site inspection.

Branch

Branch An elongated woody structure arising initially from the trunk to support leaves, flowers, fruit and the development of other branches. A branch may itself fork and continue to divide many times as successive *orders of branches* with the length and taper decreasing incrementally to the *outer extremity* of the *crown*. These may develop initially as a gradually tapering continuation of the *trunk* with minimal division as in a *young tree* or a tree of *excurrent habit*, or in a *sapling*, or may arise where the trunk terminates at or some distance from the *root crown*, dividing into *first order branches* to form and support the *foliage crown*. In an *acaulescent tree*, branches arise at or near the *root crown*. Similarly, branches may arise from a *sprout mass* from damaged *roots*, *branches* or *trunk*.

Orders of branches the marked divisions between successively smaller branches (James 2003, p. 168) commencing at the initial division where the trunk terminates on a *deliquescent tree* or from *lateral branches* on an *excurrent tree*. Successive branching is generally characterised by a gradual reduction in branch diameters at each division, and each gradation from the trunk can be categorised numerically, e.g. first order, second order, third order etc. (See Figure 21.)

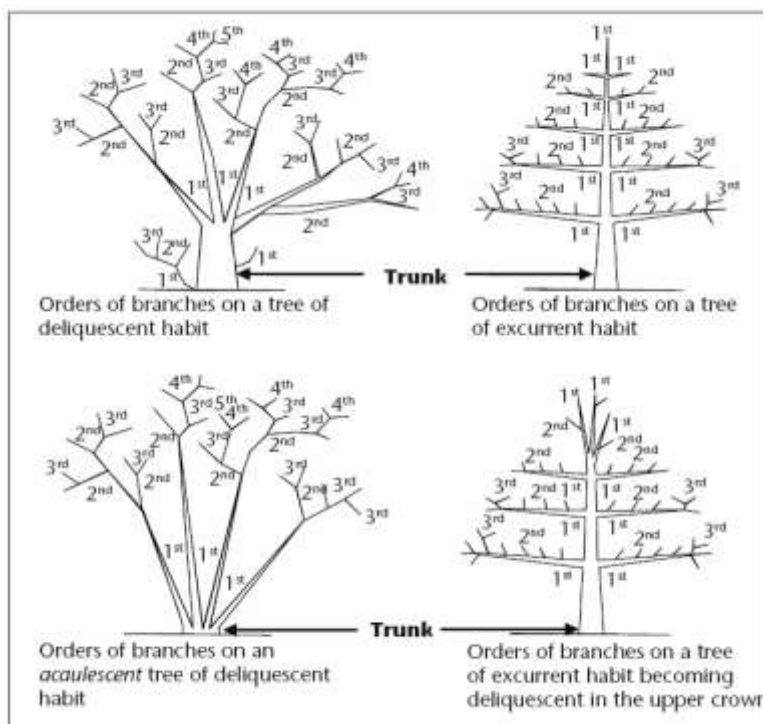


Figure 21 Orders of branches

Crown

Canopy 1. Of multiple trees, the convergence, or merging in full or part, of the crowns of two or more trees due to their proximity, or where competition for light and space available in a forest environment is limited as each tree develops forming a continuous layer of foliage. 2. Used as a plural for crown. 3. Sometimes synonymously used for crown (USA).

Crown Of an individual tree all the parts arising above the trunk where it terminates by its division forming branches, e.g. the branches, leaves, flowers and fruit; or the total amount of foliage supported by the branches. The crown of any tree can be divided vertically into three sections and can be categorised as *lower crown*, *mid crown* and *upper crown* (Figure 8). For a *leaning tree* these can be divided evenly into crown sections of one-third from the *base* to *apex*. The volume of a crown can be categorised as the *inner crown*, *outer crown* and *outer extremity of crown*.

Lower crown the *proximal* or lowest section of a crown when divided vertically into one-third ($\frac{1}{3}$) increments. See also *Crown*, *Mid crown* and *Upper crown*.

Mid crown the middle section of a crown when divided vertically into one-third ($\frac{1}{3}$) increments. See also *Crown*, *Lower crown* and *Upper crown*.

Upper crown the *distal* or highest section of a crown when divided vertically into one-third ($\frac{1}{3}$) increments. See also *Crown*, *Mid crown* and *Lower crown*.

Crown Projection (CP) Area within the *dripline* or beneath the lateral extent of the *crown* (Geiger 2004, p. 2). See also *Crown spread* and *Dripline*.

Dripline A line formed around the edge of a tree by the lateral extent of the *crown*. Such a line may be evident on the ground with some trees when exposed soil is displaced by rain shed from the crown. See also *Crown Projection*.

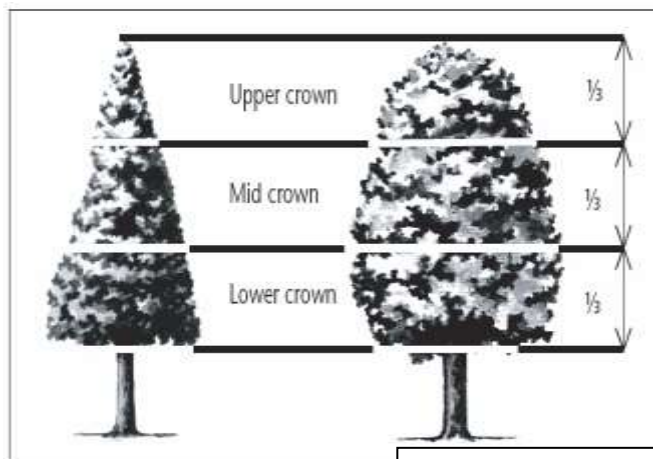


Figure 8 Sections of crown.

Crown Form of Trees

Crown Form The shape of the crown of a tree as influenced by the availability or restriction of space and light, or other contributing factors within its growing environment. Crown Form may be determined for tree shape and habit generally as *Dominant*, *Codominant*, *Intermediate*, *Emergent*, *Forest* and *Suppressed*. The habit and shape of a *crown* may also be considered qualitatively and can be categorized as *Good Form* or *Poor Form*.

Good Form Tree of *typical* crown shape and habit with proportions representative of the taxa considering constraints such as origin e.g. indigenous or exotic but does not appear to have been adversely influenced in its development by environmental factors in situ such as *soil water* availability, prevailing wind, or cultural practices such as lopping and competition for space and light.

Poor Form Tree of *atypical* crown shape and habit with proportions not representative of the species considering constraints and appears to have been adversely influenced in its development by environmental factors in situ such as *soil water* availability, prevailing wind, cultural practices such as lopping and competition for space and light; causing it to be *misshapen* or disfigured by disease or vandalism.

Crown Form Codominant Crowns of trees restricted for space and light on one or more sides and receiving light primarily from above e.g. constrained by another tree/s or a building.

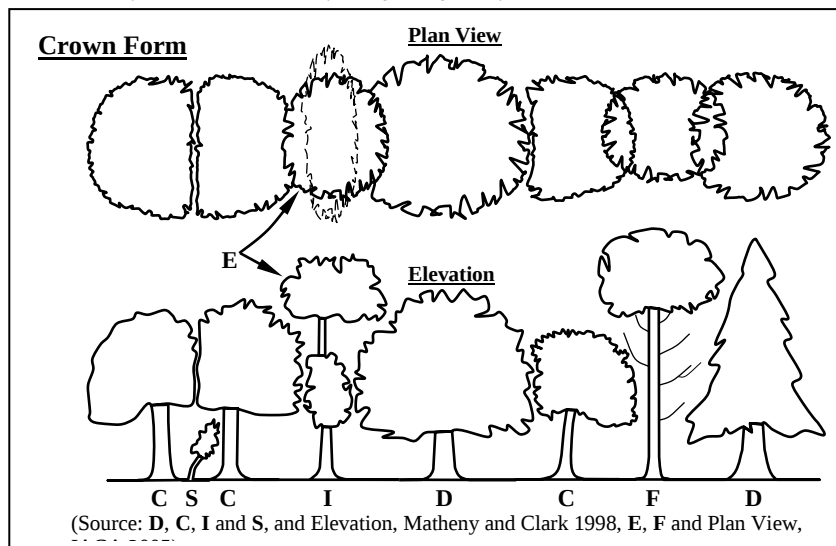
Crown Form Dominant Crowns of trees generally not restricted for space and light receiving light from above and all sides.

Crown Form Emergent Crowns of trees restricted for space on most sides receiving most light from above until the *upper crown* grows to protrude above the canopy in a stand or forest environment. Such trees may be *crown form dominant* or transitional from *crown form intermediate* to *crown form forest* asserting both *apical dominance* and *axillary dominance* once free of constraints for space and light.

Crown Form Forest Crowns of trees restricted for space and light except from above forming tall trees with narrow spreading crowns with foliage restricted generally to the top of the tree. The trunk is usually erect, straight and continuous, tapering gradually, crown often excurrent, with first order branches becoming structural, supporting the live crown concentrated towards the top of the tree, and below this point other first order branches arising radially with each *inferior* and usually temporary, divergent and ranging from horizontal to ascending, often with internodes exaggerated due to competition for space and light in the *lower crown*.

Crown Form Intermediate Crowns of trees restricted for space on most sides with light primarily from above and on some sides only.

Crown Form Suppressed Crowns of trees generally not restricted for space but restricted for light by being *overtopped* by other trees and occupying an understorey position in the canopy and growing slowly.



Deadwood

Deadwood Dead branches within a tree's crown and considered quantitatively as separate to *crown cover* and can be categorised as *Small Deadwood* and *Large Deadwood* according to diameter, length and subsequent *risk* potential. The number of dead branches on a tree can be categorized as *Low Volume Deadwood*, *Medium Volume Deadwood* and *High-Volume Deadwood*. See also *Dieback*.

Deadwooding Removing of dead branches by *pruning*. Such pruning may assist in the prevention of the spread of *decay* from *dieback* or for reasons of safety near an identifiable target.

Small Deadwood A dead branch up to 10mm diameter and usually <2 metres long, generally considered of low *risk* potential.

Large Deadwood A dead branch >10mm diameter and usually >2 metres long, generally considered of high *risk* potential.

High Volume Deadwood Where >10 dead branches occur that may require *removal*.

Medium Volume Deadwood Where 5-10 dead branches occur that may require *removal*.

Low Volume Deadwood Where <5 dead branches occur that may require *removal*.

Dieback

Dieback The death of some areas of the *crown*. Symptoms are leaf drop, bare twigs, dead branches and tree death, respectively. This can be caused by root damage, root disease, bacterial or fungal canker, severe bark damage, intensive grazing by insects, *abrupt changes* in growth conditions, drought, water-logging or over-maturity. Dieback often implies reduced *resistance*, *stress* or *decline* which may be temporary. Dieback can be categorized as *Low Volume Dieback*, *Medium Volume Dieback* and *High-Volume Dieback*.

High Volume Dieback Where >50% of the *crown cover* has died.

Medium Volume Dieback Where 10-50% of the *crown cover* has died.

Low Volume Dieback Where <10% of the *crown cover* has died. See also *Dieback*, *High Volume Dieback* and *Medium Volume Dieback*.

Epicormic shoots

Epicormic Shoots Juvenile shoots produced at branches or trunk from *epicormic strands* in some Eucalypts (Burrows 2002, pp. 111-131) or sprouts produced from dormant or latent buds concealed beneath the bark in some trees. Production can be triggered by fire, pruning, wounding, or root damage but may also be because of *stress* or *decline*. Epicormic shoots can be categorized as *Low Volume Epicormic Shoots*, *Medium Volume Epicormic Shoots* and *High Volume Epicormic Shoots*.

High Volume Epicormic Shoots Where >50% of the *crown cover* is comprised of live *epicormic shoots*.

Medium Volume Epicormic Shoots Where 10-50% of the *crown cover* is comprised of live *epicormic shoots*.

Low Volume Epicormic Shoots Where <10% of the *crown cover* is comprised of live *epicormic shoots*.

General Terms

Cavity A usually shallow void often localized initiated by a *wound* and subsequent *decay* within the trunk, branches or roots, or beneath bark, and may be enclosed or have one or more opening.

Decay Process of degradation of wood by microorganisms (Australian Standard 2007, p. 6) and fungus.

Hazard The threat of danger to people or property from a tree or tree part resulting from changes in the physical condition, growing environment, or existing physical attributes of the tree, e.g. included bark, soil erosion, or thorns or poisonous parts, respectively.

Included bark 1. The bark on the inner side of the *branch union* or is within a concave *crotch* that is unable to be lost from the tree and accumulates or is trapped by *acutely divergent* branches forming a *compression fork*. 2. Growth of bark at the interface of two or more branches on the inner side of a branch union or in the crotch where each branch forms a branch collar and the collars roll past one another without forming a graft where no one collar can subsume the other. Risk of failure is worsened in some taxa where branching is *acutely divergent* or *acutely convergent* and ascending or erect.

Hollow A large void initiated by a *wound* forming a *cavity* in the trunk, branches or roots and usually increased over time by *decay* or other contributing factors, e.g. fire, or fauna such as birds or insects e.g. ants or termites. A hollow can be categorized as an *Ascending Hollow* or a *Descending Hollow*.

Risk The random or potentially foreseeable possibility of an episode causing harm or damage.

Significant Important, weighty or more than ordinary.

Significant Tree A tree considered important, weighty or more than ordinary. Example: due to prominence of location, or *in situ*, or contribution as a component of the overall landscape for *amenity* or aesthetic qualities, or *curtilage* to structures, or importance due to uniqueness of taxa for species, subspecies, variety, *crown form*, or as an historical or cultural planting, or for age, or substantial dimensions, or habit, or as *remnant vegetation*, or habitat potential, or a rare or threatened species, or uncommon in cultivation, or of aboriginal cultural importance, or is a commemorative planting.

Substantial A tree with large dimensions or proportions in relation to its place in the landscape.

Sustainable Retention Index Value (SRIV) A visual tree assessment method to determine a qualitative and numerical rating for the viability of urban trees for development sites and management purposes, based on general tree and landscape assessment criteria using classes of *age*, *condition* and *vigour*. SRIV is for the professional manager of urban trees to consider the tree *in situ* with an assumed knowledge of the *taxon* and its growing environment. It is based on the physical attributes of the tree and its response to its environment considering its position in a matrix for age class, vigour class, condition class and its sustainable retention about the safety of people or damage to property. This also factors the ability to retain the tree with remedial work or beneficial modifications to its growing environment or removal and replacement. SRIV is supplementary to the decision made by a tree management professional as to whether a tree is retained or removed (IACA - Institute of Australian Consulting Arboriculturists 2005).

Visual Tree Assessment (VTA) A visual inspection of a tree from the ground based on the principle that, when a tree exhibits apparently superfluous material in its shape, this represents repair structures to rectify *defects* or to reinforce weak areas in accordance with the *Axiom of Uniform Stress* (Mattheck & Breloer 1994, pp. 12-13, 145). Such assessments should only be undertaken by suitably competent practitioners.

Leaning Trees

Leaning A tree where the *trunk* grows or moves away from upright. A lean may occur anywhere along the *trunk* influenced by several contributing factors e.g. genetically predetermined characteristics, competition for space or light, prevailing winds, aspect, slope, or other factors. A *leaning* tree may maintain a *static lean* or display an increasingly *progressive lean* over time and may be hazardous and prone to *failure* and *collapse*. The degrees of leaning can be categorized as *Slightly Leaning*, *Moderately Leaning*, *Severely Leaning* and *Critically Leaning*.

Slightly Leaning A leaning tree where the trunk is growing at an angle within 0°-15° from upright.

Moderately Leaning A leaning tree where the trunk is growing at an angle within 15°-30° from upright.

Severely Leaning A leaning tree where the trunk is growing at an angle within 30°-45° from upright.

Critically Leaning A leaning tree where the trunk is growing at an angle greater than >45° from upright.

Progressively Leaning A tree where the degree of *leaning* appears to be increasing over time.

Static Leaning A leaning tree whose lean appears to have stabilized over time.

Periods of Time

Periods of Time The life span of a tree in the urban environment may often be reduced by the influences of encroachment and the dynamics of the environment and can be categorized as *Immediate*, *Short Term*, *Medium Term* and *Long Term*.

Immediate An *episode* or occurrence, likely to happen within a twenty-four (24) hour period, e.g. tree failure or collapse in full or part posing an imminent danger.

Short Term A period less than <1 – 15 years.

Medium Term A period 15 – 40 years.

Long Term A period greater than >40 years.

Roots

First Order Roots (FOR) Initial woody roots arising from the *root crown* at the base of the *trunk*, or as an *adventitious root mass* for structural support and *stability*. Woody roots may be buttressed and divided as a marked gradation, gradually tapering and continuous or tapering rapidly at a short distance from the root crown. Depending on soil type these roots may descend initially and not be evident at the root crown or become buried by changes in soil levels. Trees may develop 4-11 (Perry 1982, pp. 197-221), or more first order roots which may radiate from the trunk with a relatively even distribution, or be prominent on a particular aspect, dependent upon physical characteristics e.g. leaning trunk, *asymmetrical* crown; and constraints within the growing *environment* from topography e.g. slope, soil depth, rocky outcrops, exposure to predominant wind, soil moisture, depth of *water table* etc.

Orders of Roots The marked divisions between woody roots, commencing at the initial division from the base of the trunk, at the *root crown* where successive branching is generally characterised by a gradual reduction in root diameters and each gradation from the trunk and can be categorized numerically, e.g. *first order roots*, second order roots, third order roots etc. Roots may not always be evident at the *root crown* and this may be dependent on species, age class and the growing environment. Palms at maturity may form an adventitious root mass.

Root Plate The entire root system of a tree generally occupying the top 300-600mm of soil including roots at or above ground and may extend laterally for distances exceeding twice the height of the tree (Perry 1982, pp. 197-221). Development and extent is dependent on water availability, soil type, *soil depth* and the physical characteristics of the surrounding landscape.

Root Crown Roots arising at the base of a trunk.

Zone of Rapid Taper The area in the *root plate* where the diameter of *structural roots* reduces substantially over a short distance from the *trunk*. Considered to be the minimum radial distance to provide structural support and *root plate* stability. See also *Structural Root Zone (SRZ)*.

Structural Roots Roots supporting the infrastructure of the *root plate* providing strength and *stability* to the tree. Such roots may taper rapidly at short distances from the *root crown* or become large and woody as with gymnosperms and dicotyledonous angiosperms and are usually 1st and 2nd order roots or form an *adventitious root mass* in monocotyledonous angiosperms (palms). Such roots may be crossed and grafted and are usually contained within the area of *crown projection* or extend just beyond the *dripline*.

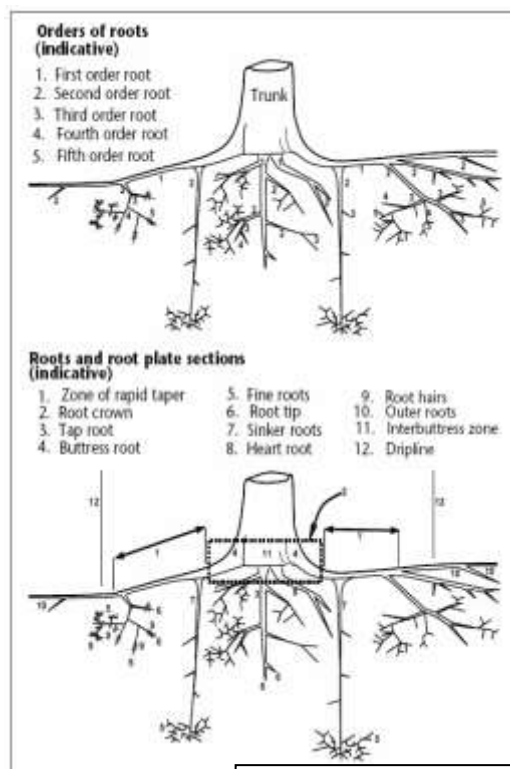


Figure 22 Orders of Roots.

Symmetry

Symmetry Balance within a *crown*, or *root plate*, above or below the *axis* of the trunk of branch and foliage, and root distribution respectively and can be categorized as *Asymmetrical* and *Symmetrical*.

Asymmetrical Imbalance within a crown, where there is an uneven distribution of branches and the foliage *crown* or *root plate* around the vertical *axis* of the trunk. This may be due to *Crown Form Codominant* or *Crown Form Suppressed* because of natural restrictions e.g. from buildings, or from competition for space and light with other trees, or from exposure to wind, or artificially caused by pruning for clearance of roads, buildings or power lines. An example of an expression of this may be, crown asymmetrical, bias to west.

Symmetrical Balance within a crown, where there is an even distribution of branches and the foliage *crown* around the vertical *axis* of the trunk. This usually applies to trees of *Crown Form Dominant* or *Crown Form Forest*. An example of an expression of this may be crown symmetrical.

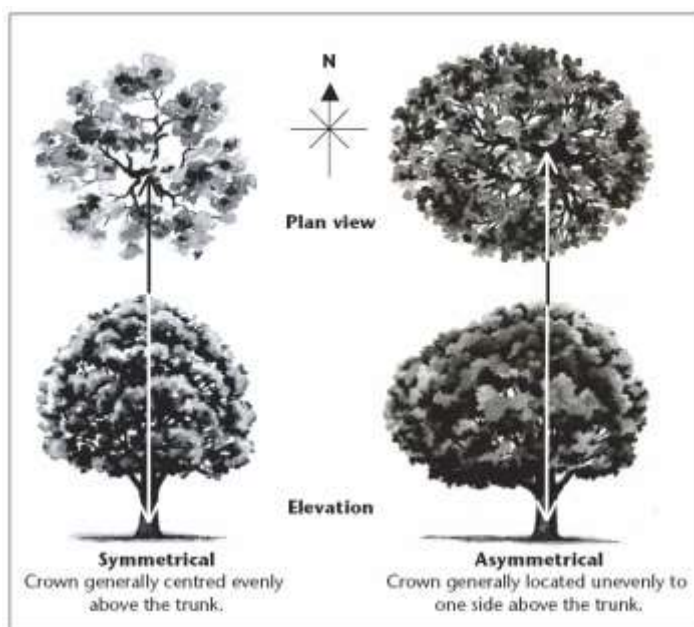


Figure 27 Symmetry within crown

Trunk

Trunk A single stem extending from the *root crown* to support or elevate the *crown*, terminating where it divides into separate *stems* forming *first order branches*. A trunk may be evident at or near ground or be absent in *acaulescent* trees of *deliquescent* habit or may be continuous in trees of *excurrent* habit. The trunk of any *caulescent* tree can be divided vertically into three (3) sections and can be categorized as *Lower Trunk*, *Mid Trunk* and *Upper Trunk*. For a *leaning* tree these may be divided evenly into sections of one third along the trunk.

Acaulescent A *trunkless* tree or tree growth forming a very short *trunk*. See also *Caulescent*. (See Fig. 21)

Caulescent Tree grows to form a *trunk*. See also *Acaulescent*. (See Fig. 21)

Lower trunk Lowest, or *proximal* section of a trunk when divided into one-third ($\frac{1}{3}$) increments along its *axis*. See also *Trunk*, *Mid trunk* and *Upper trunk*.

Mid trunk A middle section of a trunk when divided into one-third ($\frac{1}{3}$) increments along its *axis*. See also *Trunk*, *Lower trunk* and *Upper trunk*.

Upper trunk Highest, or *distal* section of a trunk when divided into one-third ($\frac{1}{3}$) increments along its *axis*. See also *Trunk*, *Lower trunk* and *Mid trunk*.

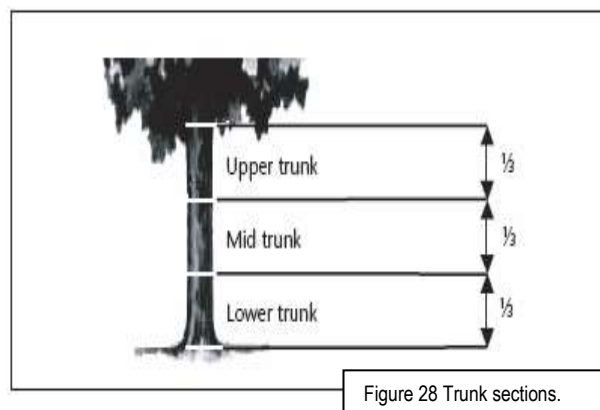


Figure 28 Trunk sections.

Diameter at Breast Height (DBH) Measurement of trunk width calculated at a given distance above ground from the base of the tree often measured at 1.4 m. The trunk of a tree is usually not a circle when viewed in cross section, due to the presence of *reaction wood* or *adaptive wood*, therefore an average diameter is determined with a *diameter tape* or by recording the trunk along its narrowest and widest axes, adding the two dimensions together and dividing them by 2 to record an average and allowing the orientation of the longest axis of the trunk to also be recorded. Where a tree is growing on a lean the distance along the top of the trunk is measured to 1.4m and the diameter then recorded from that point perpendicular to the edge of the trunk. Where a *leaning* trunk is *crooked* a vertical distance of 1.4m is measured from the ground. Where a tree branches from a trunk that is less than 1.4m above ground, the trunk diameter is recorded perpendicular to the length of the *trunk* from the point immediately below the base of the flange of the *branch collar* extending the furthest down the trunk, and the distance of this point above ground recorded as *trunk length*. Where a tree is located on sloping ground the DBH should be measured at half way along the side of the tree to average out the angle of slope. Where a tree is *acaulescent* or *trunkless* branching at or near ground an average diameter is determined by recording the radial extent of the trunk at or near ground and noting where the measurement was recorded e.g. at ground.

Vigour

Vigour Ability of a tree to sustain its life processes. This is independent of the *condition* of a tree but may impact upon it. Vigour can appear to alter rapidly with change of seasons (seasonality) e.g. *dormant*, deciduous or semi-deciduous trees. Vigour can be categorized as *Normal Vigour*, *High Vigour*, *Low Vigour* and *Dormant Tree Vigour*.

Normal Vigour Ability of a tree to maintain and sustain its life processes. This may be evident by the *typical* growth of leaves, *crown cover* and *crown density*, branches, roots and trunk and *resistance to predation*. This is independent of the *condition* of a tree but may impact upon it, and especially the ability of a tree to sustain itself against predation.

High Vigour *Accelerated growth* of a tree due to incidental or deliberate artificial changes to its growing *environment* that are seemingly beneficial, but may result in *premature aging* or failure if the favourable conditions cease, or promote *prolonged senescence* if the favourable conditions remain, e.g. water from a leaking pipe; water and nutrients from a leaking or disrupted sewer pipe; nutrients from animal waste, a tree growing next to a chicken coop, or a stock feed lot, or a regularly used stockyard; a tree subject to a stringent watering and fertilising program; or some trees may achieve an extended lifespan from continuous *pollarding* practices over the life of the tree.

Low Vigour Reduced ability of a tree to sustain its life processes. This may be evident by the *atypical* growth of leaves, reduced *crown cover* and reduced *crown density*, branches, roots and trunk, and a deterioration of their functions with reduced *resistance to predation*. This is independent of the *condition* of a tree but may impact upon it, and especially the ability of a tree to sustain itself against predation.

Appendix D

Survey of Subject Tree/s

Trees the subject of this report are marked on the plans in the following appendices and are numbered as listed below.

Redgum Tree / Stand No.	Genus and species	Common name	Recommendation
1	<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i>	Bull Bay Magnolia	Remove and replace.
2	<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i>	Bull Bay Magnolia	Remove and replace.
3	<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i>	Bull Bay Magnolia	Remove and replace.
4	<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i>	Bull Bay Magnolia	Remove and replace.
5	<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i>	Bull Bay Magnolia	Remove and replace.
6	<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i>	Bull Bay Magnolia	Remove and replace.
7	<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i>	Bull Bay Magnolia	Remove and replace.
8	<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i>	Bull Bay Magnolia	Remove and replace.
9	<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i>	Bull Bay Magnolia	Remove and replace.
10	<i>Castanospemum australe</i>	Black Bean Tree	Remove and replace.
11	<i>Grevillea robusta</i>	Silky Oak	Remove and replace.
12	<i>Metasequoia glyptostroboides</i>	Dawn Redwood	Remove and replace.
13	<i>Metasequoia glyptostroboides</i>	Dawn Redwood	Remove and replace.
14/2	<i>Acer negundo</i> x3	Box Elder Maple	Remove and replace.
15	<i>Toona australis</i>	Australian Red Cedar	Remove and replace.
16	<i>Lophostemon confertus</i>	Queensland Brush Box	Remove and replace. – Street tree.

Appendix D - Site Plan A – Survey of Subject Trees

This report has relied upon the following plan/s and documents which have been reproduced from electronic transmission and no longer to original scale.



Image Details

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Legend

- Trees numbered in **blue** are recommended for **removal**.