

---

# Newcastle Airport Arborist Report

Prepared for Cox Architecture  
May 2022

---

EMM Newcastle  
Level 3, 175 Scott Street  
Newcastle NSW 2300

T 02 4907 4800  
E [info@emmconsulting.com.au](mailto:info@emmconsulting.com.au)

[www.emmconsulting.com.au](http://www.emmconsulting.com.au)

# Newcastle Airport Arborist Report

**Report Number**

---

E220242 RP1

**Client**

---

Cox Architecture

**Date**

---

25 May 2022

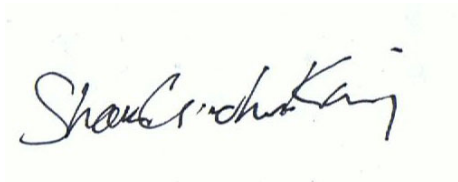
**Version**

---

v3 Final

**Prepared by****Approved by**

---



**Shaun King**  
Consulting Arborist  
19-05-2022



**Tadd Andersen**  
Landscape Architect  
19-05-2022

This report has been prepared in accordance with the brief provided by the client and has relied upon the information collected at the time and under the conditions specified in the report. All findings, conclusions or recommendations contained in the report are based on the aforementioned circumstances. The report is for the use of the client and no responsibility will be taken for its use by other parties. The client may, at its discretion, use the report to inform regulators and the public.

© Reproduction of this report for educational or other non-commercial purposes is authorised without prior written permission from EMM provided the source is fully acknowledged. Reproduction of this report for resale or other commercial purposes is prohibited without EMM's prior written permission.

|

# Table of Contents

1	Introduction	1
2	Methodology	2
3	Site	3
4	Proposed Development	4
5	Tree Assessment	4
6	Impacts of Development	6
7	Recommendations	6
8	Photographs	7
9	Bibliography	11

## Appendices

Appendix A	Site Plan	12
Appendix B	Tree Assessment Sheet	B.1
Appendix C	Useful Life Expectancy (ULE)	C.2
Appendix D	Extract from AS 4970	D.3

## Tables

Table 4.1	Tree Retention Value Matrix	4
Table 4.2	Retention Value of Trees	4

## Figures

Figure 3.1	Study areas outlined red	3
------------	--------------------------	---

## Photographs

Photograph 7.1	Corymbia and Eucalypt species along the southern side of the car park.	8
Photograph 7.2	<i>Phellinus</i> species on Tree 32.	9
Photograph 7.3	A number of trees on the northern side of the car park are of poor health.	10



# 1 Introduction

EMM Consulting have been engaged by Cox Architecture to undertake an assessment of trees located around the perimeter of an existing car park located adjacent to the airport terminal building. This report is in relation to proposed upgrades and reconfiguration of the existing car park and the impacts the proposal may have on existing trees.

## 1.1 Assessing Arborist

Name:	Shaun King
Company:	EMM Consulting Pty Ltd
Address:	Level 3, 175 Scott Street, Newcastle 2300.
Phone:	02 4907 4800
Email:	<a href="mailto:shaun@emmconsulting.com.au">shaun@emmconsulting.com.au</a>
Qualifications:	Diploma of Horticulture (Landscape Design) Diploma of Horticulture (Arboriculture) AQF 5 Certificate No: C0045006

## 2 Methodology

The site was visited on the 12th April 2022. During the visit each tree was inspected and assessed using the following tools and criteria.

- **Visual Tree Assessment (VTA):** The VTA method developed by Matheck and Broeler, 1994 was used for each tree. Trees located on the site were inspected and assessed from the ground. The visual tree assessment included all visible above ground parts of the tree including exposed roots, Trunk, branches, and foliage. No below ground inspections or analyses was undertaken in the root zone. No internal inspections or tissue analyses were undertaken on the subject trees. No aerial inspections were undertaken.
- **Tree Retention Value (TRV):** The TRV calculation method developed by Couston, Mark and Howden, Melanie 2001 was used to assess each tree. This method determines the significance of each tree in the landscape. The significance is then measured against the ULE.
- **Useful Life Expectancy (ULE):** ULE is a measure of the tree's sustainability. It is an indication of how long a tree is expected to live under specific conditions. Appendix C provides an in-depth description of ULE.
- **Tree Protection Zone (TPZ):** The TPZ is an area around the tree that may cause damage to the tree if the soil is disturbed and/or roots are injured or severed. The method of determining the TPZ follows AS 4970 Protection of trees on development sites. Refer to Appendix D for more detail.

### 3 Site

The study area comprises of an existing car park located immediately to the south of the airport terminal building. Currently the existing car park is surrounded by a garden bed that contains mature trees, shrubs and groundcovers



Figure 3.1 Study areas outlined red

## 4 Proposed Development

The proposed car park upgrade involves reconfiguring the car park layout, entry and exit points, pedestrian pathway layout, a roof over the car park and new landscaping. This will require the removal of some of the existing garden beds.

## 5 Tree Assessment

Sixty one trees were assessed. All of the assessed trees have been planted as part of previous landscape works around the existing car park and access road. Twenty nine of the trees are of moderate retention value. Twenty trees of Low retention value and ten trees of Very Low retention value. Two trees noted within the Existing Tree Inventory prepared by Cox Architecture are missing. Numbering of the trees is in line with numbering shown on the Existing Tree Inventory. Refer to Appendix B Tree Assessment Sheet for further detail on individual trees.

**Table 4.1 Tree Retention Value Matrix**

	Landscape Significance Reading						
Tree Sustainability (ULE)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Greater than 40 years	High Retention Value						
15-40 years			Moderate				
5-15 years				Low			
Less than 5 years					Very Low Retention Value		
Dead or hazardous							

Ref:- Modified by A Morton from Couston, Mark & Howden, Melanie (2001) Tree Retention Values Table Footprint Green Pty Ltd, Sydney Australia.

**Table 4.2 Retention Value of Trees**

Retention Value of Trees				
Tree No.	Species	Sustainability Period (Years)	Landscape Significance Rating	Retention Value
1	<i>Eucalyptus microcorys</i>	>40	4 Moderate	Moderate
2	<i>Corymbia maculata</i>	>40	4 Moderate	Moderate
3	<i>Corymbia maculata</i>	>40	4 Moderate	Moderate
4	<i>Corymbia maculata</i>	>40	4 Moderate	Moderate
5	<i>Corymbia maculata</i>	<5	6 Very Low	Very Low
6	<i>Corymbia maculata</i>	>40	4 Moderate	Moderate
7	<i>Corymbia maculata</i>	5-15	4 Moderate	Low
8	<i>Corymbia maculata</i>	>40	4 Moderate	Moderate
9	<i>Corymbia maculata</i>	>40	4 Moderate	Moderate
10	<i>Corymbia maculata</i>	>40	4 Moderate	Moderate
11	<i>Corymbia maculata</i>	>40	4 Moderate	Moderate
12	<i>Corymbia maculata</i>	>40	4 Moderate	Moderate

13	<i>Corymbia maculata</i>	15-40	4 Moderate	Moderate
14	<i>Corymbia maculata</i>	>40	4 Moderate	Moderate
15	<i>Acacia binerva</i>	<5	6 Very Low	Very Low
16	<i>Acacia binerva</i>	15-40	5 Low	Low
17	<i>Acacia binerva</i>	15-40	5 Low	Low
18	<i>Acacia binerva</i>	15-40	5 Low	Low
19	<i>Acacia binerva</i>	15-40	5 Low	Low
20	<i>Acacia binerva</i>	15-40	5 Low	Low
21	<i>Acacia binerva</i>	15-40	5 Low	Low
22	<i>Acacia binerva</i>	15-40	5 Low	Low
23	<i>Callistemon species</i>	<5	5 Low	Low
24	<i>Callistemon species</i>	15-40	5 Low	Low
25	<i>Callistemon species</i>	15-40	5 Low	Low
26	<i>Callistemon species</i>	15-40	5 Low	Low
27	<i>Callistemon species</i>	15-40	5 Low	Low
28	<i>Callistemon species</i>	15-40	5 Low	Low
32	<i>Eucalyptus species</i>	<5	6 Very Low	Very Low
33	Removed			
34	<i>Eucalyptus species</i>	15-40	4 Moderate	Moderate
35	<i>Eucalyptus microcorys</i>	>40	4 Moderate	Moderate
36	<i>Eucalyptus microcorys</i>	<5	6 Very Low	Very Low
37	<i>Acacia binerva</i>	15-40	5 Low	Low
38	<i>Callistemon species</i>	15-40	5 Low	Low
39	<i>Callistemon species</i>	15-40	5 Low	Low
39B	<i>Callistemon species</i>	15-40	5 Low	Low
39C	<i>Callistemon species</i>	15-40	5 Low	Low
40	<i>Banksia integrifolia</i>	>40	5 Low	Moderate
41	<i>Eucalyptus species</i>	15-40	4 Moderate	Moderate
42	<i>Eucalyptus species</i>	>40	4 Moderate	Moderate
43	<i>Eucalyptus species</i>	<5	6 Very Low	Very Low
44	<i>Eucalyptus species</i>	>40	4 Moderate	Moderate
45	<i>Eucalyptus species</i>	<5	6 Very Low	Very Low
46	<i>Eucalyptus species</i>	<5	6 Very Low	Very Low
47	<i>Banksia integrifolia</i>	>40	5 Low	Moderate
48	<i>Eucalyptus species</i>	15-40	5 Low	Low
49	<i>Eucalyptus species</i>	<5	6 Very Low	Very Low
50	<i>Banksia integrifolia</i>	>40	5 Low	Moderate
51	<i>Banksia integrifolia</i>	>40	5 Low	Moderate
52	<i>Banksia integrifolia</i>	>40	5 Low	Moderate
53	<i>Eucalyptus species</i>	<5	6 Very Low	Very Low
54	Removed			
55	<i>Eucalyptus species</i>	<5	6 Very Low	Very Low
56	<i>Banksia integrifolia</i>	>40	5 Low	Moderate
57	<i>Banksia integrifolia</i>	>40	5 Low	Moderate

58	<i>Banksia integrifolia</i>	>40	5 Low	Moderate
59	<i>Banksia integrifolia</i>	>40	5 Low	Moderate
60	<i>Banksia integrifolia</i>	>40	5 Low	Moderate
61	<i>Banksia integrifolia</i>	>40	5 Low	Moderate
97	<i>Casuarina cunninhamiana</i>	15-40	4 Moderate	Moderate

## 6 Impacts of Development

The proposed works will require the removal of 41 trees. 18 of moderate retention value, 13 of low retention value and 10 of very low retention value. Trees located along the southern side of the car park will be impacted upon by the proposed canopy over the car park as will eight trees along the northern side of the car park. A further 3 trees are impacted by road realignments. A further 4 trees while not being impacted by the proposed works are proposed for removal due to their poor health. One tree in particular, Tree 32 has a fungal fruiting bracket located on its trunk. The tree is in decline and it is likely that there is a large area of associated decay. This tree poses a significant risk to pedestrians and a car parking area and should be removed ASAP.

## 7 Recommendations

- Remove trees noted for removal on Appendix A Site Plan
- Undertake replacement planting within the new landscape design
- Any retainable trees to be protected in accordance with AS 4970 Protection of trees on development sites. This includes but not limited to,
  - (a) machine excavation including trenching;
  - (b) excavation for silt fencing;
  - (c) cultivation;
  - (d) storage;
  - (e) preparation of chemicals, including preparation of cement products;
  - (f) parking of vehicles and plant;
  - (g) refuelling;
  - (h) dumping of waste;
  - (i) wash down and cleaning of equipment;
  - (j) placement of fill;
  - (k) lighting of fires;
  - (l) soil level changes;
  - (m) temporary or permanent installation of utilities and signs, and
  - n) physical damage to the tree.

## 8 Photographs





**Photograph 7.1**      **Corymbia and Eucalypt species along the southern side of the car park.**





**Photograph 7.2**      *Phellinus* species on Tree 32.





**Photograph 7.3** A number of trees on the northern side of the car park are of poor health.

## 9 Bibliography

Barrell, J.  
[Modified]

Couston, Mark & Howden, Melanie  
Australia 2001.

Link Tree System Ltd. Barrell, J.

Standards Australia

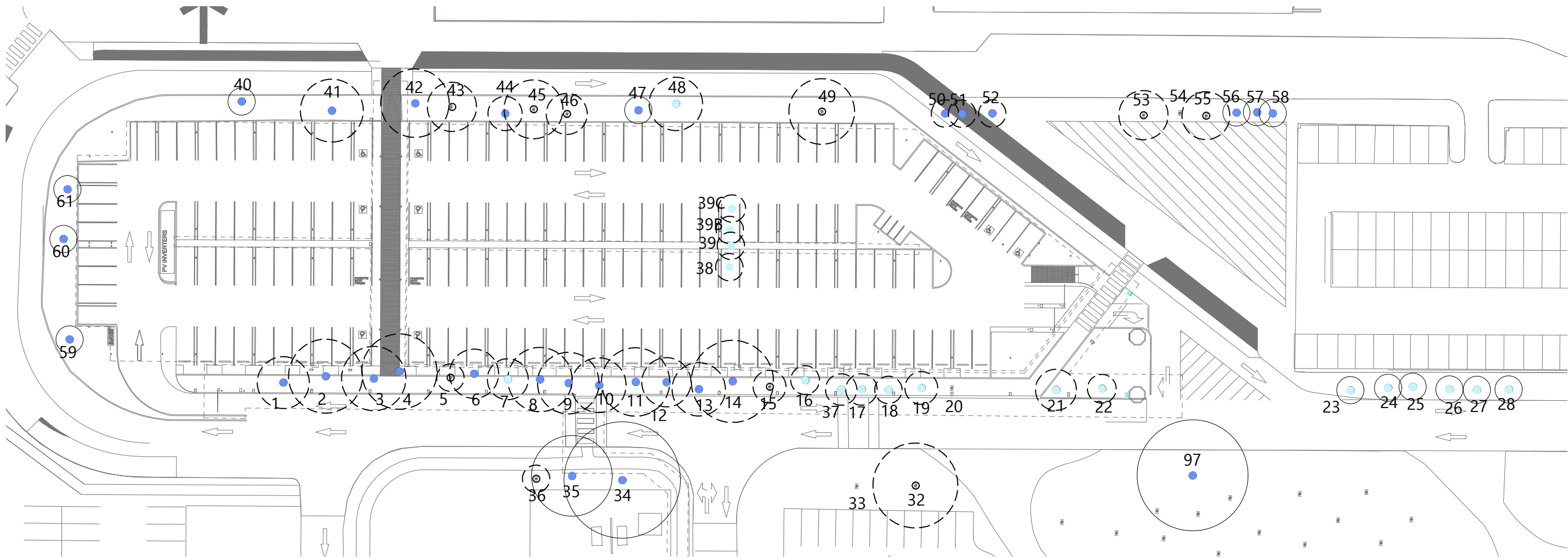
Pre-Development Tree Assessment, (in Watson/Neely 1995)

Tree Retention Values Table. Footprint Green Pty Ltd, Sydney

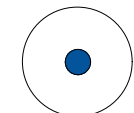
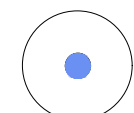
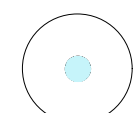
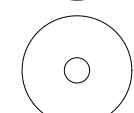

Arboricultural Journal 1993, Vol. 17pp. 33-46, 01/03/98

Australian Standard AS 4970 Protection of Trees on  
Development Sites. (September 2009)

## Appendix A Site Plan



#### TREE RETENTION VALUE

-  High Retention Value
-  Moderate Retention Value
-  Low Retention Value
-  Very Low Retention Value
-  Tree to be removed

Note: radius of trees indicates the Tree Protection Zone calculated in accordance with AS4970 Protection of trees on development sites.



Revisions		
Issue	Details	Date
A	DA Issue	19.04.22

## Appendix B Tree Assessment Sheet

Tree Assessment Data Sheet – Newcastle Airport

Tree No.	Species	Common Name	DBH (mm)		TPZ (M)	Height (M)		Crown Spread (M)				Health	Structure	Age Class	LS	ULE	RV	Notes
								N	E	S	W							
1	<i>Eucalyptus microcorys</i>	Tallowwood	320		3.8		13	6	3	5	6	A	A	M	M	1A	M	Minor dead wood
2	<i>Corymbia maculata</i>	Spotted Gum	450		5.4		15	7	5	8	6	A	F	M	M	1A	M	Minor dead wood
3	<i>Corymbia maculata</i>	Spotted Gum	390		4.7		15	7	6	8	6	A	A	M	M	1A	M	
4	<i>Corymbia maculata</i>	Spotted Gum	460		5.5		16	8	8	8	5	A	A	M	M	1A	M	Minor dead wood
5	<i>Corymbia maculata</i>	Spotted Gum	75		2		7	1	1	1	1	P	P	SM	VL	4B	VL	Suppressed small sapling
6	<i>Corymbia maculata</i>	Spotted Gum	300		3.6		12	5	4	4	4	A	A	M	M	1A	M	Minor dead wood
7	<i>Corymbia maculata</i>	Spotted Gum	250		3		12	4	4	5	4	F	A	M	M	3A	L	Sparse canopy.
8	<i>Corymbia maculata</i>	Spotted Gum	390		4.7		16	6	5	6	3	A	A	M	M	1A	M	
9	<i>Corymbia maculata</i>	Spotted Gum	380		4.5		16	8	5	6	3	A	A	M	M	1A	M	
10	<i>Corymbia maculata</i>	Spotted Gum	340		4		15	6	6	7	6	A	A	M	M	1A	M	Minor dead wood
11	<i>Corymbia maculata</i>	Spotted Gum	420		5		15	7	4	7	3	A	A	M	M	1A	M	Minor dead wood
12	<i>Corymbia maculata</i>	Spotted Gum	300		3.6		15	5	4	5	3	A	A	M	M	1A	M	
13	<i>Corymbia maculata</i>	Spotted Gum	320 220		3.9		16	7	6	7	5	F	F	M	M	2D	M	Sparsely foliated and minor dead wood
14	<i>Corymbia maculata</i>	Spotted Gum	500		6		16	7	6	8	7	A	A	M	M	1A	M	Minor dead wood
15	<i>Acacia binervia</i>	Coastal Myall	170 170		2.4		4	2	3	3	3	P	P	OM	VL	4D	VL	Almost dead.
16	<i>Acacia binervia</i>	Coastal Myall	180		2.1		4	3	4	2	3	F	F	M	L	3A	L	Twiggy dead wood
17	<i>Acacia binervia</i>	Coastal Myall	150 180		2.3		4	4	4	4	4	F	F	M	L	3A	L	Twiggy dead wood
18	<i>Acacia binervia</i>	Coastal Myall	75 90		2		3	3	3	2	0	F	F	M	L	3A	L	Twiggy dead wood
19	<i>Acacia binervia</i>	Coastal Myall	200		2.4		4	1	1	2	4	F	F	M	L	3A	L	Twiggy dead wood
20	<i>Removed</i>																	
21	<i>Acacia binervia</i>	Coastal Myall	210 220		3		4	2	0	2	3	F	F	M	L	3A	L	Dead leader
22	<i>Acacia binervia</i>	Coastal Myall	180		2.1		3	2	4	1	0	F	F	M	L	3A	L	

LEGEND

**DBH – Diameter at Breast Height**  
(1.4m)

**DRB– Diameter Above Root Buttress**

**TPZ - Tree Protection Zone**  
12xDBH

**SRZ – Structural Root Zone**  
(DRB x 50)<sup>0.42</sup> x 0.64

**Health**  
**P**-Poor  
**F**-Fair  
**A**-Average  
**E**-Excellent

**Structure**  
**P**-Poor  
**F**-Fair  
**A**-Average  
**E**-Excellent

**Age Class**  
**I**-Immature – Recently Planted or Sapling Growth  
**SM**-Semi Mature - <20% life expectancy  
**M**-Mature – 20-80% life expectancy  
**OM**-Over Mature/Senescent >80% life expectancy

**LS – Landscape Significance**  
**S**-Significant  
**VH**-Very High  
**H**-High  
**M**-Moderate  
**L**-Low  
**VL**-Very Low  
**I**-Insignificant

**ULE – Useful Life Expectancy**  
(Sustainability in years)  
Refer to appendices for more detailed explanation  
**1**->40  
**2**-15-40  
**3**-5-15  
**4**-<5

**RV – Retention Value**  
**H**-High  
**M**-Moderate  
**L**-Low  
**VL**-Very Low



Tree Assessment Data Sheet – Newcastle Airport

Tree No.	Species	Common Name	DBH (mm)		TPZ (M)		Height (M)	Crown Spread (M)				Health	Structure	Age Class	LS	ULE	RV	Notes
								N	E	S	W							
23	<i>Callistemon species</i>	Bottlebrush	3x90		2		3	1	1	1	1	P	P	M	L	4D	L	Small stunted tree with dead leader
24	<i>Callistemon species</i>	Bottlebrush	100 160		2		4	1	1	1	1	F	F	M	L	3A	L	
25	<i>Callistemon species</i>	Bottlebrush	4X80		2		2.5	1	2	1	1	F	F	M	L	3A	L	
26	<i>Callistemon species</i>	Bottlebrush	90 90 70		2		3	1	2	1	1	F	F	M	L	3A	L	
27	<i>Callistemon species</i>	Bottlebrush	150		2		4	0	1	2	1	F	F	M	L	3A	L	.
28	<i>Callistemon species</i>	Bottlebrush	140		2		4	1	1	2	1	F	F	M	L	3A	L	
32	<i>Eucalyptus species</i>	Gum Tree	520 340		6.2		19	4	6	7	7	P	P	M	L	4B	VL	Declining tree with fungal fruiting bracket ( <i>Phellinus</i> species) on main trunk. Large dead wood and die back
33	<i>Removed</i>																	
34	<i>Eucalyptus species</i>	Gum Tree	710		8.5		19	13	7	8	10	A	A	M	M	2A	M	Minor dead wood
35	<i>Eucalyptus microcorys</i>	Tallowwood	490		5.9		16	5	5	5	5	A	A	M	M	1A	M	Minor dead wood
36	<i>Eucalyptus microcorys</i>	Tallowwood	150		2		6	1	1	1	1	P	P	SM	VL	4B	VL	Almost dead. Foliage consists of epicormic growth
37	<i>Acacia binervia</i>	Coastal Myall	150 180		2.3		4	4	4	4	4	F	F	M	L	3A	L	Twiggy dead wood
38	<i>Callistemon species</i>	Bottlebrush	3x100		2		5	3	3	3	3	F	F	M	L	2A	L	
39	<i>Callistemon species</i>	Bottlebrush	2X80		2		5	3	3	3	3	F	F	M	L	2A	L	
39B	<i>Callistemon species</i>	Bottlebrush	4X80		2		5	3	3	3	3	F	F	M	L	2A	L	
39C	<i>Callistemon species</i>	Bottlebrush	140 2X90		2		5	3	3	3	3	F	F	M	L	2A	L	
40	<i>Banksia integrifolia</i>	Coastal Banksia	90		2		4	1	1	1	1	A	A	M	L	1A	M	
41	<i>Eucalyptus species</i>	Gum Tree	390		4.6		13	5	3	5	5	F	A	M	M	2A	M	Dead tree.
42	<i>Eucalyptus species</i>	Gum Tree	420		5		13	4	4	6	4	A	A	M	M	1A	M	Minor dead wood

LEGEND									
<b>DBH – Diameter at Breast Height</b> (1.4m)	<b>DRB– Diameter Above Root Buttress</b>	<b>TPZ - Tree Protection Zone</b> 12xDBH	<b>SRZ – Structural Root Zone</b> (DRB x 50) <sup>0.42</sup> x 0.64	<b>Health</b> <b>P</b> -Poor <b>F</b> -Fair <b>A</b> -Average <b>E</b> -Excellent	<b>Structure</b> <b>P</b> -Poor <b>F</b> -Fair <b>A</b> -Average <b>E</b> -Excellent	<b>Age Class</b> <b>I</b> -Immature – Recently Planted or Sapling Growth <b>SM</b> -Semi Mature - <20% life expectancy <b>M</b> -Mature – 20-80% life expectancy <b>OM</b> -Over Mature/Senescent >80% life expectancy	<b>LS – Landscape Significance</b> <b>S</b> -Significant <b>VH</b> -Very High <b>H</b> -High <b>M</b> -Moderate <b>L</b> -Low <b>VL</b> -Very Low <b>I</b> -Insignificant	<b>ULE – Useful Life Expectancy</b> (Sustainability in years) Refer to appendices for more detailed explanation <b>1</b> ->40 <b>2</b> -15-40 <b>3</b> -5-15 <b>4</b> -<5	<b>RV – Retention Value</b> <b>H</b> -High <b>M</b> -Moderate <b>L</b> -Low <b>VL</b> -Very Low



Tree Assessment Data Sheet – Newcastle Airport

Tree No.	Species	Common Name	DBH (mm)		TPZ (M)		Height (M)	Crown Spread (M)				Health	Structure	Age Class	LS	ULE	RV	Notes
								N	E	S	W							
43	<i>Eucalyptus species</i>	Gum Tree	300		3.6		10	1	1	0	0	P	P	M	VL	4B	VL	Almost dead, epicormic growth only
44	<i>Eucalyptus species</i>	Gum Tree	210		2.5		6	3	2	3	2	A	A	M	M	1A	M	
45	<i>Eucalyptus species</i>	Gum Tree	350 250		4.3		8	2	2	3	2	P	P	M	VL	4B	VL	Poorly pruned, die back and epicormic growth
46	<i>Eucalyptus species</i>	Gum Tree	250		3		7	1	2	1	1	P	P	M	VL	4B	VL	Die back and epicormic growth
47	<i>Banksia integrifolia</i>	Coastal Banksia	150		2		6	2	2	1	2	A	A	SM	L	1A	M	
48	<i>Eucalyptus species</i>	Gum Tree	320		3.8		5	5	4	3	3	F	A	M	L	2D	L	Some canopy die back
49	<i>Eucalyptus species</i>	Gum Tree	400		4.8		8	2	2	2	2	P	P	M	VL	4B	VL	All foliage consists of epicormic growth. Large dead wood
50	<i>Banksia integrifolia</i>	Coastal Banksia	100 80		2		8	1	1	1	1	A	A	SM	L	1A	M	
51	<i>Banksia integrifolia</i>	Coastal Banksia	150		2		7	1	1	1	1	A	A	SM	L	1A	M	
52	<i>Banksia integrifolia</i>	Coastal Banksia	3X90		2		4	1	1	1	1	A	A	SM	L	1A	M	
53	<i>Eucalyptus species</i>	Gum Tree	300		3.6		8	1	2	2	2	P	P	M	VL	4B	VL	All foliage consists of epicormic growth
54	<i>Removed</i>																	
55	<i>Eucalyptus species</i>	Gum Tree	2x250		3.5		7	1	1	1	1	P	P	M	VL	4B	VL	All foliage consists of epicormic growth. Almost dead
56	<i>Banksia integrifolia</i>	Coastal Banksia	90		2		4	1	1	1	1	A	A	SM	L	1A	M	
57	<i>Banksia integrifolia</i>	Coastal Banksia	2x70		2		5	1	1	1	1	A	A	SM	L	1A	M	
58	<i>Banksia integrifolia</i>	Coastal Banksia	2x100		2		6	1	1	1	1	A	A	SM	L	1A	M	
59	<i>Banksia integrifolia</i>	Coastal Banksia	90 150		2		6	3	1	3	1	A	A	SM	L	1A	M	
60	<i>Banksia integrifolia</i>	Coastal Banksia	100 180		2		6	3	3	3	3	A	A	SM	L	1A	M	
61	<i>Banksia integrifolia</i>	Coastal Banksia	90 70 140		2		6	3	2	3	2	A	A	SM	L	1A	M	

LEGEND

**DBH – Diameter at Breast Height**  
(1.4m)

**DRB– Diameter Above Root Buttress**

**TPZ - Tree Protection Zone**  
12xDBH

**SRZ – Structural Root Zone**  
(DRB x 50)<sup>0.42</sup> x 0.64

**Health**  
**P**-Poor  
**F**-Fair  
**A**-Average  
**E**-Excellent

**Structure**  
**P**-Poor  
**F**-Fair  
**A**-Average  
**E**-Excellent

**Age Class**  
**I**-Immature – Recently Planted or Sapling Growth  
**SM**-Semi Mature - <20% life expectancy  
**M**-Mature – 20-80% life expectancy  
**OM**-Over Mature/Senescent >80% life expectancy

**LS – Landscape Significance**  
**S**-Significant  
**VH**-Very High  
**H**-High  
**M**-Moderate  
**L**-Low  
**VL**-Very Low  
**I**-Insignificant

**ULE – Useful Life Expectancy**  
(Sustainability in years)  
Refer to appendices for more detailed explanation  
**1**->40  
**2**-15-40  
**3**-5-15  
**4**-<5

**RV – Retention Value**  
**H**-High  
**M**-Moderate  
**L**-Low  
**VL**-Very Low

Tree Assessment Data Sheet – Newcastle Airport

Tree No.	Species	Common Name	DBH (mm)		TPZ (M)		Height (M)	Crown Spread (M)				Health	Structure	Age Class	LS	ULE	RV	Notes
								N	E	S	W							
97	Casuarina cunninghamiana	River She-Oak	680		8.1		17	9	6	1	7	A	A	M	M	2A	M	

LEGEND									
<b>DBH – Diameter at Breast Height</b> (1.4m)	<b>DRB– Diameter Above Root Buttress</b>	<b>TPZ - Tree Protection Zone</b> 12xDBH	<b>SRZ – Structural Root Zone</b> (DRB x 50) <sup>0.42</sup> x 0.64	<b>Health</b> P-Poor F-Fair A-Average E-Excellent	<b>Structure</b> P-Poor F-Fair A-Average E-Excellent	<b>Age Class</b> I-Immature – Recently Planted or Sapling Growth <b>SM</b> -Semi Mature - <20% life expectancy <b>M</b> -Mature – 20-80% life expectancy <b>OM</b> -Over Mature/Senescent >80% life expectancy	<b>LS – Landscape Significance</b> <b>S</b> -Significant <b>VH</b> -Very High <b>H</b> -High <b>M</b> -Moderate <b>L</b> -Low <b>VL</b> -Very Low <b>I</b> -Insignificant	<b>ULE – Useful Life Expectancy</b> (Sustainability in years) Refer to appendices for more detailed explanation <b>1</b> ->40 <b>2</b> -15-40 <b>3</b> -5-15 <b>4</b> -<5	<b>RV – Retention Value</b> <b>H</b> -High <b>M</b> -Moderate <b>L</b> -Low <b>VL</b> -Very Low

## Appendix C Useful Life Expectancy (ULE)

## ULE CLASSIFICATIONS

### 1 LONG ULE : GREATER THAN 40 YEARS [>40]

TREES THAT APPEAR TO BE RETAINABLE WITH AN ACCEPTABLE LEVEL OF RISK FOR MORE THAN 40 YEARS

- A Structurally sound trees located in positions that can accommodate future growth.
- B Storm damaged or defective trees that could be made suitable for retention by remedial tree surgery.
- C Trees of special significance for historical, commemorative or rarity reasons that would warrant extraordinary efforts to secure their long-term retention.

### 2 MEDIUM ULE : MORE THAN 15 YEARS, LESS THAN 40 YEARS [15 - 40]

TREES THAT APPEAR TO BE RETAINABLE WITH AN ACCEPTABLE LEVEL OF RISK FOR 15 TO 40 YEARS

- A Trees that may only live between 15 and 40 more years
- B Trees that may live for more than 40 years but would be removed during the course of normal management for safety or nuisance reasons
- C Trees which may live for more than 40 years but would be removed to prevent interference with more suitable individuals or to provide space for new planting
- D Storm damaged or defective trees that can be made suitable for retention in the medium term by remedial work

### 3 SHORT ULE : MORE THAN 5 YEARS, LESS THAN 15 YEARS [5 - 15]

TREES THAT APPEAR TO BE RETAINABLE WITH AN ACCEPTABLE LEVEL OF RISK FOR 5 TO 15 YEARS

- A Trees that may only live between 5 and 15 more years
- B Trees that may live for more than 15 years but would be removed during the course of normal management for safety or nuisance reasons
- C Trees which may live for more than 15 years but would be removed to prevent interference with more suitable individuals or to provide space for new planting
- D Storm damaged or defective trees that require substantial remedial work to make safe, and are only suitable for retention in the short term

### 4 REMOVE : LESS THAN 5 YEARS [<5]

TREES WITH A HIGH LEVEL OF RISK THAT WOULD NEED REMOVING WITHIN THE NEXT 5 YEARS

- A Dead, dying, suppressed or declining trees because of disease or inhospitable conditions
- B Dangerous trees through instability or recent loss of adjacent trees
- C Dangerous trees through structural defects, including cavities, decay, included bark, wounds or poor form
- D Damaged trees that are clearly not safe to retain
- E Trees which may live for more than 5 years but would be removed to prevent interference with more suitable individuals or to provide space for new planting
- F Trees which are damaging or may cause damage to existing structures within the next 5 years
- G Trees that will become dangerous after removal of others for the reasons given in A to F
- H Trees in categories (a) to (g) that have high wildlife habitat value and, with appropriate treatment, could be retained subject to regular review

### 5 SMALL YOUNG OR REGULARLY PRUNED

TREES THAT CAN BE RELIABLY MOVED OR REPLACED

- A Small trees less than 5m in height
- B Young trees less than 15 years old but over 15m in height
- C Formal hedges and trees intended for regular pruning to artificially control growth

## Appendix D Extract from AS 4970

## Extract from AS 4970

### **3.1 Tree Protection Zone (TPZ)**

The tree protection zone is the principal means of protecting trees on development sites. The TPZ is a combination of root area and crown area requiring protection. It is an area isolated from construction disturbance, so that the tree remains viable.

### **3.2 Determining the TPZ**

The radius of the TPZ is calculated for each tree by multiplying its Diameter at Breast Height (DBH) x 12

$$\text{TPZ} = \text{DBH} \times 12$$

DBH= Trunk diameter measured at 1.4m above ground.

Radius is measured from the centre of the stem at ground level.

A TPZ should not be less than 2m nor greater than 15m (Except where crown protection is required).

The TPZ of palms and other monocots, cycads and tree ferns should not be less than 1m outside of the crown projection.

### **3.3 Variations to the TPZ**

#### **3.3.1 General**

It may be possible to encroach into or make variations to the standard TPZ. Encroachment includes excavation, compacted fill and machine trenching.

#### **3.3.2 Minor Encroachment**

If the proposed encroachment is less than 10% of the area of the TPZ and is outside the SRZ, detailed root investigations should not be required. The area lost to this encroachment should be compensated for elsewhere and contiguous with the TPZ. Variations must be made by the project arborist considering relevant factors listed in clause 3.3.4.

#### **3.3.2 Major Encroachment**

If the proposed encroachment is greater than 10% of the TPZ or inside the SRZ, the project arborist must demonstrate that the tree would remain viable. The area lost to the encroachment should be compensated for elsewhere and contiguous with the TPZ. This may require root investigation by non destructive methods and consider relevant factors listed in clause 3.3.4.

#### **3.3.5 Structural Root Zone**

The SRZ is the area required for tree stability. A larger area is required to maintain a viable tree.

The SRZ only needs to be calculated when major encroachment into the TPZ is proposed.

There are many factors that affect the size of the SRZ (e.g. tree height, crown area, soil type, soil moisture). The SRZ may also be influenced by natural or built structures, such as rocks or footings. An indicative SRZ radius can be determined from the trunk diameter measured immediately above the root buttress using the following formula. Root investigation may provide more information on the extent of these roots SRZ radius.

$$\text{SRZ radius} = (D \times 50)^{0.42} \times 0.64$$

where

D = trunk diameter, in metres, measured above the root buttress

The SRZ for trees with trunk diameters less than 0.15 will be 1.5 metres