

# SIGNIFICANT TREE REGISTER - PRIVATE PROPERTY



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## Introduction.

Latrobe City recognizes the significance of trees on both public and private land and the value of trees in terms of creating functional and aesthetic areas. Latrobe City contains many significant specimen trees on both Council managed lands as well as privately owned properties. Latrobe City Council recognizes that these trees are a major asset of the municipality and before the trees are destroyed, through carelessness or ignorance. Latrobe City Council aims to highlight and educate the public of these trees and their significance.

The aim of this Significant Tree Register (STR) is a means to record, educate and use information to conserve trees located on private property within the municipality. Trees recorded on this STR are trees that can be considered for their horticultural, social, historic, or aesthetic value.

Latrobe City Council already has a STR for trees identified as Significant on Council managed and maintained lands.

This register can be view on Council web page:
<a href="https://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/City/Roads\_Drains\_Lights\_and\_Trees/Trees/Significant\_Tree\_Register">https://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/City/Roads\_Drains\_Lights\_and\_Trees/Trees/Significant\_Tree\_Register</a>

Nominations for trees located on private property will be invited for any tree(s) to be assessed and considered for inclusion into the Latrobe City Councils Significant Tree Register – Private Property.

The information provided will be verified by a Latrobe City Council Arborists and/or Council approved Consulting Arborist.

Trees are an essential part of the urban and rural fabric, providing significant economic, social and ecological benefits. Trees:

- Create more desirable street and private landscapes
- Provide the opportunity to establish regional presence and a distinct neighbourhood character.
- Assist in creating a unique identity and structure to town or area.
- Ameliorate the extremes of noise, temperature, air pollution and climate change.
- Maintain important habitats particularly for native birds.
- Form corridors for movement and refuges for native wildlife.
- Reduce the impacts of rainfall and run-off and reduce erosion.

## Understanding the Registry.

This registry is for trees located within private property only. The registry is not just designed for trees that are of a "remarkable" stature. Remarkable meaning of exceptional mass, age and height. Many trees on this registry probably wouldn't even get a second glance on sight alone. Therefore, each tree on this list has been categorized to help explain why it has been included. Each tree will show a number(s) from 1-12. A short comment may even be shown for added information. Some entries will be categorized in more than one category.

## Criteria.

Any tree(s) nominated as for consideration to the Latrobe City Councils Significant Tree Register – Private Property must be eligible under at least one of the below categories.

Category	Title	Description	Types
1	Horticultural value	Any tree that has Horticultural or Genetic value that could be an important source of propagating stock, including specimen's that are particularly resistant to disease or exposure.	<ul> <li>Tolerance selection (pest&amp; disease)</li> <li>Propagating potential</li> <li>Scientific value</li> </ul>
2	Landscape value	Any tree that occurs in such as remnant native vegetation, important landmarks and tree that form part of an historic garden park or town. Or a tree or group of trees with outstanding aesthetic value or which frame screen views or act as a landmark	<ul> <li>Historic garden or park</li> <li>Historic cemetery</li> <li>Important landmark</li> <li>Contribution to landscape</li> <li>Historic planting style</li> </ul>
3	Rare or localised	Rare value either species of localized Distribution.	<ul> <li>Only known species</li> <li>Rare species as stated by the FFG Actor the EPBC Act</li> </ul>
4	Age	Any tree that is of significant age or venerable.	Old specimen
5	Outstanding Size	Any tree outstanding for height trunk circumference or canopy spread.	<ul><li>Height</li><li>Circumference</li><li>Canopy spread</li><li>Combinations of above</li></ul>
6	Aesthetic value	Any tree that is a particularly well formed example of the species that is in a location that makes it striking in the landscape. The loss of a tree in this category would result in a substantial change to the local landscape.	<ul> <li>Substantial shade cover</li> <li>Only tree in street</li> <li>Better than the average example of its species or in its particular location</li> </ul>
7	Growth	Any tree with an outstanding, unusual, abnormal or curious growth form	<ul> <li>Important landmark</li> <li>Abnormal Outgrowths</li> <li>Fusion of Branches</li> <li>Unusually Pruned</li> <li>Unusually Damaged</li> </ul>
8	Cultural value	Any tree that has a recognised association with historical indigenous activities or culture.	<ul><li>Scarred tree</li><li>Corroboree tree</li></ul>

9	Historic plantings	Any tree with a specific historic or commemorative association.	<ul> <li>Avenue of Honour</li> <li>Plantings in memorial parks</li> <li>Associated with an important event</li> <li>Associated with an important person, group or institution</li> </ul>
10	Outstanding example of the species	Any tree that is an outstanding example of the species at an International / National / State / Regional / Local level or of particular aesthetic value.	Botanically
11	Habitat	A tree or group of trees with outstanding value as habitat or niche for native flora and fauna. The tree is observed to have significant hollows for avian fauna or is clearly being used as a major food source for fauna. The presence of large raptor nests or numerous nests may qualify a tree in this category.	<ul> <li>Cavities for nests, roosts and dens (especially in trees with extensive heart rot)</li> <li>Perching sites</li> <li>Foraging sites for insectivorous birds</li> <li>In thick barked species cracks and fissures, and spaces behind loose bark provide feeding and nesting/roosting opportunities for bats and some birds.</li> </ul>
12	Remnant	Trees which survive from the pre- European era.	• 100 + years old

### Nominations.

Any person can nominate a tree(s).

There is a minimum amount of information required to nominate a tree(s). An application must contain at least this information to be considered:

- Location,
- Number of trees.
- Common name (If known)
- > The criteria the tree(s) fall under.
- Details of the person submitting the nomination.

Additional information required to nominate a tree:

- Scientific Name (If known)
- Photos of the tree(s)
- > Height
- Circumference
- Owner details
- Attached map

Any supporting documentation to support the nomination.

Once a nomination is received, the nomination will be assessed by a Latrobe City Council Arborist and/or Council approved Consulting Arborist. If considered Significant it will then be added to the register.

Once the nomination has been reviewed by Latrobe City Council. The person responsible for the nomination will be notified about the outcome. If the tree/s are situated within a private property other than your own. The nomination should include written support from the property owner, if possible.

Each tree nominated will be given a unique asset number that corresponds to the tree(s) record in the tree inventory. The tree records will contain:

- > Tree height
- > Tree circumference
- > Species
- Location
- Ownership
- > Photos
- Maps

Any recorded supplementary documentation that was used in the nomination.

## Nomination Form.

Type of Tree(s) if known - Include photos if possible
Botanical Name:
Common Name:
Number of trees:
Location & Ownership - Attach map if possible
Address of the nominated tree(s) - please provide as much detail as possible e.g. nature strip, rear garden, 400 meters east of intersection etc.
Ownership, please specify who owns the tree(s):
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Has the owner of the property been notified, if yes how and when was this done?

**Reasons for Nomination** - please circle Y (Yes) if the category applies and N (No) if it does not apply to the tree(s) being nominated.

Category	YES/NO
Horticultural value	Y/N
Landscape value	Y/N
Rare or localised	Y/N
4. Age	Y/N
5. Outstanding Size	Y/N
6. Aesthetic value	Y/N
7. Growth	Y/N
8. Cultural value	Y/N
9. Historic plantings	Y/N
10. Outstanding example of the species	Y/N

11. Habitat	Y/N
12.Remnant	Y/N

Expanded reasons for significance - please provide as much detail relating to the
chosen criteria and any additional reasons you believe the tree to be significant.
Nominated by:
Name:
Telephone:
Email:
Address:

Note: Nomination can be submitted online through Council web page at: https://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/Significant\_Tree\_Register\_Private\_Property

# Register.

#### Tree 1:

Location: 770 Jeeralang West Rd

Tree Species: Eucalyptus pseudoglobulus (Gippsland Blue Gum)

Tree size: (Height x Width) 25 Metres x 30 Metre

DBH: 2 Metres +

Category: 3,4,5,10,12

**Comments:** *Eucalyptus pseudoglobulus* (Gippsland Blue Gum) mature specimen. Located within an approximately 10-acre property. Tree estimated to be 200 + years old – Remanent to the area. This tree has survived the 1930's bush fires which decimated the area.

#### **Photos:**







Tree 2:

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