

# Significant Tree Register Nominations 2021

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## INTRODUCTION

The Hobart Interim Planning Scheme 2015 contains a register of significant trees in recognition of the amenity, aesthetic character and cultural value that garden and street trees contribute to the urban environment. The Hobart Local Provision Schedule of the upcoming Tasmanian Planning Scheme will also contain the register.

Removing, injuring or significantly pruning a tree that is listed in this register requires a planning permit application, unless it relates to emergency works by a public authority or the tree poses an immediate danger.

The City of Hobart is now calling for nominations for additions to the register by 8th November 2021.

Anyone can make a nomination for a tree, groups of trees or hedges on public or private property, as long as the tree or trees are within the City of Hobart municipal area.

Nominations are assessed according to trees' aesthetic significance, outstanding size, age, links to historic events or people, landmark significance, rarity or ecological value.

## MAKING NOMINATIONS

To view the current Significant Tree Register and download a nomination form visit [www.hobartcity.com.au/sigtrees](http://www.hobartcity.com.au/sigtrees) or visit the City of Hobart customer service centre on the corner of Davey and Elizabeth streets.

To nominate particular trees for inclusion on the Significant Tree Register please complete as much of the nomination form as possible. Although you may have limited information on a tree, be sure at least to provide some indication of its identity, an accurate description of its location, a photo of the tree and the reason you think the tree is significant along with your name and contact details.

The information that is received will be verified by City of Hobart officers if necessary.

Any nominations that do not include a photo of the tree cannot be accepted.

Please use a separate form for each unrelated nomination, and remember to check that the tree is not already listed in the Significant Tree Register before you nominate.

Nominations can be submitted via the online nomination form. Alternatively, you can download a printable version of the nomination form and return it addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, City of Hobart, GPO Box 503 Hobart 7001 or by email to [coh@hobartcity.com.au](mailto:coh@hobartcity.com.au) by 8 November 2021.

## PROCESS

Once nominations are received, a group of City of Hobart officers comprising; an urban planner, arboricultural officer, cultural heritage officer and urban designer will assess the nominations against the categories of significance. The categories include aesthetic significance, outstanding size, age, trees that commemorate historic events or people, significant landmarks, rare species or genetic value.

The full categories of significance are attached to this information sheet. The tree must meet at least one of these categories to qualify for listing.

A report will be prepared for Council's consideration recommending which of the nominated trees should be listed as a significant tree in the planning scheme. Property owners and the general public will have the opportunity to make submissions on the nominated trees. The final accepted list will then be included in the planning scheme through the scheme amendment process.

If you would like further information please contact us on 03 6238 2715.

# CATEGORIES OF SIGNIFICANCE

## Significant Tree Assessment Criteria

Category	Description
<b>1. Trees of outstanding aesthetic significance.</b>	These are trees whose form, seasonal beauty and/or placement is such that they are not only magnificent examples of their species but are also a significant aesthetic component of the streetscape, park, garden or natural landscape in which they grow
<b>2. Trees of outstanding dimensions in height, trunk circumference or canopy spread.</b>	The biggest, tallest, widest examples of any species will always attract attention and admiration. For example an outstanding example of the species in form, structure and health.
<b>3. Trees that are very old or venerable.</b>	These trees may not be particularly beautiful but their age and associated links to the past, makes them significant to the community. For example trees which reveal previous landscapes or land use such as estate boundaries or orchards.
<b>4. Trees that commemorate, or are reminders of, cultural practices, historic events or famous people.</b>	These trees are not necessarily old but have cultural significance through association with a significant person or event. This can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Trees that have strong associations with specific community or cultural groups for spiritual, cultural, religious or other associated reasons.</li><li>• Trees planted by royalty, political figures or community leaders or to commemorate significant international or local events.</li><li>• Trees that have a recognised association with aboriginal culture or heritage or are valued for continuing and developing cultural traditions.</li></ul>
<b>5. Trees that are recognised as a significant component of a natural landscape, historic site, town, park or garden.</b>	These are trees that enhance the unique character of a natural landscape, streetscape, park or town and whose loss would fundamentally alter that character. These trees are also those identified as contributing to the state or local significance of a historic site, private garden or estate.

<b>6. Trees that have local significance.</b>	These trees are trees that, as a component of a streetscape, park or garden, are important to the local community and are recognised features of the immediate landscape or provide a sense of place. The loss of these trees may impact on the local community.
<b>7. Trees of a species or variety that is rare or of very localised distribution.</b>	These trees have important scientific ecological or horticultural significance. For example trees that are endangered as a species or unique in distribution or position in the natural landscape. This can include remnant native vegetation that indicates the former extent of the species, rare/threatened species or those at the edge of their natural range, or locally uncommon species.
<b>8. Trees that are of horticultural or genetic value.</b>	<p>These trees could provide important and valuable propagating stock for scientific research, forestry or horticulture industries because their genetic characteristics differ from the type. For example trees that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are a source of seed from a local gene pool</li> <li>• Are particularly resistant to disease or climate extremes</li> <li>• Have a particular growth form</li> <li>• Have a tolerance to pests or disease</li> </ul>
<b>9. Trees that have a significant contribution to the integrity of an ecological community.</b>	These trees are remnant native species which provide significant habitat for rare, threatened or locally uncommon or common native species. For example trees that provide breeding and foraging habitat, roosting sites and refuge.
<b>10. Trees that are significant for reasons that are difficult to categorise.</b>	Very simply, these trees are significant because they are interesting! Whether they are examples of the art of topiary or simply growing in extraordinary circumstances, they will immediately catch the attention of the passer by. For example interesting growth forms, outgrowths, branch fusion or pruning.