

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Environment

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TITLE: SIGNIFICANT TREE REGISTER

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RESPONSIBILITY:** Chief Executive Officer

DELEGATION:

Previous Policy Number 1.2.13

Objective:

In recognising the significance of existing vegetation as being part of the natural and historical charm and character of the town, Council aims to protect it through the ongoing development of a Significant Tree Register.

The loss of trees is a community concern and there are expectations from residents, ratepayers and visitors that Council will preserve the amenity of the town.

Council welcomes community input and nominations of Significant Trees within the Township of Broome for inclusion in the Register.

Definitions:

Nil.

Policy:

Trees that will be considered for inclusion on the Register, should substantially meet the following criteria:

1. Outstanding aesthetic quality.
2. Outstanding for its large height, trunk circumference or canopy spread.
3. Is particularly old or venerable.
4. Having associations with an important historical event.
5. Any tree associated with a well-known public figure or ethnic group.
6. Occurs in a unique location or situation, or provides a significant contribution to the landscape, important landmarks and trees which form part of an historical garden, park or setting within the townsite.
7. Of a rare species or variety or very localised distribution.

8. Horticultural or genetic value and could be an important source of propagating stock.
9. Exhibits a curious growth form or physical feature, including unusually pruned forms.
10. Any mature specimens of native trees whose natural distribution is mainly restricted to Broome and/or the Dampier Peninsula.

Trees to be considered for inclusion in the Register may be located on private or public land, however, if the tree is located on private property, written consent of the owner will be required prior to the tree being included in the Significant Tree Register.

If, following an inspection of the tree, Council or the appointed officer is of the view that it satisfies one or more of the criteria for inclusion in the Significant Tree Register, Council has the discretion to determine whether or not the tree(s) is included in the Register. Where a tree is included in the Register, Council shall give notice to this effect to the landowner or adjoining landowner as appropriate and the person/group nominating the tree.

Nomination of trees for inclusion in the Significant Tree Register shall be made on the appropriate form.

Any person desiring to cut, remove or otherwise alter the state of a tree listed on the Significant Tree Register shall ~~advise~~ **require the approval of** Council ~~in order that the Register be kept up to date~~. The following exemptions to this are:

- a. Any tree or part of tree which is dead.
- b. Any part of a tree which has to be pruned clear of overhead wires to the requirements of Western Power, in accordance with Australian Standard AS 4373-1996 Pruning of Amenity Trees.
- c. Remedial pruning of remaining limbs (but not tree removal) after storm damage.
- d. Any tree deemed to be dangerous by the Council, following service of an order requiring the tree to be made safe by the owner.

In determining an application to cut or remove or otherwise alter a tree, the Council shall give due consideration to:-

- i. The health of the tree.
- ii. The rarity of the tree.
- iii. Any unsafe or dangerous situation created by the tree.
- iv. Landscape amenity value
- v. Preservation of views
- vi. Access to solar collector panels
- vii. Proximity of existing or proposed buildings and possible disturbance thereto.
- viii. Need for replacement trees
- ix. Need for minimum distance from the tree for development
- x. Need for variation of any Scheme requirement to retain the tree
- xi. Ease of amending development proposals.

The Chief Executive Officer has delegated authority with respect to the inclusion of trees on the Register and for works of a minor nature. The application for the physical removal of any trees on the Register will be referred to Council for consideration.

Other Documents associated with this Policy

Species List – as attached

Note: All trees, whether included in the Register or not, remain the property of the landowners concerned who are responsible for maintaining them in a safe condition.

Significant Tree List 2007

No	Botanical Name	Common Name	Location
1.	Borassus Palms	Borassus	Broome Primary School
2.	Lysophylum cunninghami	Jigal Tree	Dora Street
3.	Tamarind indica Removed Oct 2003 by MoJ	Tamarind	Courthouse, Coghlan St, Louis St
4.	Adansonia gregorii	Boab	Frederick Street, Guy Street, Male Oval Telstra -Hamersley Street
5.	Eucalyptus polycarpa	Long fruited bloodwood	Broome peninsula
6.	Eucalyptus paractia	Cable Beach Gum	Cable Beach, Broome Golf Club
7.	Planchonia careya	Cocky apple	Broome Golf Club
8.	Pouteria sericea	Pouteria	Bowling Club, Broome Golf Club
9.	Kigelia Pinnata	Sausage Tree	Mecure Inn Continental – Louis/ Ann Street Broome. Private Property. Confirmation of tree being placed on List received 1/4/2005.
10.	Gyrocarpus americanus	Helicopter tree	Old Shire Office
11.	Terminalia ferdinandiana	Gubinge	Coastal
12.	Terminalia petiolaris	Blackbean tree	Baker Street, Clementson Street
13.	Mangroves	All are species protected	
14.	Gardenia pyriformis	Native Gardenia	Broome Golf Course
15.	Brachychiton diversifolia	Kurrajong	Broome Golf Club, Sewerage pond area
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