REGISTER OF SIGNIFICANT TREES

In May 2017, the month of its 50th anniversary, the Society launched a **Register of Significant Trees**. The community is invited to participate by ensuring that favourite trees or stands of trees are included in this Register. As the years pass by, knowledge and memories are easily lost, and it is the Society's aim to record as much information as possible about the trees that matter to us all.

Obvious standout trees will be Lone Pine, the Government House pine, and the Moreton Bay Figs at Hundred Acres.

A place in the Register will include a photograph, a description and map of the location (a GPS location where possible), the status of the land where it is found (private, reserve, national park, church grounds or other) and the reason the nominator believes it is worthy of inclusion in the register. Any historical information about why it was planted or by whom would be a valuable addition.

Trees of great age, perhaps defined by their height or measurement of their trunk at chest height could be included. Fruit trees that are remnants of early plantings would be of great interest. Trees that are simply significant features of the landscape, for their beauty or enhancement of a location, can be included.

Submissions might even lead us to discovering the largest pine remaining on the Island today.

Trees of any species that are memorial plantings would be welcome such as 100th birthday avenues and gardens, war service memorial trees. Family members can all their relatives by registering their relative's special trees.

Trees that are the only one of their kind (or very few) on the Island would be eligible, with their origin and age included. Special trees or those in iconic locations that are already lost could well be included if photographs or other images are available. Examples include Pine Avenue, the Banyan opposite Branka House, Hollow Pine (in the national park), Low Top Pine and Barney Duffy's Pine.

When a tree has been nominated we would hope that as well as the nominator, people with special stories or attachment to that tree could add their story about it to build understanding and knowledge. Additionally, we would encourage volunteers to conduct research to find the earliest images or references to some of the older trees.

Community members and visitors are invited to submit their suggestions for inclusion in this Register, with detailed descriptions and images where possible, to PO Box 702, NI 2899, or to the contact email on this website. Files larger than 3MB should be posted on a usb stick, or brought to a monthly meeting of the Society to be downloaded.

Public access to the register will be available when it is established.

We hope it may become a useful reference for many purposes over the years.

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