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REPORT:

**A): ARBORICULTURAL IMPACT
ASSESSMENT**

and

**B). TREE MANAGEMENT PLAN
(Trees to be retained and protected)**

**5 Torrington Avenue,
Strathfield NSW**

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1.0 PREFACE

Redgum Horticultural has prepared this report for on behalf of Sudarshan Paramsothy & Praseetha Shanmugalingan (*the applicant*), 5 Torrington Road, Strathfield NSW. Mr. Mike Daws (*the author*) attended 5 Torrington Avenue, Strathfield NSW (*the site*), on 11 December 2020 and the trees and their growing environment were examined. The site is subject to a Development Application and this report and any works recommended herein, that require approval from the consenting authority, forms part of that Development application. This report takes into consideration the trees within the site and within five metres of the common boundary affected by the development.

2.0 INTRODUCTION

The land is situated in the Strathfield City Council (*the Council*) Local Government Area (*LGA*) and the trees are protected under Part O - Tree Management of Strathfield Council's Comprehensive Development Control Plan 2005. The Council is the consenting authority for development works on the site. This report involves 12 trees (*the trees*), as indicated on Site Plan A - Survey of Subject Trees (Appendix C) and considers the removal of three (3) trees within the property and the retention of nine (9) trees within a neighbouring property and on the adjacent road reserve. The trees will be considered as 1 stand to encompass all trees within and immediately adjacent to the site, where appropriate, as marked on Appendix C, Survey of Subject Trees. **Tree Protection Zone (TPZ)** fences or works are marked on the Appendix F, Trees to be Retained and Tree Protection Zones.

The site is comprised of a residential block where the existing structure is to be demolished and are to be replaced with a proposed single residential development with basement parking. As part of the Landscape Plan where appropriate, the tree cover on the site will be enhanced by planting with advanced specimens/s of appropriate tree species for the space available above and below ground being soil volumes available and to prevent future conflict between trees and built structures.

The proposed building design and its configuration and infrastructure were arrived at following the undertaking of an arboricultural assessment of the trees on the site to determine their significance by Redgum Horticultural. The plans provided do not show the location of sewer, water, or electricity supply to the proposed development.

Setbacks for the new works and associated infrastructure should provide sufficient space to protect the existing growing environments both above and below ground for trees to be retained, and so that trees within the property and on adjoining properties will not be adversely affected. The proposed design has considered the spatial requirements for the trees to be retained based on the information available or provided at the time of compiling this report, and those areas to be protected will be discussed further. The Summary lists the general condition of trees and a summary of works in Table 1.0. In section 7.0 each individual tree is described in greater detail including protective or remedial works. Tree maintenance works including pruning, removal or transplantation are detailed in section 14.0.

3.0 SUMMARY

This report considers 12 trees, 3 trees within the site, 8 trees on a neighbouring property and 1 tree on the adjacent road reserve with Trees 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10 & 11 to be retained and protected and Trees 8, 9 & 12 are recommended to be removed. For Tree 1; the alignment of the entry paving will be a minor encroachment to this specimen. The section of the entry paving within the TPZ of this specimen is to be constructed using tree sensitive excavation (for piers) and construction techniques such as either permeable paving or pier and beam construction with a suspended slab to reduce any impact on its stability with piers to be dug by hand with non-motorised machinery to further assist in its protection. Tree 2; this specimen is subject to an encroachment but is sufficiently setback to not be impacted by the proposed development. Tree 3, 5, 7, 10 & 11; the alignment of the development is sufficiently setback to not affect these specimens. Tree 4, the alignment of the driveway will be a minor encroachment to this specimen. The section of the basement driveway within the TPZ of this specimen is to be constructed using tree sensitive excavation and construction techniques such as a vertical cut with shotcrete and contiguous pilings to reduce any impact on its stability. Tree 6; The alignment of the development will be a major encroachment to this specimen. A root mapping investigation is recommended to be undertaken along the basement footprint closest to the specimen to ascertain if the tree would remain viable. If the results are supportive of the proposed development in its current design, then the alignment of the basement will be a minor encroachment to this specimen. The section of the basement within the TPZ of this specimen is to be constructed using tree sensitive excavation and construction techniques such as a vertical cut with shotcrete and contiguous pilings to reduce any impact on its stability.

Where boundary fences within the tree protection zone of the retained specimens are to be installed, they are to be constructed using tree sensitive excavation and construction techniques such as post and rail construction with suspended panels to reduce any impact on the stability of retained trees, with posts to be dug by hand using non-motorised machinery to further assist in the protection of the trees.

If associated infrastructure (pipe works) is to be installed within the Tree Protection Zone of any retained specimen, they are to be installed by hand with non-motorised machinery. If structural roots are found within the trench, they are to be left intact and dug around retaining this specimen's structural integrity with works to be undertaken in consultation with the project arborist.

There will be no impact to Tree 3, 5, 7, 10 & 11 with a minor encroachment for Tree 1, 2 & 4 while Tree 6 will be subject to major encroachment which are to be retained and protected as per AS 4970 (2009) Section 3, 3.3.3 Major Encroachments from development works within >10% of the area of the Tree Protection Zone and as per discussion points in section 14 in part B of this report. Any excavations must be supervised and certified by the Project Arborist in accordance with AS4970 (2009).

4.0 AIMS

Part A: (AIA) Arboricultural Impact Assessment

4.1 Detail the condition of the trees or large shrubs on the site or on adjoining sites where such trees or large shrubs may be affected by the proposed works, by assessment of individual specimens or stands.

4.2 Provide as an outcome of the visual tree assessment (VTA), the following: a description of the trees or large shrubs, observations made, discussion of the effects the location of the proposed building works may have on the trees or large shrubs and make recommendations required for remedial or other works to the trees or large shrubs, if and where appropriate.

Part B: (TPP) Tree Protection Specification & Tree Protection Plan

4.3 Provide a detailed specification for remedial works or protection measures for their retention in a safe and healthy condition, or a condition not less than that at the time of initial inspection for this report, or in a reduced but sustainable condition due to the impact of the development but ameliorated through tree protection measures able to be applied, and will consider the location and condition of the trees or large shrubs in relation to the proposed building works, or recommend removal and replacement where appropriate.

4.4 Determine from the assessment the works or measures required to ameliorate the impact upon the trees or large shrubs to be retained, by the proposed building works or future impacts the trees or large shrubs may have upon the new building works if and where appropriate, or the benefits of removal and replacement if appropriate for the medium to long term safety and amenity of the site.

5.0 OBJECTIVES

Part A: Arboricultural Assessment Report

- 5.1 Assess the condition of the subject trees.
- 5.2 Determine impact of development on the subject trees.
- 5.3 Provide recommendations for retention or removal of the subject trees.

Part B: Tree Protection Plan

- 5.3 Provide recommendations for retention or removal of the subject trees or large shrubs.

6.0 METHODOLOGY (This Methodology where utilised is applied to both Parts A and B).

6.1 The method of assessment of tree/s applied is adapted from the principles of visual tree assessment undertaken from the ground, which considers:

- Tree health and subsequent stability, both long and short term
- Sustainable Retention Index Value (SRIV) Version 4 (IACA 2010) ©
- Hazard potential to people and property
- Amenity values
- Habitat values
- Significance

6.2 This assessment is undertaken using standard tree assessment criteria for each tree based on the values above and is implemented because of at least one comprehensive and detailed site inspection to undertake a visual tree assessment from the ground of each individual tree, or stand of trees, or a representative population sample. Any dimensions recorded as averages, or by approximation are noted accordingly.

- 6.3 This report adopts Australian Standard AS4970 2009 *Protection of trees on development sites* as a point of reference and guide for the recommended minimum setbacks (Table 2 – Part B) from the centre of a tree's trunk to development works and the distances may be increased or decreased by the author in accordance with AS4970 – Section 3.3.4 because of other factors providing mitigating circumstances or constraints as indicated by but not restricted to the following:
1. Condition of individual trees,
 2. Tolerance of individual species to disturbance,
 3. Geology e.g., physical barriers in soil, rock floaters, bedrock to surface
 4. Topography e.g., slope, drainage,
 5. Soil e.g., depth, drainage, fertility, structure,
 6. Microclimate e.g., due to landform, exposure to dominant wind,
 7. Engineering e.g., techniques to ameliorate impact on trees such as structural soil, gap graded fill, lateral boring,
 8. Construction e.g., techniques to ameliorate impact on trees such as pier and beam, bridge footings, suspended slabs,
 9. Root mapping,
 10. Physical limitations - existing modifications to the environment and any impact to tree/s by development e.g., property boundaries, built structures, houses, swimming pools, road reserves, utility services easements, previous impact by excavation, or construction in other directions, soil level changes by cutting or filling, existing landscaping works within proximity, modified drainage patterns,
 11. Extraneous factors e.g., potential future impacts from development on adjoining land when the tree is located on or near to a property boundary.
- 6.4 Trees in groups may be referred to as stands and a stand may exclusively contain specimens to be either retained or removed or a combination of both. A stand may be used to discuss all the trees on a given site to expedite their assessment or refer to trees growing proximate to one another or within a defined space. Stands may be comprised by mass boundary or screen plantings, to form a group of the same or a mixture of taxa. Each stand is considered as a single unit with each component tree assessed and expressed in tabular form or indicated by a given percentage as a population sample of each stand. Where it is appropriate for a stand of trees to be retained in full or part, the location and setback of Tree Protection Zone fences or works, are prescribed to provide for the preservation of the stand or selected component trees, in a condition not less than that at the time of initial inspection for its incorporation into the landscape works for the site, or in a reduced but sustainable condition due to the impact of the development but ameliorated through tree protection measures.
- 6.5 The meanings for terminology used herein are taken from the IACA Dictionary for Managing Trees in Urban Environments 2009. An extract from the IACA Dictionary forms a glossary of terms included as Appendix E.

Table 1.0 General condition and Schedule of works of trees or large shrubs. Trees described in greater detail in section 7.0.

Tree No.	Genus and species	Common name	Condition G = Good, F = Fair P = Poor, D = Dead W= Weed	Description of work to be done
1	<i>Tristaniopsis laurina</i>	Water Gum	G	Retain and protect within a Tree Protection Zone (TPZ) as per the Tree Protection Plan. – <i>Road reserve specimen</i>
2	<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>	Sweet Gum	G	Retain and protect within a Tree Protection Zone (TPZ) as per the Tree Protection Plan. – <i>Neighbouring property specimen</i>
3	<i>Celtis sinensis</i>	Chinese Celtis	G	Retain and protect within a Tree Protection Zone (TPZ) as per the Tree Protection Plan. – <i>Neighbouring property specimen</i>
4	<i>Lagerstroemia indica</i>	Crepe Myrtle	G	Retain and protect within a Tree Protection Zone (TPZ) as per the Tree Protection Plan. – <i>Neighbouring property specimen</i>
5	<i>Jacaranda mimosifolia</i>	Jacaranda	F	Retain and protect within a Tree Protection Zone (TPZ) as per the Tree Protection Plan. – <i>Neighbouring property specimen</i>
6	<i>Lagerstroemia indica</i>	Crepe Myrtle	G	Retain and protect within a Tree Protection Zone (TPZ) as per the Tree Protection Plan. – <i>Neighbouring property specimen</i>
7	<i>Pittosporum eugenioides</i>	Tarata	P	Retain and protect within a Tree Protection Zone (TPZ) as per the Tree Protection Plan. – <i>Neighbouring property specimen</i>
8	<i>Celtis sinensis</i>	Chinese Celtis	G	Remove and replace with new plantings as per Landscape Plan
9	<i>Celtis sinensis</i>	Chinese Celtis	G	Remove and replace with new plantings as per Landscape Plan
10	<i>Prunus spp.</i>	?Peach	G	Retain and protect within a Tree Protection Zone (TPZ) as per the Tree Protection Plan. – <i>Neighbouring property specimen</i>
11	<i>Syzygium spp.</i>	Lilly Pilly	G	Retain and protect within a Tree Protection Zone (TPZ) as per the Tree Protection Plan. – <i>Neighbouring property specimen</i>
12	<i>Morus alba</i>	Mulberry	G	Remove and replace with new plantings as per Landscape Plan

7.0 TREE ASSESSMENT – 7.1 - Assessment of a stand of Trees

Tree No.	Genus & Species Common Name	Age Y = Young M = Mature O = Overmature	Vigour GV = Good Vigour LV = Low Vigour	Condition G = Good F = Fair P = Poor D = Dead	1. SRIV Age, Vigour, Condition / Index Rating www.iaca.org.au / 2. Estimated Life Expectancy 1. Long 2. Medium 3. Short	Crown Form D = Dominant C = Co-dominant I = Intermediate S = Suppressed F = Forest E = Emergent	Ht. Approx. metres	Crown Spread approx. metres / Orientation N= north S= South E= East W=West				Crown Cover % / Crown Density % / D = dormant	DBH in mm @ 1.4m, or other, as indicated. / Trunk Orientation other than R = radial, e.g., N/S g = ground	Trunk Lean 1 = Upright-Slight 2 = Moderate 3 = Severe 4 = Critical. 5 = Acaulescent / Orientation / ST = Static P = Progressive Sc = Self-correcting	Roots Evident at Root Crown 1. = None 2. = Adventitious 3. = Basal Flare 4. = Buttresses 5. = First Order Roots (FOR), No. & distribution e.g., R = radial, or one each to N, S, E and W	Pests, Diseases & Damage No or Yes If Yes see comments	Branch Bark Included No or Yes or N/A	Form G = Good Form P = Poor Form	Significance scale 1=High 2=Medium 3=Low / Retention Value 1=High 2=Medium 3=Low 4=Remove
								5	3	4	5								
1	<i>Tristaniopsis laurina</i>	M	GV	G	MGVG - 10 1	D	7	5 N	3 S	4 E	5 W	90 90	460 DARB R	5/R ST	4	NO	NO	G	1 1
	Water Gum	Comments: – Road reserve specimen																	
2	<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>	M	GV	G	MGVG - 10 1	D	15	7 N	5 S	7 E	5 W	90 95	550 R	1/R ST	5-R	YES	YES	G	1 1
	Sweet Gum	Comments: Lopping on eastern canopy. Offset 4.5m west, 2.5m south. – Neighbouring property specimen																	
3	<i>Celtis sinensis</i>	M	GV	G	MGVG - 10 1	C	9	3 N	3 S	3 E	3 W	10 95	180 R	1/R ST	1	NO	NO	G	3 4
	Chinese Celtis	Comments: Diameter estimate. – Neighbouring property specimen																	
4	<i>Lagerstroemia indica</i>	M	GV	G	MGVG - 10 1	C	9	1 N	1 S	3 E	2 W	80 80	280 DARB R	5/R ST	1	NO	NO	G	3 3
	Crepe Myrtle	Comments: Diameter estimate. – Neighbouring property specimen																	
5	<i>Jacaranda mimosifolia</i>	M	GV	F	MGVF - 9 2	C	10	5 N	3 S	6 E	0 W	30 60	250 R	1/R ST	3	NO	NO	F	3 3
	Jacaranda	Comments: Somewhat suppressed by adjacent trees. – Neighbouring property specimen																	
6	<i>Lagerstroemia indica</i>	M	GV	G	MGVG - 10 1	C	10	4 N	4 S	5 E	2 W	70 80	400 DARB R	5/R ST	1	NO	NO	G	3 3
	Crepe Myrtle	Comments: Diameter estimate. – Neighbouring property specimen																	
7	<i>Pittosporum eugenioides</i>	M	GV	P	MGVP - 6 1	S	6	1 N	2 S	2 E	0 W	50 70	140 R	5/R ST	3	NO	NO	P	3 3
	Tarata	Comments: Diameter estimate. – Neighbouring property specimen																	
8	<i>Celtis sinensis</i>	M	GV	G	MGVG - 10 1	C	9	3 N	2 S	3 E	2 W	90 95	240 R	1/R ST	5 1-S	NO	NO	G	3 4
	Chinese Celtis	Comments:																	
9	<i>Celtis sinensis</i>	M	GV	G	MGVG - 10 1	D	12	6 N	7 S	7 E	6 W	80 90	400 R	2/R ST	5-R	NO	NO	G	2 3
	Chinese Celtis	Comments:																	
10	<i>Prunus spp.</i>	M	GV	G	MGVG - 10 1	C	6	3 N	4 S	4 E	3 W	70 90	300 DARB R	1/R ST	4	NO	NO	G	3 3
	?Peach	Comments: 1 metre offset, DBH estimated. – Neighbouring property specimen																	

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								2	2	2	2								
11	<i>Syzygium spp.</i>	M	GV	G	MGVG - 10 1	C	7	2 N	2 S	2 E	2 W	90 95	200 R	1/R ST	3	NO	YES	G	3 3
	Lilly Pilly	Comments: 1 metre offset, DBH estimated. – Neighbouring property specimen																	
12	<i>Morus alba</i>	M	GV	G	MGVG - 10 1	S	5	3 N	7 S	2 E	6 W	60 90	140 R	2/R P	1	NO	NO	P	3 3
	Mulberry	Comments: Growing within root plate of tree 9																	

Observations

- 7.2 The site has a stand of mature, planted, or self-sown endemic and non-locally indigenous or exotic evergreen and deciduous taxa within the current proposal. The proposed design requires the retention and protection of nine (9) specimens within a neighbouring property and on the road reserve as they are considered significant for their contribution as landscape elements to the property and the retention of these trees allows them as components of the current curtilage to be transferred to the new proposal, maintaining elements of a continuous landscape, providing a more harmonious integration and transition of the use of the land.

Tree Significance

- 7.3 Significant Trees as established by the Rating System for Tree Significance – IACA Stars (2010), Appendix A.

Significance Scale

- 1 – High
2 – Medium
3 – Low

Significance Scale	1	2	3
Redgum Tree No.	1, 2	9	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12

Tree Retention Value

- 7.4 See Appendix A for Retention Value Matrix.

Retention Value

- High** – Priority for Retention
Medium – Consider for Retention
Low – Consider for Removal
Remove - Priority for Removal

* Trees located within the neighbouring property and should be retained and protected. Consent required from owner if removal required.

Retention Value	High Priority for Retention	Medium Consider for Retention	Low Consider for Removal	Remove Priority for Removal
Redgum Tree No.	1, 2,		4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12	3, 8

- 7.5 AS4970 (2009) section 3, 3.3.3 requires the Project Arborist to demonstrate that where a retained tree is subject to a major encroachment (>10% of area of TPZ) it can be protected to remain viable.

- 7.6 Tree 1 *Tristaniaopsis laurina* – Water Gum, this road reserve specimen was found in good condition & vigour at time of assessment.

- Development Impacts:** AS4970 (2009) section 3 requires a Tree Protection Zone (TPZ) setback of 5.5 metres (m) radial from centre of trunk (COT), the setback for the proposed paving adjacent to this specimen is estimated at 2.2m from COT, which is an encroachment estimated at 9.6% by the proposed development.

- 7.7 Tree 2 *Liquidambar styraciflua* – Sweet Gum, this neighbouring specimen was found in good condition & vigour at time of assessment.

- Development Impacts:** AS4970 (2009) section 3 requires a TPZ setback of 6.6 m radial from COT, the setback for the proposed driveway adjacent to this specimen is estimated at 6.3m from COT, which is an encroachment estimated at 0.6% by the proposed driveway. This specimen is subject to an encroachment but is sufficiently setback to not be impacted by the proposed development.

- 7.8 Tree 3, 5 & 7 *Celtis sinensis* – Chinese Celtis, *Jacaranda mimosifolia* – Jacaranda & *Pittosporum eugenioides* – Tarata; these neighbouring specimens were found in good, fair & poor condition respectively & good vigour at time of assessment.

- Development Impacts:** AS4970 (2009) section 3 requires a TPZ setback of 2.1m for T3, 3.0m for T5 & 2.3m for T7 radial from COT, the setback for the proposed driveway adjacent to these specimens is estimated at 2.4m, 3.0 & 2.5m from COT, which is not an encroachment by the proposed development. The specimens are sufficiently setback from the development to not be affected.

- 7.9 Tree 4 *Lagerstroemia indica* – Lilly Pilly, this neighbouring specimen was found in good condition & vigour at time of assessment.

- Development Impacts:** AS4970 (2009) section 3 requires a TPZ setback of 3.4 m radial from COT, the setback for the proposed basement driveway adjacent to this specimen is estimated at 2.4m from COT, which is an encroachment estimated at 9.3% by the proposed driveway.

- 7.10 Tree 6 *Lagerstroemia indica* – Crepe Myrtle, this specimen was found in good condition & vigour at time of assessment.
- Development Impacts: AS4970 (2009) section 3 requires a TPZ setback of 4.8m radial from COT, the setback for the proposed basement adjacent to this specimen is estimated at 2.7m from COT, which is an encroachment estimated at 15.1% by the proposed development.
- 7.11 Tree 10 & 11 *Prunus spp.* – ?Peach & *Syzygium spp.* – Lilly Pilly, these neighbouring specimens were found in good condition & vigour at time of assessment.
- Development Impacts: AS4970 (2009) section 3 requires a TPZ setback of 3.6m for T10 & 2.4m for T11 radial from COT, the setback for the proposed development adjacent to these specimens is estimated at >5.0m from COT, which is not an encroachment by the proposed development. The specimens are sufficiently setback from the development to not be affected.

Demolition and Tree Removal/s

- 7.12 Trees 8, 9 & 12 are to be removed as they are not worthy of retention or located within the site in a position where they cannot be retained due to the proposed building footprints and associated infrastructure such as excavation of the basement where encroachment will have an adverse impact on its roots and crown for viability and stability.
- Tree 8: *Celtis sinensis*- Chinese Celtis; located within the property on the eastern boundary and positioned where the structural root zone is within the proposed basement. This possibly self-sown specimen is recommended to be removed and replaced as part of the proposed development.
 - Tree 9 & 12: *Celtis sinensis*- Chinese Celtis & *Morus alba* - Mulberry; these possibly self-sown specimens are located within the rear of the property and positioned where the structural root zones are within the proposed building envelope. These specimens are recommended to be removed and replaced as part of the landscape works for the proposed development.
- 7.13 Removal of a tree within 6 m of a tree to be retained should be undertaken only by cutting down such a tree without damaging the trees to be retained, and by grinding out its stump. Where possible the structural roots of 20 mm diameter or greater of the tree to be cut down should not be removed, to minimise soil disturbance and to reduce the impact on the roots of any tree to be retained nearby. Where structural roots are to be removed, this should be undertaken manually using non-motorised hand tools after the stump has been ground out when such roots are often easier to locate from the site of the stump from which they have been severed.

Specific - Tree works – Post Construction.

- 7.14 Trees to be removed are to be replaced with advanced specimens being mindful of the space limitations of the new use of the site. The advanced trees should be situated in areas along the boundaries of the site. The planting in these locations will provide the maximum benefit to the surrounding properties by screening views to and from the site and the plantings included in the proposed landscape plan. The replacement trees will be situated in positions where they may grow to maturity unhindered and will not conflict with built structures or utility services and in greater numbers than the trees removed should provide a net increase in the local amenity.

8.0 CONCLUSION

Three (3) trees are nominated for removal and replacement with species in accordance with the associated Landscape documentation for the development. The nine (9) trees to be preserved will be retained and protected through the implementation of adequate measures for their integration into the development by the application of appropriate technology as detailed in this report. Where appropriate, the Landscape Plan will include planting with new trees including street tree/s.

The recommendations made in this report are subject to approval by the consent authority.

9.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 Trees 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10 & 11 are to be retained in situ within the site and are to be protected as detailed in 7.5 – 7.11 and Section 14 of part B of this report. Tree protection fences, or works, to be situated in accordance with *Site Plan B - Trees to be Retained and Tree Protection Zones* (Appendix F). See *Tree Protection Plan for additional protection measures for the management of retained specimens.*
- 9.2 Trees 8, 9 & 12 are to be removed which is to be undertaken in accordance with 7.12 - 7.13 and Section 13 of Part B of this report.
- 9.3 Each of the replacement are to be a vigorous specimen with a straight trunk, gradually tapering and continuous, crown excurrent, symmetrical, with roots established but not pot bound in a volume container or approved similar and be maintained by an appropriately qualified and experienced landscape contractor for up to one (1) year after planting, or as appropriate.



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Appendix A

IACA Significance of a Tree, Assessment Rating System (STARS) © (IACA 2010) ©

In the development of this document IACA acknowledges the contribution and original concept of the Footprint Green Tree Significance & Retention Value Matrix, developed by Footprint Green Pty Ltd in June 2001.

The landscape significance of a tree is an essential criterion to establish the importance that a particular tree may have on a site. However, rating the significance of a tree becomes subjective and difficult to ascertain in a consistent and repetitive fashion due to assessor bias. It is therefore necessary to have a rating system utilising structured qualitative criteria to assist in determining the retention value for a tree. To assist this process all definitions for terms used in the *Tree Significance - Assessment Criteria* and *Tree Retention Value - Priority Matrix*, are taken from the IACA Dictionary for Managing Trees in Urban Environments 2009.

This rating system will assist in the planning processes for proposed works, above and below ground where trees are to be retained on or adjacent a development site. The system uses a scale of *High*, *Medium*, and *Low* significance in the landscape. Once the landscape significance of an individual tree has been defined, the retention value can be determined.

Tree Significance - Assessment Criteria



1. High Significance in landscape

- The tree is in good condition and good vigour;
- The tree has a form typical for the species;
- The tree is a remnant or is a planted locally indigenous specimen and/or is rare or uncommon in the local area or of botanical interest or of substantial age;
- The tree is listed as a Heritage Item, Threatened Species or part of an Endangered Ecological Community or listed on Councils Significant Tree Register;
- The tree is visually prominent and visible from a considerable distance when viewed from most directions within the landscape due to its size and scale and makes a positive contribution to the local amenity;
- The tree supports social and cultural sentiments or spiritual associations, reflected by the broader population or community group, or has commemorative values.
- The tree's growth is unrestricted by above and below ground influences, supporting its ability to reach dimensions typical for the taxa *in situ* - tree is appropriate to the site conditions.

2. Medium Significance in landscape

- The tree is in fair-good condition and good or low vigour;
- The tree has form typical or atypical of the species;
- The tree is a planted locally indigenous or a common species with its taxa commonly planted in the local area.
- The tree is visible from surrounding properties, although not visually prominent as partially obstructed by other vegetation or buildings when viewed from the street,
- The tree provides a fair contribution to the visual character and amenity of the local area,
- The tree's growth is moderately restricted by above or below ground influences, reducing its ability to reach dimensions typical for the taxa *in situ*.

3. Low Significance in landscape

- The tree is in fair-poor condition and good or low vigour;
- The tree has form atypical of the species;
- The tree is not visible or is partly visible from surrounding properties as obstructed by other vegetation or buildings,
- The tree provides a minor contribution or has a negative impact on the visual character and amenity of the local area,
- The tree is a young specimen which may or may not have reached dimension to be protected by local Tree Preservation orders or similar protection mechanisms and can easily be replaced with a suitable specimen,
- The tree's growth is severely restricted by above or below ground influences, unlikely to reach dimensions typical for the taxa *in situ* - tree is inappropriate to the site conditions,
- The tree is listed as exempt under the provisions of the local Council Tree Preservation Order or similar protection mechanisms,
- The tree has a wound or defect that has potential to become structurally unsound.

Environmental Pest / Noxious Weed Species

- The tree is an Environmental Pest Species due to its invasiveness or poisonous/ allergenic properties,
- The tree is a declared noxious weed by legislation.

Hazardous/Irreversible Decline

- The tree is structurally unsound and/or unstable and is considered potentially dangerous,
- The tree is dead, or is in irreversible decline, or has the potential to fail or collapse in full or part in the immediate to short term.

The tree is to have a minimum of three (3) criteria in a category to be classified in that group.

Note: The assessment criteria are for individual trees only, however, can be applied to a monocultural stand in its entirety e.g. hedge.

Table 1.0 Tree Retention Value - Priority Matrix.

		Significance				
		1. High	2. Medium	3. Low		
		Significance in Landscape	Significance in Landscape	Significance in Landscape	Environmental Pest / Noxious Weed Species	Hazardous / Irreversible Decline
Estimated Life Expectancy	1. Long >40 years					
	2. Medium 15-40 Years					
	3. Short <1-15 Years					
	Dead					



Legend for Matrix Assessment

	Priority for Retention (High) - These trees are considered important for retention and should be retained and protected. Design modification or re-location of building/s should be considered to accommodate the setbacks as prescribed by the Australian Standard AS4970 <i>Protection of trees on development sites</i> . Tree sensitive construction measures must be implemented e.g. pier and beam etc if works are to proceed within the Tree Protection Zone.
	Consider for Retention (Medium) - These trees may be retained and protected. These are considered less critical; however their retention should remain priority with removal considered only if adversely affecting the proposed building/works and all other alternatives have been considered and exhausted.
	Consider for Removal (Low) - These trees are not considered important for retention, nor require special works or design modification to be implemented for their retention.
	Priority for Removal - These trees are considered hazardous, or in irreversible decline, or weeds and should be removed irrespective of development.

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Appendix B

Matrix - Sustainable Retention Index Value (S.R.I.V.) ©

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The matrix is to be used with the value classes defined in the Glossary for Age / Vigour / Condition.
An index value is given to each category where ten (10) is the highest value.

Age Class	Vigour Class and Condition Class					
	Good Vigour & Good Condition (GVG)	Good Vigour & Fair Condition (GVF)	Good Vigour & Poor Condition (GVP)	Low Vigour & Good Condition (LVG)	Low Vigour & Fair Condition (LVF)	Low Vigour & Poor Condition (LVP)
	Able to be retained if sufficient space available above and below ground for future growth. No remedial work or improvement to growing environment required. May be subject to high vigour. Retention potential - Medium – Long Term.	Able to be retained if sufficient space available above and below ground for future growth. Remedial work may be required or improvement to growing environment may assist. Retention potential - Medium Term. Potential for longer with remediation or favourable environmental conditions.	Able to be retained if sufficient space available above and below ground for future growth. Remedial work unlikely to assist condition, improvement to growing environment may assist. Retention potential - Short Term. Potential for longer with remediation or favourable environmental conditions.	May be able to be retained if sufficient space available above and below ground for future growth. No remedial work required, but improvement to growing environment may assist vigour. Retention potential - Short Term. Potential for longer with remediation or favourable environmental conditions.	May be able to be retained if sufficient space available above and below ground for future growth. Remedial work or improvement to growing environment may assist condition and vigour. Retention potential - Short Term. Potential for longer with remediation or favourable environmental conditions.	Unlikely to be able to be retained if sufficient space available above and below ground for future growth. Remedial work or improvement to growing environment unlikely to assist condition or vigour. Retention potential - Likely to be removed immediately or retained for Short Term. Potential for longer with remediation or favourable environmental conditions.
Young (Y)	YGVG - 9 Index Value 9 Retention potential - Long Term. Likely to provide minimal contribution to local amenity if height <5 m. High potential for future growth and adaptability. Retain, move or replace.	YGVF - 8 Index Value 8 Retention potential - Short – Medium Term. Potential for longer with improved growing conditions. Likely to provide minimal contribution to local amenity if height <5 m. Medium-high potential for future growth and adaptability. Retain, move or replace.	YGVP - 5 Index Value 5 Retention potential - Short Term. Potential for longer with improved growing conditions. Likely to provide minimal contribution to local amenity if height <5 m. Low-medium potential for future growth and adaptability. Retain, move or replace.	YLVG - 4 Index Value 4 Retention potential - Short Term. Potential for longer with improved growing conditions. Likely to provide minimal contribution to local amenity if height <5 m. Medium potential for future growth and adaptability. Retain, move or replace.	YLVF - 3 Index Value 3 Retention potential - Short Term. Potential for longer with improved growing conditions. Likely to provide minimal contribution to local amenity if height <5m. Low-medium potential for future growth and adaptability. Retain, move or replace.	YLVP - 1 Index Value 1 Retention potential - Likely to be removed immediately or retained for Short Term. Likely to provide minimal contribution to local amenity if height <5 m. Low potential for future growth and adaptability.
Mature (M)	MGVG - 10 Index Value 10 Retention potential - Medium - Long Term.	MGVF - 9 Index Value 9 Retention potential - Medium Term. Potential for longer with improved growing conditions.	MGVP - 6 Index Value 6 Retention potential - Short Term. Potential for longer with improved growing conditions.	MLVG - 5 Index Value 5 Retention potential - Short Term. Potential for longer with improved growing conditions.	MLVF - 4 Index Value 4 Retention potential - Short Term. Potential for longer with improved growing conditions.	MLVP - 2 Index Value 2 Retention potential - Likely to be removed immediately or retained for Short Term.
Over-mature (O)	OGVG - 6 Index Value 6 Retention potential - Medium - Long Term.	OGVF - 5 Index Value 5 Retention potential - Medium Term.	OGVP - 4 Index Value 4 Retention potential - Short Term.	OLVG - 3 Index Value 3 Retention potential - Short Term. Potential for longer with improved growing conditions.	OLVF - 2 Index Value 2 Retention potential - Short Term.	OLVP - 0 Index Value 0 Retention potential - Likely to be removed immediately or retained for Short Term.



Appendix C

Survey of Subject Tree/s

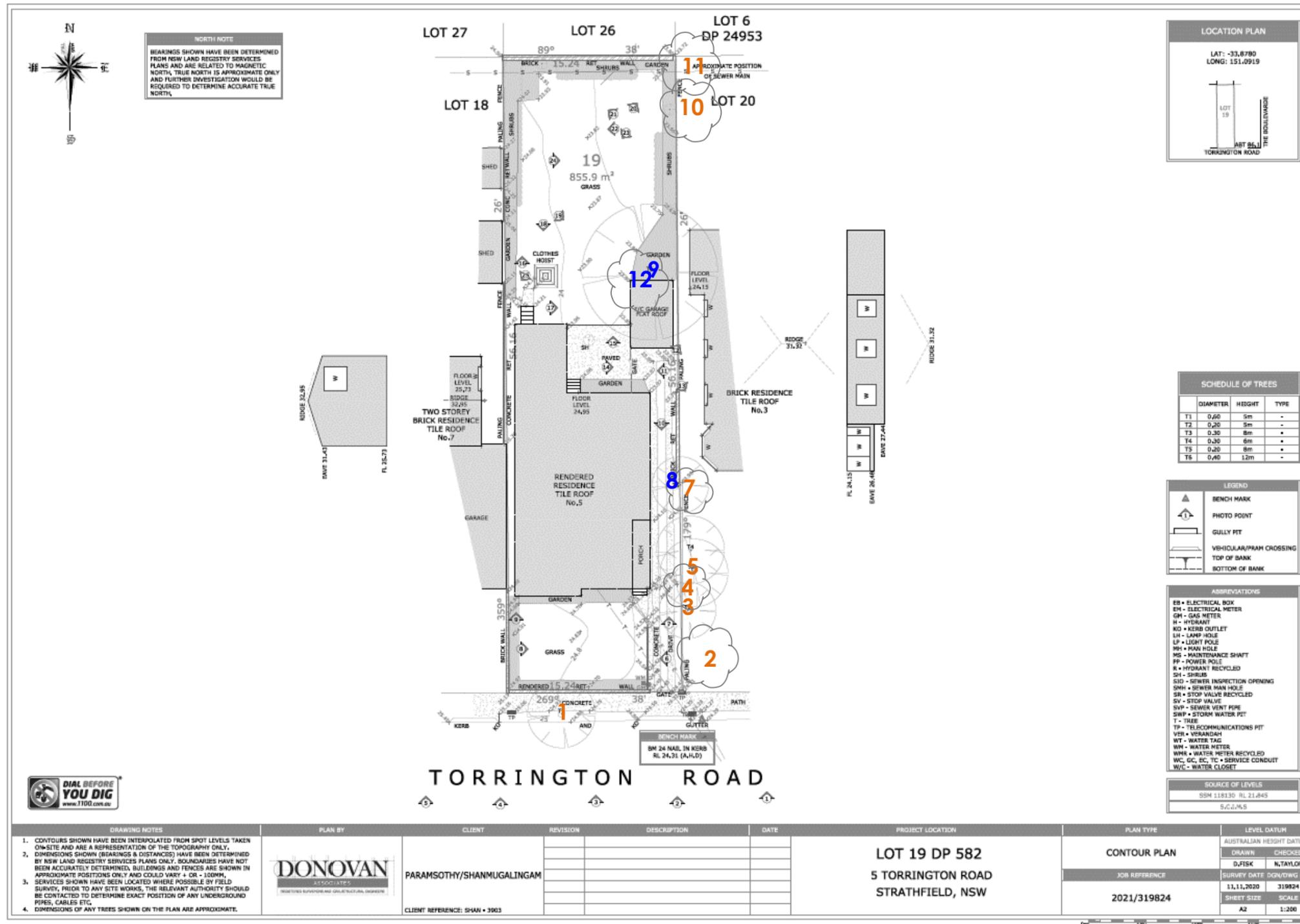
Trees the subject of this report are marked on the plans in the following appendices and are numbered as listed below.

Redgum Tree No.	Genus and species	Common name	Recommendation
1	<i>Tristaniopsis laurina</i>	Water Gum	Retain and protect – <i>Street tree</i>
2	<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>	Sweet Gum	Retain and protect – <i>Neighbouring tree</i>
3	<i>Celtis sinensis</i>	Chinese Celtis	Retain and protect – <i>Neighbouring tree</i>
4	<i>Lagerstroemia indica</i>	Crepe Myrtle	Retain and protect – <i>Neighbouring tree</i>
5	<i>Jacaranda mimosifolia</i>	Jacaranda	Retain and protect – <i>Neighbouring tree</i>
6	<i>Lagerstroemia indica</i>	Crepe Myrtle	Retain and protect – <i>Neighbouring tree</i>
7	<i>Pittosporum eugenioides</i>	Tarata	Retain and protect – <i>Neighbouring tree</i>
8	<i>Celtis sinensis</i>	Chinese Celtis	Remove and replace
9	<i>Celtis sinensis</i>	Chinese Celtis	Remove and replace
10	<i>Prunus spp.</i>	?Peach	Retain and protect – <i>Neighbouring tree</i>
11	<i>Syzygium spp.</i>	Lilly Pilly	Retain and protect – <i>Neighbouring tree</i>
12	<i>Morus alba</i>	Mulberry	Remove and replace

Appendix C

Site Plan A - Survey of Subject Trees

This report has relied upon the following plan/s and documents which have been reproduced from electronic transmission and may no longer be to original scale.



Redgum Legend

- Trees numbered in orange are recommended for retention.
- Trees numbered in blue are recommended for removal.



Part B:
TREE PROTECTION PLAN
(Trees to be retained and protected)

for

5 Torrington Road,
Strathfield NSW

Prepared 20 March 2021
Our Ref: 6710

10.0 PREFACE

Retention of Significant Tree/s within the continual landscape of a development is recommended to minimise the impact of the built landscape within the overall local amenity. This section of the report highlights the required specifications within the Tree Protection Plan (Tree Management Plan) and is to be read in conjunction with Part A: Arboricultural Impact Assessment of this report.

11.0 INTRODUCTION

- 11.1 This section of the report provides the specification/s for all tree/s to be retained (on subject site) as detailed in Part A – Arboricultural Impact Assessment.
- 11.2 The trees to be retained are indicated on the Site Plan - Survey of Subject Trees to be retained & Tree Protection Zones. The minimum setback for protective fencing from development works per tree to be retained is summarised in Table 1.0. Tree Protection Specifications including - Site maintenance, Site Arboricultural service, Periodic inspections, Mulching, Irrigation, Weed control / suppression, Provision of services.
- 11.3 Tree maintenance works including pruning, removal or transplantation are detailed in section 2.0. Works for Tree Protection on Construction Sites are detailed in section 3.0 and Tree Protection Zones a Standard Procedure as detailed in section 13.0 to be applied, or further detailed, or additional or alternative works added where appropriate.

12.0 METHODOLOGY

This Methodology where utilised is applied to both Part A – Arboricultural Impact Assessment and B – Tree Protection Plan.

- 12.1 The method of assessment of tree/s applied is adapted from the principles of visual tree assessment undertaken from the ground, which considers:
- Tree health and subsequent stability, both long and short term
 - Sustainable Retention Index Value (SRIV) Version 4 (IACA 2010) ©
 - Hazard potential to people and property
 - Amenity values
 - Habitat values
 - Significance
- 12.2 This assessment is undertaken using standard tree assessment criteria for each tree based on the values above and is implemented as a result of at least one comprehensive and detailed site inspection to undertake a visual tree assessment from the ground of each individual tree, or stand of trees, or a representative population sample. Any dimensions recorded as averages, or by approximation are noted accordingly.

13.0 PRUNING STANDARDS

- 13.1 Any pruning recommended in this report is to be to the Australian Standard® AS4373 *Pruning of amenity trees*, and conducted in accordance with the NSW Work Cover Authority Code of Practice, Tree Work, 2007.
- 13.2 All pruning or removal works are to be in accordance with the appropriate Tree Management Policy where applicable, or Tree Management Order (TMO), or Tree Preservation Order (TPO).
- 13.3 Tree maintenance work is specialised and in order to be undertaken safely to ensure the works carried out are not detrimental to the survival of a tree being retained, and to assist in the safe removal of any tree, should be undertaken by a qualified arboriculturist with appropriate competencies recognised within the Australian Qualification Framework, with a minimum of 5 years of continual experience within the industry of operational amenity arboriculture, and covered by appropriate and current types of insurance to undertake such works.

14.0 SUMMARY: Tree Management Plan

This Tree Protection Plan recommends; Trees 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10 & 11 are located within a neighbouring property and on the road reserve and are to be retained and protected for the duration of development consent. For Tree 1; the alignment of the entry paving will be a minor encroachment to this specimen. The section of the entry paving within the TPZ of this specimen is to be constructed using tree sensitive excavation (for piers) and construction techniques such as either permeable paving or pier and beam construction with a suspended slab to reduce any impact on its stability with piers to be dug by hand with non-motorised machinery to further assist in its protection. Tree 2; this specimen is subject to an encroachment but is sufficiently setback to not be impacted by the proposed development. Tree 3, 5, 7, 10 & 11; the alignment of the development is sufficiently setback to not affect these specimens. Tree 4, the alignment of the driveway will be a minor encroachment to this specimen. The section of the basement driveway within the TPZ of this specimen is to be constructed using tree sensitive excavation and construction techniques such as a vertical cut with shotcrete and contiguous pilings to reduce any impact on its stability. Tree 6; **The alignment of the development will be a major encroachment to this specimen. A root mapping investigation is recommended to be undertaken along the basement footprint closest to the specimen to ascertain if the tree would remain viable.** If the results are supportive of the proposed development in its current design, then the alignment of the basement will be a minor encroachment to this specimen. The section of the basement within the TPZ of this specimen is to be constructed using tree sensitive excavation and construction techniques such as a vertical cut with shotcrete and contiguous pilings to reduce any impact on its stability.

Discussion

- 14.1 AS4970 (2009) section 3, 3.3.3 requires the Project Arborist to demonstrate that where a retained tree is subject to a major encroachment (>10% of area of TPZ) it can be protected to remain viable
- 14.2 Tree 1 *Tristaniaopsis laurina* – Water Gum, this road reserve specimen was found in good condition & vigour at time of assessment.
- Trees viability to development; this specimen is impacted by the proposed development. The project arborist is to certify the installation of protection measures as per D/A conditions prior to commencement of works and to be monitored throughout the project at approx. 3 mthly intervals depending on the length of the development. The specimen should remain viable beyond completion of development provided recommended installation & protection measures are adhered to.
 - Development Impacts: AS4970 (2009) section 3 requires a Tree Protection Zone (TPZ) setback of 5.5 metres (m) radial from centre of trunk (COT), the setback for the proposed paving adjacent to this specimen is estimated at 2.2m from COT, which is an encroachment estimated at 9.6% by the proposed development.
- The alignment of the entry paving will be a minor encroachment to this specimen. The section of the entry paving within the TPZ of this specimen is to be constructed using tree sensitive excavation (for piers) and construction techniques such as either permeable paving or pier and beam construction with a suspended slab to reduce any impact on its stability with piers to be dug by hand with non-motorised machinery to further assist in its protection.*
- 14.3 Tree 2 *Liquidambar styraciflua* – Sweet Gum, this neighbouring specimen was found in good condition & vigour at time of assessment.
- Trees viability to development; this specimen is subject to an encroachment but is sufficiently setback to not be impacted by the proposed development. The project arborist is to certify the installation of protection measures as per D/A conditions prior to commencement of works and to be monitored throughout the project at approx. 3 mthly intervals depending on the length of the development. The specimen should remain viable beyond completion of development provided recommended installation & protection measures are adhered to.
 - Development Impacts: AS4970 (2009) section 3 requires a TPZ setback of 6.6 m radial from COT, the setback for the proposed driveway adjacent to this specimen is estimated at 6.3m from COT, which is an encroachment estimated at 0.6% by the proposed driveway. This specimen is subject to an encroachment but is sufficiently setback to not be impacted by the proposed development.
- 14.4 Tree 3, 5 & 7 *Celtis sinensis* – Chinese Celtis, *Jacaranda mimosifolia* – Jacaranda & *Pittosporum eugenioides* – Tarata; these neighbouring specimens were found in good, fair & poor condition respectively & good vigour at time of assessment.

- Trees viability to development: these specimens are not impacted by the proposed development. The project arborist is to certify the installation of protection measures as per D/A conditions prior to commencement of works and to be monitored throughout the project at approx. 3 mthly intervals depending on the length of the development. The specimens should remain viable beyond completion of development provided recommended installation & protection measures are adhered to.
- Development Impacts: AS4970 (2009) section 3 requires a TPZ setback of 2.1m for T3, 3.0m for T5 & 2.3m for T7 radial from COT, the setback for the proposed driveway adjacent to these specimens is estimated at 2.4m, 3.0 & 2.5m from COT, which is not an encroachment by the proposed development. The specimens are sufficiently setback from the development to not be affected.

14.5 Tree 4 Lagerstroemia indica – Lilly Pilly, this neighbouring specimen was found in good condition & vigour at time of assessment.

- Trees viability to development: this specimen is subject to an encroachment by the proposed development. The project arborist is to certify the installation of protection measures as per D/A conditions prior to commencement of works and to be monitored throughout the project at approx. 3 mthly intervals depending on the length of the development. The specimen should remain viable beyond completion of development provided recommended installation & protection measures are adhered to.
- Development Impacts: AS4970 (2009) section 3 requires a TPZ setback of 3.4 m radial from COT, the setback for the proposed basement driveway adjacent to this specimen is estimated at 2.4m from COT, which is an encroachment estimated at 9.3% by the proposed driveway.

The alignment of the driveway will be a minor encroachment to this specimen. The section of the basement driveway within the TPZ of this specimen is to be constructed using tree sensitive excavation and construction techniques such as a vertical cut with shotcrete and contiguous pilings to reduce any impact on its stability.

14.6 Tree 6 Lagerstroemia indica – Crepe Myrtle, this specimen was found in good condition & vigour at time of assessment.

- Trees viability to development: this specimen is impacted by the proposed development. The project arborist is to certify the installation of protection measures as per D/A conditions prior to commencement of works and to be monitored throughout the project at approx. 3 mthly intervals depending on the length of the development. The specimen should remain viable beyond completion of development provided recommended installation & protection measures are adhered to.
- Development Impacts: AS4970 (2009) section 3 requires a TPZ setback of 4.8m radial from COT, the setback for the proposed basement adjacent to this specimen is estimated at 2.7m from COT, which is an encroachment estimated at 15.1% by the proposed development.

The alignment of the development will be a major encroachment to this specimen. A root mapping investigation is recommended to be undertaken along the basement footprint closest to the specimen to ascertain if the tree would remain viable. If the results are supportive of the proposed development in its current design, then the alignment of the basement will be a minor encroachment to this specimen. The section of the basement within the TPZ of this specimen is to be constructed using tree sensitive excavation and construction techniques such as a vertical cut with shotcrete and contiguous pilings to reduce any impact on its stability.

14.7 Tree 10 & 11 Prunus spp. – ?Peach & Syzygium spp. – Lilly Pilly, these neighbouring specimens were found in good condition & vigour at time of assessment.

- Trees viability to development: these specimens are not impacted by the proposed development. The project arborist is to certify the installation of protection measures as per D/A conditions prior to commencement of works and to be monitored throughout the project at approx. 3 mthly intervals depending on the length of the development. The specimens should remain viable beyond completion of development provided recommended installation & protection measures are adhered to.
- Development Impacts: AS4970 (2009) section 3 requires a TPZ setback of 3.6m for T10 & 2.4m for T11 radial from COT, the setback for the proposed development adjacent to these specimens is estimated at >5.0m from COT, which is not an encroachment by the proposed development. The specimens are sufficiently setback from the development to not be affected.

Where boundary fences within the tree protection zone of the retained specimens are to be installed, they are to be constructed using tree sensitive excavation and construction techniques such as post and rail construction with suspended panels to reduce any impact on the stability of retained trees, with posts to be dug by hand using non-motorised machinery to further assist in the protection of the trees.

If associated infrastructure (pipe works) are to be installed within the Tree Protection Zone of any retained specimen, they are to be installed by hand with non-motorised machinery. If structural roots are found within the trench, they are to be left intact and dug around retaining this specimen's structural integrity with works to be undertaken in consultation with the project arborist.

There will be no impact to Tree 3, 5, 7, 10 & 11 with a minor encroachment for Tree 1, 2 & 4 while Tree 6 will be subject to major encroachment which are to be retained and protected as per AS 4970 (2009) Section 3, 3.3.3 Major Encroachments from development works within >10% of the area of the Tree Protection Zone and as per discussion points in section 14 in part B of this report. Any excavations must be supervised and certified by the Project Arborist in accordance with AS4970 (2009).

General – Tree Protection works – Prior to Demolition.

- 14.8 Milestone – Prior to demolition works, a site arborist shall be appointed to supervise all tree protection procedures detailed in this specification. The Site Arborist shall have a minimum level 5 AQF qualification in Arboriculture. Milestones are to be adhered to throughout the duration of this development and all relevant documentation is to be submitted to the local authority.
- 14.9 The Tree Protection Zone for each tree/s is to be incorporated into the construction works for the site and the protection fencing or works to be situated as indicated on the Appendix F – Tree Protection Plan. The setbacks from building works on the side closest to each tree are to be carried out as indicated in Table 2.0, and Tree Protection Zones be constructed as described here and detailed in Appendix D. The trees will be sustained within the constraints of the modifications to the site by the proposed development works.
- 14.10 Trees 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10 & 11 are to be retained and protected and incorporated into the landscape works for the site, and Tree Protection Zone fencing to be marked accordingly on the Landscape Plan, where appropriate and installed prior to any demolition or construction.
- 14.11 Ground protection - If temporary access for machinery is required within the TPZ ground protection measures will be required. The purpose of ground protection is to prevent root damage and soil compaction within the TPZ. Measures may include a permeable membrane such as geotextile fabric beneath a layer of mulch or crushed rock below rumble boards. These measures may be applied to root zones beyond the TPZ.
- 14.12 Where applicable, any excavation for the establishment of a batter slope or benching for reasons of safety and to comply with Work Cover Authority safety regulations should be restricted as far as is safely possible near to trees to be retained to prevent root damage. If the excavations cannot be undertaken near to vertical the stability of these trees and their long-term viability may be compromised and their retention in a safe and healthy condition jeopardized and they may need to be revised and possibly removed.

Specific - Tree Protection Works - Prior to Demolition and Tree Removal

- 14.13 All other trees/shrubs; prior to demolition and tree removal works these tree/s are to be placed within a Tree Protection Zone with protective fencing and maintained and retained until the completion of all building works. Protective fencing is to be installed as shown in Appendix F - Tree Protection Plan.
- The Protective fencing where required may delineate the **Tree Protection Zone (TPZ)** and should be situated as determined by the project arborist in accordance with AS4970 Protection of trees on development sites, Section 4, 4.3. "Fencing should be erected before any machinery or materials are brought onto the site and before the commencement of works including demolition. Once erected, protective fencing must not be removed or altered without approval by the project arborist. The TPZ must be secured to restrict access. AS4687 Temporary fencing and hoardings specifies applicable fencing requirements. Shade cloth or similar should be attached to reduce the transport of dust, other particulate matter and liquids into the protected area. Fence posts and supports should have a diameter greater than 20 mm and be located clear of roots. Existing perimeter fencing and other structures may be suitable as part of the protective fencing" or similar.
 - Tree Protection signage is to be attached to each **TPZ** and displayed from within the development site in accordance with AS4970 2009 Protection of trees on development sites

- *The area of the Tree Protection Zone to be mulched to a depth of 100 mm with organic material being 75% leaf litter and 25% wood, and this being composted material preferably from the same genus and species of tree as that to where the mulch is to be applied, i.e. species-specific mulch where possible. The depth of mulch and type as indicated, to be maintained for the duration of the project. Where deep excavation will expose the soil profile to drying out the root plate is to be protected by pegging jute matting across the ground surface 2 m back from the edge of the profile and 2 m down the face of the profile and is to be in one continuous sheet or layers up to 5 mm thick and overlapped 300 mm and pegged. Pegs are to be a minimum length of 200 mm and spaced at 500 mm increments in a grid pattern. Once installed mulch is to be placed on top of the jute matting previously described.*

- 14.14 There is to be no storage of materials, rubbish, soil, equipment, structures, or goods of any type to be kept or placed within 5 metres from the trunk or within the dripline of any tree for the duration of the development. This will ensure protection of the tree/s to be retained on or adjacent to site.
- 14.15 Milestone - Project/Site arborist is to inspect/assess all retained specimens prior to demolition to inspect tree protection measures to monitor that they have been carried out as per the approved D/A conditions for the site. Documentation is to be submitted to the consenting authority after each inspection

Demolition and Tree Removal/s

- 14.16 Removal of a tree within 6 m of a tree to be retained should be undertaken only by cutting down such a tree without damaging the trees to be retained, and by grinding out its stump. Where possible the structural roots of 20 mm diameter or greater of the tree to be cut down should not be removed, to minimise soil disturbance and to reduce the impact on the roots of any tree to be retained nearby. Where structural roots are to be removed this should be undertaken manually by the use of non-motorised hand tools after the stump has been ground out when such roots are often easier to locate from the site of the stump from which they have been severed.
- 14.17 Ground protection in accordance with AS4970 section 4, 4.5.3 may require steel plates to protect the ground surface from compaction to protect roots between the stages of demolition and construction.

Specific - Tree Protection works – Post Demolition and Prior to Construction

- 14.18 Milestone - Project/Site arborist is to inspect/assess all retained specimens prior to construction in relation to tree protection measures to monitor that they have been carried out as per the approved D/A conditions for the site. Documentation is to be submitted to the consenting authority after each inspection.
- 14.19 Location of underground utilities within a Tree Protection Zone of a retained specimen.
Any utility services to be situated underground within the TPZ are to be undertaken utilising excavation techniques that prevent or minimise damage to structural roots (roots greater than >20 mm diameter). To prevent soil compaction and root damage these works should be conducted with non-motorised hand tools, air knife or directional drilling.
- 14.20 Re-grading of site near retained trees; Grading &/or re-grading of sites/slopes within Tree Protection Zones or near retained specimens is to be undertaken **only** if at all, after consultation with the Project Arborist. This is to protect all structural roots systems from damage or compaction from machinery.
- 14.21 Placement of relocatable buildings; consideration should be given to tree sensitivity such as the buildings being placed on pier and beam or skids construction as they are to be positioned on their driplines within the Tree Protection Zone (TPZ). The area of the Tree Protection Zone under the buildings is to be mulched to a depth of 200 mm (*if installed on skids*) with organic material to further reduce compaction. The mulch is to be composted material, i.e. species-specific mulch. Alternatively, if installed on a pier & beam construction, piers are to be undertaken manually by using non-motorised hand tools to determine the location of first order and lower order structural roots with a diameter of 20 mm (*structural woody roots*) or greater, without damaging them.

Specific - Tree Protection works – During Construction

- 14.22 Milestone - Project/Site arborist is to inspect/assess all retained specimens during construction in relation to tree protection measures to monitor that they have been carried out as per the approved D/A conditions for the site. Documentation is to be submitted to the consenting authority after each inspection.

- 14.23 Where any structural roots (roots with a diameter of greater than >20 mm) encountered by excavation are to be pruned and it is to be undertaken with clean sharp pruning tools, with a final cut to undamaged wood to prevent infestation by pathogens and assist continued root growth and undertaken in consultation with the Consulting Arboriculturist. Tree Protection Zone fences are to be maintained during these works. Ground protection in accordance with AS4970 section 4, 4.5.3 may require steel plates to protect the ground surface from compaction to protect roots between the stages of demolition and construction of the new pavement.
- 14.24 All Tree Protection Zones of retained trees are to be monitored for the duration of the construction phase of the development. The three main areas requiring monitoring are; mulching - mulch must be maintained to a depth of 50–100 mm using material that complies with AS 4454. Where the existing landscape within the TPZ is to remain unaltered (e.g. garden beds or turf) mulch may not be required, watering - soil moisture levels should be regularly monitored by the project arborist. Temporary irrigation or watering may be required within the TPZ. An above-ground irrigation system could be installed and maintained by a competent individual and weeding - weeds should be removed by hand without disturbing soil or should be controlled with weedicide.
- 14.25 Trees to be removed are to be replaced with advanced specimens being mindful of the space limitations of the new use of the site. The advanced trees should be situated in areas along the boundaries of the site. The planting in these locations will provide the maximum benefit to the surrounding properties by screening views to and from the site and the plantings included in the proposed landscape plan. The replacement trees will be situated in positions where they may grow to maturity unhindered and will not conflict with built structures or utility services and in greater numbers than the trees removed should provide a net increase in the local amenity.

Specific - Tree Protection works – Post Construction

- 14.26 Milestone - At completion of construction work the Site/Project Arborist should carry out an assessment of all trees retained &/or affected by works. This assessment is to document any required on-going remedial care needed to ensure viable retention of trees affected. Documentation is to be submitted to the consenting authority.

15.0 CONCLUSION

Three (3) trees are nominated for removal and replacement with species in accordance with the associated Landscape documentation for the development. The nine (9) trees to be preserved will be retained and protected through the implementation of adequate measures for their integration into the development by the application of appropriate technology as detailed in this report. Where appropriate, the Landscape Plan will include planting with new trees including street tree/s.

It is often a consequence of redevelopment, and subject to the nature of the proposed land use that some or all the trees present on the site prior to that redevelopment may be required to be removed and replaced with new tree plantings in different locations. This may be dependent upon the type of development and its design constraints and the requirements of the local planning instruments and any Landscape Design Codes if existing. Where tree removal is required for this development, it is considered that those trees identified within this report are not sustainable within the context of the proposed development. Where tree retention has been considered, those trees are expected to survive the redevelopment process and remain stable and viable. The retention and protection of existing trees on site is a significant aspect of the development process, allowing those trees as components of the current curtilage to be transferred to the new development for incorporation into the landscaping works for the site. The retention of some or all the existing trees contributes to: the preservation of local amenity, screening of views to and from the site, and a balance to the scale and bulk of buildings, while maintaining elements of a continuous landscape, providing a more harmonious integration and transition of the use of the land.

If all the recommendations and procedures detailed herein are adhered to, some or all the trees the subject of this report will continue or will be replaced with more appropriate plantings in suitable locations or enhanced by additional new plantings, and will grow to develop as important landscape components providing elements of long term amenity for the property and its owners or occupants, and the local community.

The recommendations made in this report are subject to approval by the consent authority.

As a renewable and dynamic natural resource, the urban tree and the growing environment essential for its survival must be understood and carefully managed to balance its needs with those of people. It is crucial that as required: this resource be planned for, planted, nurtured, protected, maintained and replaced, to ensure appropriateness and suitability of new plantings and trees retained, for safety and viability, so that it remains vital, and is sustainable in continuity.

16.0 RECOMMENDATIONS – Retention.

- 16.1 Trees 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10 & 11 are to be retained in situ within the site and are to be protected as detailed in 14.2 - 14.26 of Part B of this report. Tree protection fences or works, to be located in accordance with *Site Plan B – Trees to be Retained and Tree Protection Zones* (Appendix F).
- 16.2 Where Tree Protection Zone fences are to be moved or relocated this must be undertaken in consultation with the Consultant Arboriculturist for the project to ensure that tree protection is maintained. If the fences are relocated areas are to be mulched in accordance with 14.13 of this report to reduce compaction to the root system of the retained specimens.
- 16.3 To minimise damage to retained crowns, all Tree Protection Zones are to be adhered to. This must be undertaken in consultation with the Consultant Arboriculturist for the project to ensure that tree protection is maintained. Minor pruning may be required if damage occurs, work to undertaken in accordance with section 4 of this report.
- 16.4 Milestone/s - Project/Site arborist is to inspect/assess all retained specimens prior to Demolition and Tree Removal, Post Demolition, Prior to Construction during Construction and on completion in relation to trees protected and the protection measures have been carried out as per the approved D/A conditions for the site. Documentation is to be submitted to the consenting authority after each inspection.
- 16.5 Any work to be undertaken within Tree Protection Zones is to be undertaken in accordance with 16.2 of this report.
- 16.6 Tree removal near retained specimens is to be undertaken in accordance with 14.16 of this report.
- 16.7 There is to be no storage of materials, rubbish, soil, equipment, structures or goods of any type to be kept or placed within 5 metres from the trunk or within the dripline of any tree for the duration of the development. This will ensure protection of the tree/s to be retained on or adjacent to site.
- 16.8 Each of the replacement are to be a vigorous specimen with a straight trunk, gradually tapering and continuous, crown excurrent, symmetrical, with roots established but not pot bound in a volume container or approved similar and be maintained by an appropriately qualified and experienced landscape contractor for up to one (1) year after planting or as appropriate.



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Appendix D

Extract from Australian Standard AS4970 2009 Protection of trees on development sites

Section 3, Determining the tree protection zones of the selected trees

3.1 Tree protection zone (TPZ)

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

The TPZ incorporates the structural root zone (SRZ) (refer to Clause 3.3.5).”

3.2 Determining the TPZ

The radius of the TPZ is calculated for each tree by multiplying its DBH x 12.

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

where

DBH = trunk diameter measured at 1.4 m above ground

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

3.3.5 Structural root zone (SRZ)

“The SRZ is the area required for street stability. A larger area is required to maintain a viable tree. The SRZ only needs to be calculated when a major encroachment into a TPZ is proposed. Root investigation may provide more information on the extent of these roots.”

Determining the SRZ

The radius of the TPZ is calculated for each tree by multiplying its DBH x 12.

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

where

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

Note: The SRZ for trees with trunk diameters less than 0.15 m will be 1.5 m.

Appendix E

Glossary

From

*Dictionary for Managing Trees in Urban Environments by Draper BD and Richards PA 2009,
Institute of Australian Consulting Arboriculturists (IACA), CSIRO Publishing, Collingwood, Victoria, Australia.*

Age of Trees

Age Most trees have a stable biomass for the major proportion of their life. The estimation of the age of a tree is based on the knowledge of the expected lifespan of the taxa *in situ* divided into three distinct stages of measurable biomass, when the exact age of the tree from its date of cultivation or planting is unknown and can be categorized as *Young*, *Mature* and *Over-mature* (British Standards 1991, p. 13, Harris *et al*, 2004, p. 262).

Young Tree aged less than <20% of life expectancy, *in situ*.

Mature Tree aged 20-80% of life expectancy, *in situ*.

Over-mature Tree aged greater than >80% of life expectancy, *in situ*, or *senescent* with or without reduced *vigour*, and declining gradually or rapidly but irreversibly to death.

Condition of Trees

Condition A tree's *crown form* and growth habit, as modified by its *environment* (aspect, suppression by other trees, soils), the *stability* and *viability* of the *root plate*, trunk and structural branches (first (1st) and possibly second (2nd) order branches), including structural defects such as wounds, cavities or hollows, *crooked* trunk or weak trunk/branch junctions and the effects of predation by pests and diseases. These may not be directly connected with *vigour* and it is possible for a tree to be of *normal vigour* but in *poor condition*. Condition can be categorized as *Good Condition*, *Fair Condition*, *Poor Condition* and *Dead*.

Good Condition Tree is of good habit, with *crown form* not severely restricted for space and light, physically free from the adverse effects of *predation* by pests and diseases, obvious instability or structural weaknesses, fungal, bacterial or insect infestation and is expected to continue to live in much the same condition as at the time of inspection provided conditions around it for its basic survival do not alter greatly. This may be independent from, or contributed to by *vigour*.

Fair Condition Tree is of good habit or *misshapen*, a form not severely restricted for space and light, has some physical indication of *decline* due to the early effects of *predation* by pests and diseases, fungal, bacterial, or insect infestation, or has suffered physical injury to itself that may be contributing to instability or structural weaknesses, or is faltering due to the modification of the *environment* essential for its basic survival. Such a tree may recover with remedial works where appropriate, or without intervention may stabilise or improve over time, or in response to the implementation of beneficial changes to its local environment. This may be independent from, or contributed to by *vigour*.

Poor Condition Tree is of good habit or *misshapen*, a form that may be severely restricted for space and light, exhibits symptoms of advanced and *irreversible decline* such as fungal, or bacterial infestation, major die-back in the branch and *foliage crown*, *structural deterioration* from insect damage e.g. termite infestation, or storm damage or lightning strike, ring barking from borer activity in the trunk, root damage or instability of the tree, or damage from physical wounding impacts or abrasion, or from altered local environmental conditions and has been unable to adapt to such changes and may decline further to death regardless of remedial works or other modifications to the local *environment* that would normally be sufficient to provide for its basic survival if in *good to fair* condition. Deterioration physically, often characterised by a gradual and continuous reduction in *vigour* but may be independent of a change in *vigour*, but characterised by a proportionate increase in susceptibility to, and *predation* by pests and diseases against which the tree cannot be sustained. Such conditions may also be evident in trees of advanced senescence due to normal phenological processes, without modifications to the growing environment or physical damage having been inflicted upon the tree. This may be independent from, or contributed to by *vigour*.

Senescent / Moribund Advanced state of decline, dying or nearly dead.

Dead Tree is no longer capable of performing any of the following processes or is exhibiting any of the following symptoms;

Processes

Photosynthesis via its foliage crown (as indicated by the presence of moist, green or other coloured leaves);

Osmosis (the ability of the root system to take up water);

Turgidity (the ability of the plant to sustain moisture pressure in its cells);

Epicormic shoots or *epicormic strands* in Eucalypts (the production of new shoots as a response to stress, generated from latent or adventitious buds or from a *lignotuber*);

Symptoms

Permanent leaf loss;

Permanent wilting (the loss of turgidity which is marked by desiccation of stems leaves and roots);

Abscission of the *epidermis* (bark desiccates and peels off to the beginning of the sapwood).

Removed No longer present, or tree not able to be located or having been cut down and retained on a site, or having been taken away from a site prior to site inspection.

Branch

Branch An elongated woody structure arising initially from the trunk to support leaves, flowers, fruit and the development of other branches. A branch may itself fork and continue to divide many times as successive *orders of branches* with the length and taper decreasing incrementally to the *outer extremity* of the *crown*. These may develop initially as a gradually tapering continuation of the *trunk* with minimal division as in a *young tree* or a tree of *excurrent habit*, or in a *sapling*, or may arise where the trunk terminates at or some distance from the *root crown*, dividing into *first order branches* to form and support the *foliage crown*. In an *acaulescent tree*, branches arise at or near the *root crown*. Similarly branches may arise from a *sprout mass* from damaged *roots, branches or trunk*.

Orders of branches The marked divisions between successively smaller branches (James 2003, p. 168) commencing at the initial division where the trunk terminates on a *deliquescent tree* or from *lateral branches* on an *excurrent tree*. Successive branching is generally characterised by a gradual reduction in branch diameters at each division, and each gradation from the trunk can be categorised numerically, e.g. first order, second order, third order etc. (See Figure 21.)

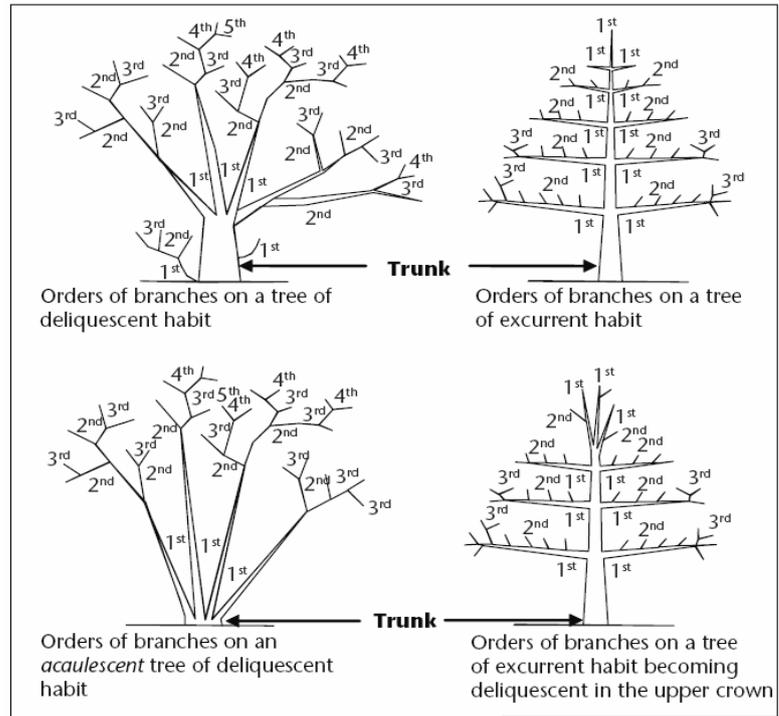


Figure 21 Orders of branches

Crown

Canopy 1. Of multiple trees, the convergence, or merging in full or part, of the crowns of two or more trees due to their proximity, or where competition for light and space available in a forest environment is limited as each tree develops forming a continuous layer of foliage. 2. Used as a plural for crown. 3. Sometimes synonymously used for crown (USA).

Crown Of an individual tree all the parts arising above the trunk where it terminates by its division forming branches, e.g. the branches, leaves, flowers and fruit; or the total amount of foliage supported by the branches. The crown of any tree can be divided vertically into three sections and can be categorised as *lower crown*, *mid crown* and *upper crown* (Figure 8). For a *leaning tree* these can be divided evenly into crown sections of one-third from the *base to apex*. The volume of a crown can be categorised as the *inner crown*, *outer crown* and *outer extremity of crown*.

Lower crown The *proximal* or lowest section of a crown when divided vertically into one-third ($\frac{1}{3}$) increments. See also *Crown*, *Mid crown* and *Upper crown*.

Mid crown The middle section of a crown when divided vertically into one-third ($\frac{1}{3}$) increments. See also *Crown*, *Lower crown* and *Upper crown*.

Upper crown The *distal* or highest section of a crown when divided vertically into one-third ($\frac{1}{3}$) increments. See also *Crown*, *Mid crown* and *Lower crown*.

Crown Projection (CP) Area within the *dripline* or beneath the lateral extent of the *crown* (Geiger 2004, p. 2). See also *Crown spread* and *Dripline*.

Dripline A line formed around the edge of a tree by the lateral extent of the *crown*. Such a line may be evident on the ground with some trees when exposed soil is displaced by rain shed from the crown. See also *Crown Projection*.

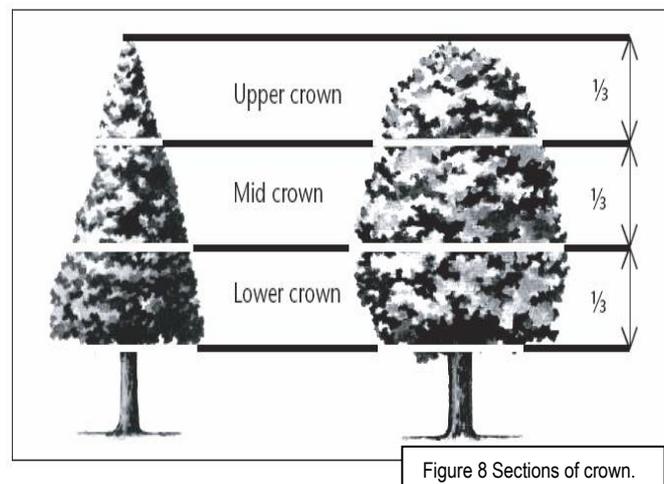


Figure 8 Sections of crown.

Crown Form of Trees

Crown Form The shape of the crown of a tree as influenced by the availability or restriction of space and light, or other contributing factors within its growing environment. Crown Form may be determined for tree shape and habit generally as *Dominant*, *Codominant*, *Intermediate*, *Emergent*, *Forest* and *Suppressed*. The habit and shape of a *crown* may also be considered qualitatively and can be categorized as *Good Form* or *Poor Form*.

Good Form Tree of *typical* crown shape and habit with proportions representative of the taxa considering constraints such as origin e.g. indigenous or exotic, but does not appear to have been adversely influenced in its development by environmental factors in situ such as *soil water* availability, prevailing wind, or cultural practices such as lopping and competition for space and light.

Poor Form Tree of *atypical* crown shape and habit with proportions not representative of the species considering constraints and appears to have been adversely influenced in its development by environmental factors in situ such as *soil water* availability, prevailing wind, cultural practices such as lopping and competition for space and light; causing it to be *misshapen* or disfigured by disease or vandalism.

Crown Form Codominant Crowns of trees restricted for space and light on one or more sides and receiving light primarily from above e.g. constrained by another tree/s or a building.

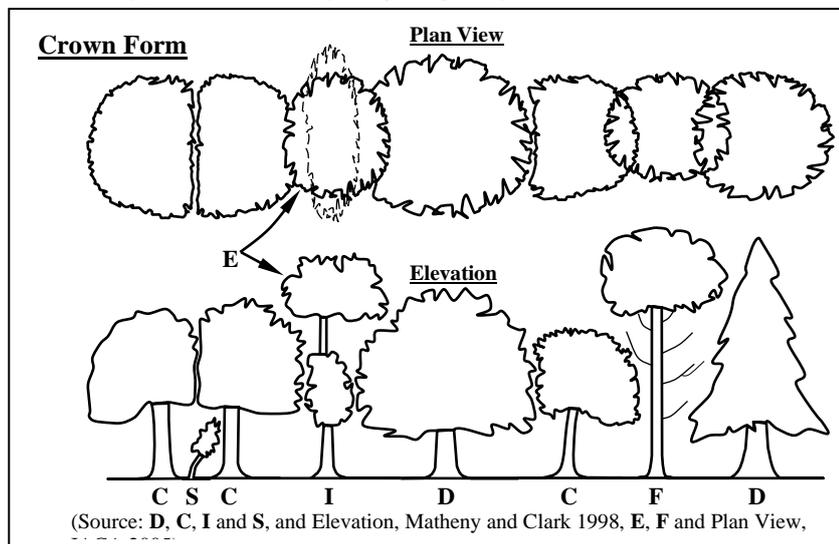
Crown Form Dominant Crowns of trees generally not restricted for space and light receiving light from above and all sides.

Crown Form Emergent Crowns of trees restricted for space on most sides receiving most light from above until the *upper crown* grows to protrude above the canopy in a stand or forest environment. Such trees may be *crown form dominant* or transitional from *crown form intermediate* to *crown form forest* asserting both *apical dominance* and *axillary dominance* once free of constraints for space and light.

Crown Form Forest Crowns of trees restricted for space and light except from above forming tall trees with narrow spreading crowns with foliage restricted generally to the top of the tree. The trunk is usually erect, straight and continuous, tapering gradually, crown often excurrent, with first order branches becoming structural, supporting the live crown concentrated towards the top of the tree, and below this point other first order branches arising radially with each *inferior* and usually temporary, divergent and ranging from horizontal to ascending, often with internodes exaggerated due to competition for space and light in the *lower crown*.

Crown Form Intermediate Crowns of trees restricted for space on most sides with light primarily from above and on some sides only.

Crown Form Suppressed Crowns of trees generally not restricted for space but restricted for light by being *overtopped* by other trees and occupying an understorey position in the canopy and growing slowly.



Deadwood

Deadwood Dead branches within a tree's crown and considered quantitatively as separate to *crown cover* and can be categorised as *Small Deadwood* and *Large Deadwood* according to diameter, length and subsequent *risk* potential. The amount of dead branches on a tree can be categorized as *Low Volume Deadwood*, *Medium Volume Deadwood* and *High Volume Deadwood*. See also *Dieback*.

Deadwooding Removing of dead branches by *pruning*. Such pruning may assist in the prevention of the spread of *decay* from *dieback* or for reasons of safety near an identifiable target.

Small Deadwood A dead branch up to 10mm diameter and usually <2 metres long, generally considered of low *risk* potential.

Large Deadwood A dead branch >10mm diameter and usually >2 metres long, generally considered of high *risk* potential.

High Volume Deadwood Where >10 dead branches occur that may require *removal*.

Medium Volume Deadwood Where 5-10 dead branches occur that may require *removal*.

Low Volume Deadwood Where <5 dead branches occur that may require *removal*.

Dieback

Dieback The death of some areas of the *crown*. Symptoms are leaf drop, bare twigs, dead branches and tree death, respectively. This can be caused by root damage, root disease, bacterial or fungal canker, severe bark damage, intensive grazing by insects, *abrupt changes* in growth conditions, drought, water-logging or over-maturity. Dieback often implies reduced *resistance*, *stress* or *decline* which may be temporary. Dieback can be categorized as *Low Volume Dieback*, *Medium Volume Dieback* and *High Volume Dieback*.

High Volume Dieback Where >50% of the *crown cover* has died.

Medium Volume Dieback Where 10-50% of the *crown cover* has died.

Low Volume Dieback Where <10% of the *crown cover* has died. See also *Dieback*, *High Volume Dieback* and *Medium Volume Dieback*.

Epicormic shoots

Epicormic Shoots Juvenile shoots produced at branches or trunk from *epicormic strands* in some Eucalypts (Burrows 2002, pp. 111-131) or sprouts produced from dormant or latent buds concealed beneath the bark in some trees. Production can be triggered by fire, pruning, wounding, or root damage but may also be as a result of *stress* or *decline*. Epicormic shoots can be categorized as *Low Volume Epicormic Shoots*, *Medium Volume Epicormic Shoots* and *High Volume Epicormic Shoots*.

High Volume Epicormic Shoots Where >50% of the *crown cover* is comprised of live *epicormic shoots*.

Medium Volume Epicormic Shoots Where 10-50% of the *crown cover* is comprised of live *epicormic shoots*.

Low Volume Epicormic Shoots Where <10% of the *crown cover* is comprised of live *epicormic shoots*.

General Terms

Cavity A usually shallow void often localized initiated by a *wound* and subsequent *decay* within the trunk, branches or roots, or beneath bark, and may be enclosed or have one or more opening.

Decay Process of degradation of wood by microorganisms (Australian Standard 2007, p. 6) and fungus.

Hazard The threat of danger to people or property from a tree or tree part resulting from changes in the physical condition, growing environment, or existing physical attributes of the tree, e.g. included bark, soil erosion, or thorns or poisonous parts, respectively.

Included bark 1. The bark on the inner side of the *branch union*, or is within a concave *crotch* that is unable to be lost from the tree and accumulates or is trapped by *acutely divergent* branches forming a *compression fork*. 2. Growth of bark at the interface of two or more branches on the inner side of a branch union or in the crotch where each branch forms a branch collar and the collars roll past one another without forming a graft where no one collar is able to subsume the other. Risk of failure is worsened in some taxa where branching is *acutely divergent* or *acutely convergent* and ascending or erect.

Hollow A large void initiated by a *wound* forming a *cavity* in the trunk, branches or roots and usually increased over time by *decay* or other contributing factors, e.g. fire, or fauna such as birds or insects e.g. ants or termites. A hollow can be categorized as an *Ascending Hollow* or a *Descending Hollow*.

Risk The random or potentially foreseeable possibility of an episode causing harm or damage.

Significant Important, weighty or more than ordinary.

Significant Tree A tree considered important, weighty or more than ordinary. Example: due to prominence of location, or *in situ*, or contribution as a component of the overall landscape for *amenity* or aesthetic qualities, or *curtilage* to structures, or importance due to uniqueness of taxa for species, subspecies, variety, *crown form*, or as an historical or cultural planting, or for age, or substantial dimensions, or habit, or as *remnant vegetation*, or habitat potential, or a rare or threatened species, or uncommon in cultivation, or of aboriginal cultural importance, or is a commemorative planting.

Substantial A tree with large dimensions or proportions in relation to its place in the landscape.

Sustainable Retention Index Value (SRIV) A visual tree assessment method to determine a qualitative and numerical rating for the viability of urban trees for development sites and management purposes, based on general tree and landscape assessment criteria using classes of *age*, *condition* and *vigour*. SRIV is for the professional manager of urban trees to consider the tree *in situ* with an assumed knowledge of the *taxon* and its growing environment. It is based on the physical attributes of the tree and its response to its environment considering its position in a matrix for age class, vigour class, condition class and its sustainable retention with regard to the safety of people or damage to property. This also factors the ability to retain the tree with remedial work or beneficial modifications to its growing environment or removal and replacement. SRIV is supplementary to the decision made by a tree management professional as to whether a tree is retained or removed (IACA - Institute of Australian Consulting Arboriculturists 2005).

Visual Tree Assessment (VTA) A visual inspection of a tree from the ground based on the principle that, when a tree exhibits apparently superfluous material in its shape, this represents repair structures to rectify *defects* or to reinforce weak areas in accordance with the *Axiom of Uniform Stress* (Mattheck & Breloer 1994, pp. 12-13, 145). Such assessments should only be undertaken by suitably competent practitioners.

Leaning Trees

Leaning A tree where the *trunk* grows or moves away from upright. A lean may occur anywhere along the *trunk* influenced by a number of contributing factors e.g. genetically predetermined characteristics, competition for space or light, prevailing winds, aspect, slope, or other factors. A *leaning* tree may maintain a *static lean* or display an increasingly *progressive lean* over time and may be hazardous and prone to *failure* and *collapse*. The degrees of leaning can be categorized as *Slightly Leaning*, *Moderately Leaning*, *Severely Leaning* and *Critically Leaning*.

Slightly Leaning A leaning tree where the trunk is growing at an angle within 0°-15° from upright.

Moderately Leaning A leaning tree where the trunk is growing at an angle within 15°-30° from upright.

Severely Leaning A leaning tree where the trunk is growing at an angle within 30°-45° from upright.

Critically Leaning A leaning tree where the trunk is growing at an angle greater than >45° from upright.

Progressively Leaning A tree where the degree of *leaning* appears to be increasing over time.

Static Leaning A leaning tree whose lean appears to have stabilized over time.

Periods of Time

Periods of Time The life span of a tree in the urban environment may often be reduced by the influences of encroachment and the dynamics of the environment and can be categorized as *Immediate*, *Short Term*, *Medium Term* and *Long Term*.

Immediate An *episode* or occurrence, likely to happen within a twenty-four (24) hour period, e.g. tree failure or collapse in full or part posing an imminent danger.

Short Term A period of time less than <1 – 15 years.

Medium Term A period of time 15 – 40 years.

Long Term A period of time greater than >40 years.

Roots

First Order Roots (FOR) Initial woody roots arising from the *root crown* at the base of the *trunk*, or as an *adventitious root mass* for structural support and *stability*. Woody roots may be buttressed and divided as a marked gradation, gradually tapering and continuous or tapering rapidly at a short distance from the root crown. Depending on soil type these roots may descend initially and not be evident at the root crown, or become buried by changes in soil levels. Trees may develop 4-11 (Perry 1982, pp. 197-221), or more first order roots which may radiate from the trunk with a relatively even distribution, or be prominent on a particular aspect, dependent upon physical characteristics e.g. leaning trunk, *asymmetrical* crown; and constraints within the growing *environment* from topography e.g. slope, soil depth, rocky outcrops, exposure to predominant wind, soil moisture, depth of *water table* etc.

Orders of Roots The marked divisions between woody roots, commencing at the initial division from the base of the trunk, at the *root crown* where successive branching is generally characterised by a gradual reduction in root diameters and each gradation from the trunk and can be categorized numerically, e.g. *first order roots*, second order roots, third order roots etc. Roots may not always be evident at the *root crown* and this may be dependent on species, age class and the growing environment. Palms at maturity may form an *adventitious root mass*.

Root Plate The entire root system of a tree generally occupying the top 300-600mm of soil including roots at or above ground and may extend laterally for distances exceeding twice the height of the tree (Perry 1982, pp. 197-221). Development and extent is dependent on water availability, soil type, *soil depth* and the physical characteristics of the surrounding landscape.

Root Crown Roots arising at the base of a trunk.

Zone of Rapid Taper The area in the *root plate* where the diameter of *structural roots* reduces substantially over a short distance from the *trunk*. Considered to be the minimum radial distance to provide structural support and *root plate* stability. See also *Structural Root Zone (SRZ)*.

Structural Roots Roots supporting the infrastructure of the *root plate* providing strength and *stability* to the tree. Such roots may taper rapidly at short distances from the *root crown* or become large and woody as with gymnosperms and dicotyledonous angiosperms and are usually 1st and 2nd order roots, or form an *adventitious root mass* in monocotyledonous angiosperms (palms). Such roots may be crossed and grafted and are usually contained within the area of *crown projection* or extend just beyond the *dripline*.

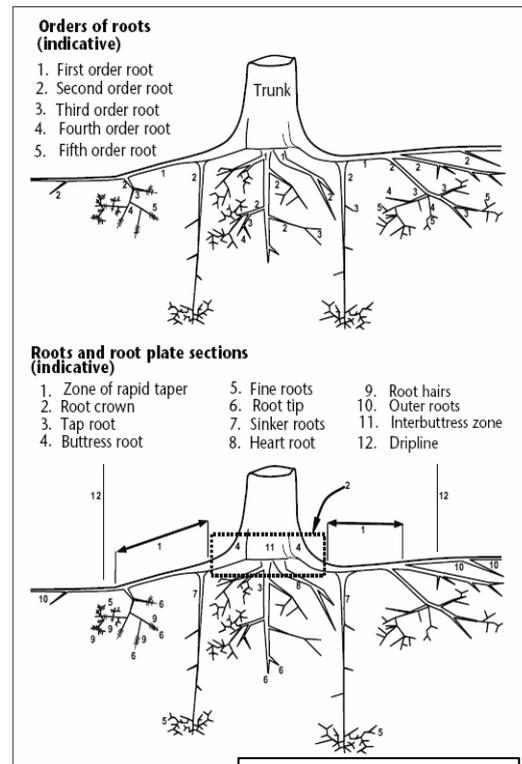


Figure 22 Orders of Roots.

Symmetry

Symmetry Balance within a *crown*, or *root plate*, above or below the *axis* of the trunk of branch and foliage, and root distribution respectively and can be categorized as *Asymmetrical* and *Symmetrical*.

Asymmetrical Imbalance within a crown, where there is an uneven distribution of branches and the foliage *crown* or *root plate* around the vertical *axis* of the trunk. This may be due to *Crown Form Codominant* or *Crown Form Suppressed* as a result of natural restrictions e.g. from buildings, or from competition for space and light with other trees, or from exposure to wind, or artificially caused by pruning for clearance of roads, buildings or power lines. An example of an expression of this may be, crown asymmetrical, bias to west.

Symmetrical Balance within a crown, where there is an even distribution of branches and the foliage *crown* around the vertical *axis* of the trunk. This usually applies to trees of *Crown Form Dominant* or *Crown Form Forest*. An example of an expression of this may be crown symmetrical.

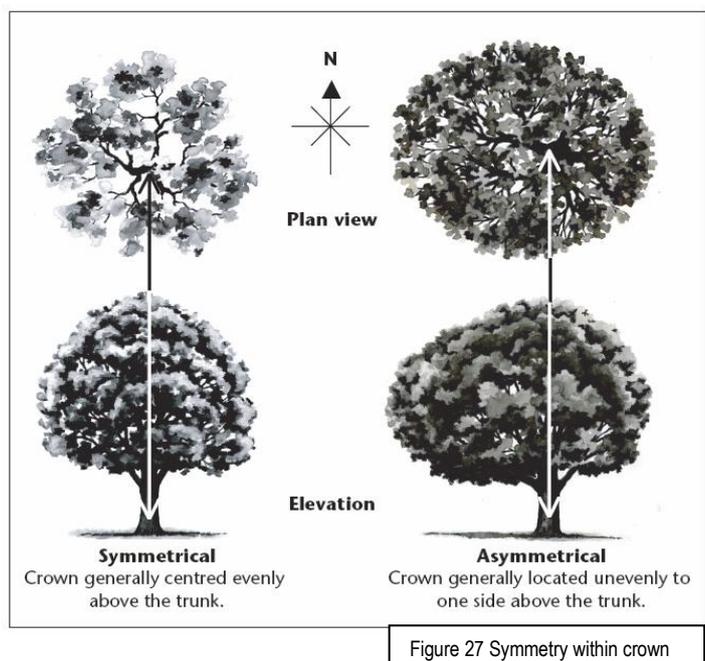


Figure 27 Symmetry within crown

Trunk

Trunk A single stem extending from the *root crown* to support or elevate the *crown*, terminating where it divides into separate *stems* forming *first order branches*. A trunk may be evident at or near ground or be absent in *acaulescent* trees of *deliquescent* habit, or may be continuous in trees of *excurrent* habit. The trunk of any *caulescent* tree can be divided vertically into three (3) sections and can be categorized as *Lower Trunk*, *Mid Trunk* and *Upper Trunk*. For a *leaning* tree these may be divided evenly into sections of one third along the trunk.

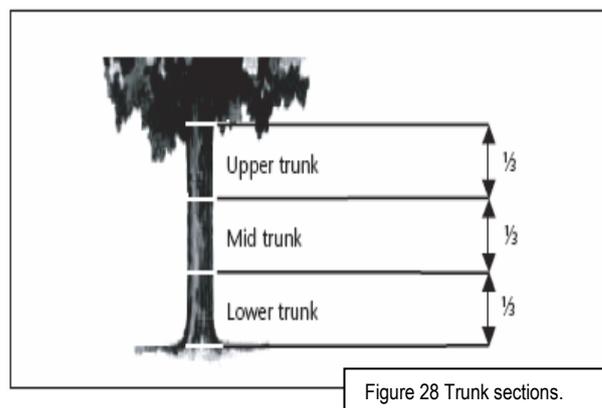
Acaulescent A *trunkless* tree or tree growth forming a very short *trunk*. See also *Caulescent*. (See Fig. 21)

Caulescent Tree grows to form a *trunk*. See also *Acaulescent*. (See Fig. 21)

Lower trunk Lowest, or *proximal* section of a trunk when divided into one-third ($\frac{1}{3}$) increments along its *axis*. See also *Trunk*, *Mid trunk* and *Upper trunk*.

Mid trunk A middle section of a trunk when divided into one-third ($\frac{1}{3}$) increments along its *axis*. See also *Trunk*, *Lower trunk* and *Upper trunk*.

Upper trunk Highest, or *distal* section of a trunk when divided into one-third ($\frac{1}{3}$) increments along its *axis*. See also *Trunk*, *Lower trunk* and *Mid trunk*.



Diameter at Breast Height (DBH) Measurement of trunk width calculated at a given distance above ground from the base of the tree often measured at 1.4 m. The trunk of a tree is usually not a circle when viewed in cross section, due to the presence of *reaction wood* or *adaptive wood*, therefore an average diameter is determined with a *diameter tape* or by recording the trunk along its narrowest and widest axes, adding the two dimensions together and dividing them by 2 to record an average and allowing the orientation of the longest axis of the trunk to also be recorded. Where a tree is growing on a lean the distance along the top of the trunk is measured to 1.4m and the diameter then recorded from that point perpendicular to the edge of the trunk. Where a *leaning* trunk is *crooked* a vertical distance of 1.4m is measured from the ground. Where a tree branches from a trunk that is less than 1.4m above ground, the trunk diameter is recorded perpendicular to the length of the *trunk* from the point immediately below the base of the flange of the *branch collar* extending the furthest down the trunk, and the distance of this point above ground recorded as *trunk length*. Where a tree is located on sloping ground the DBH should be measured at half way along the side of the tree to average out the angle of slope. Where a tree is *acaulescent* or *trunkless* branching at or near ground an average diameter is determined by recording the radial extent of the trunk at or near ground and noting where the measurement was recorded e.g. at ground.

Vigour

Vigour Ability of a tree to sustain its life processes. This is independent of the *condition* of a tree but may impact upon it. Vigour can appear to alter rapidly with change of seasons (seasonality) e.g. *dormant*, deciduous or semi-deciduous trees. Vigour can be categorized as *Normal Vigour*, *High Vigour*, *Low Vigour* and *Dormant Tree Vigour*.

Normal Vigour Ability of a tree to maintain and sustain its life processes. This may be evident by the *typical* growth of leaves, *crown cover* and *crown density*, branches, roots and trunk and *resistance* to *predation*. This is independent of the *condition* of a tree but may impact upon it, and especially the ability of a tree to sustain itself against predation.

High Vigour *Accelerated growth* of a tree due to incidental or deliberate artificial changes to its growing *environment* that are seemingly beneficial, but may result in *premature aging* or failure if the favourable conditions cease, or promote *prolonged senescence* if the favourable conditions remain, e.g. water from a leaking pipe; water and nutrients from a leaking or disrupted sewer pipe; nutrients from animal waste, a tree growing next to a chicken coop, or a stock feed lot, or a regularly used stockyard; a tree subject to a stringent watering and fertilising program; or some trees may achieve an extended lifespan from continuous *pollarding* practices over the life of the tree.

Low Vigour Reduced ability of a tree to sustain its life processes. This may be evident by the *atypical* growth of leaves, reduced *crown cover* and reduced *crown density*, branches, roots and trunk, and a deterioration of their functions with reduced *resistance* to *predation*. This is independent of the *condition* of a tree but may impact upon it, and especially the ability of a tree to sustain itself against predation.

Appendix F

Survey of Subject Tree/s

Trees the subject of this report are marked on the plans in the following appendices and are numbered as listed below.

Redgum Tree No.	Genus and species	Common name	Recommendation
1	<i>Tristaniaopsis laurina</i>	Water Gum	Retain and protect – <i>Street tree</i>
2	<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>	Sweet Gum	Retain and protect – <i>Neighbouring tree</i>
3	<i>Celtis sinensis</i>	Chinese Celtis	Retain and protect – <i>Neighbouring tree</i>
4	<i>Lagerstroemia indica</i>	Crepe Myrtle	Retain and protect – <i>Neighbouring tree</i>
5	<i>Jacaranda mimosifolia</i>	Jacaranda	Retain and protect – <i>Neighbouring tree</i>
6	<i>Lagerstroemia indica</i>	Crepe Myrtle	Retain and protect – <i>Neighbouring tree</i>
7	<i>Pittosporum eugenioides</i>	Tarata	Retain and protect – <i>Neighbouring tree</i>
8	<i>Celtis sinensis</i>	Chinese Celtis	Remove and replace
9	<i>Celtis sinensis</i>	Chinese Celtis	Remove and replace
10	<i>Prunus spp.</i>	?Peach	Retain and protect – <i>Neighbouring tree</i>
11	<i>Syzygium spp.</i>	Lilly Pilly	Retain and protect – <i>Neighbouring tree</i>
12	<i>Morus alba</i>	Mulberry	Remove and replace

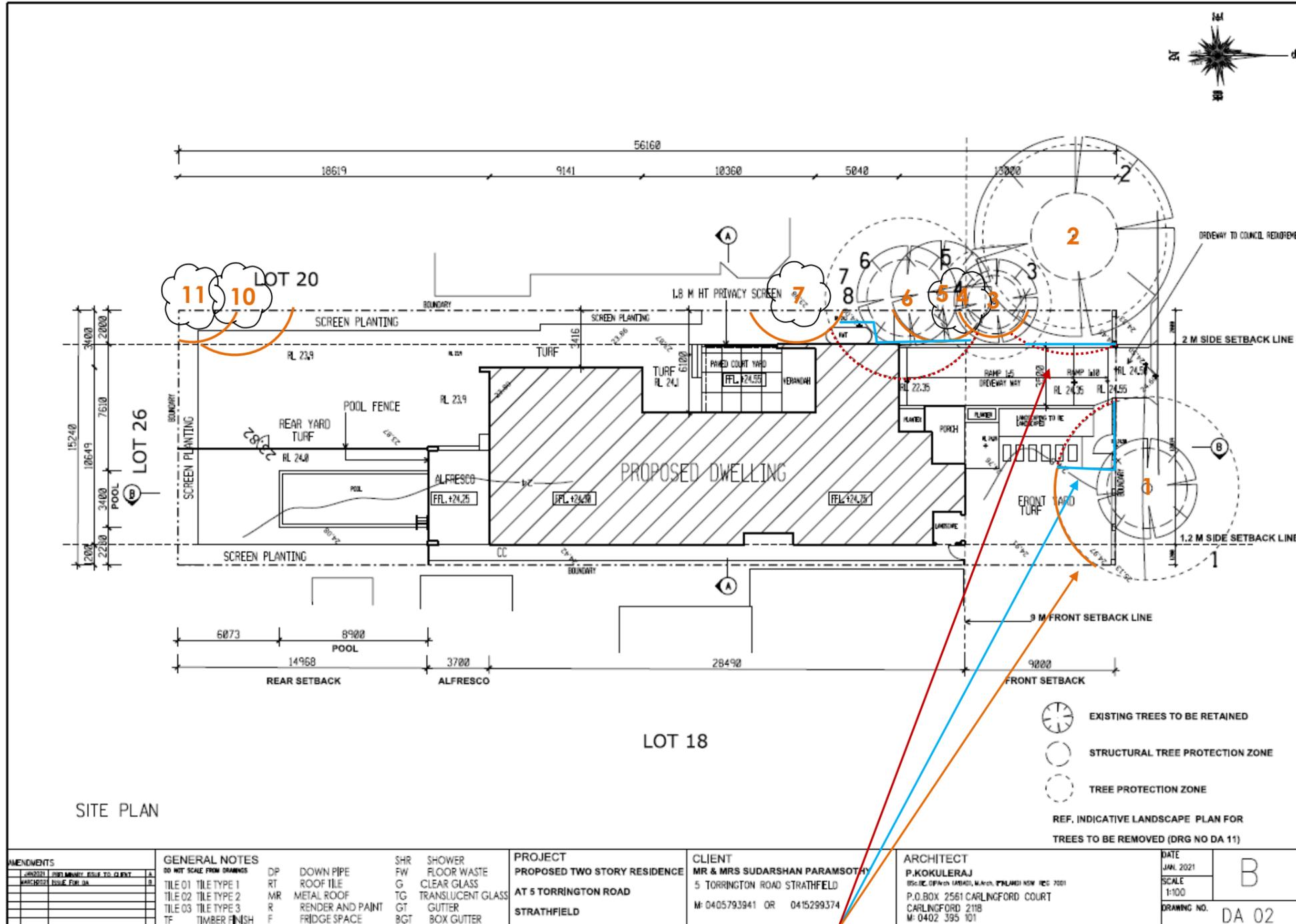
Table 2.0 This table only applies to trees being retained. Tree Protection Zone fencing locations as measured from the centre of each tree and the recommended distances for the side closest to the building construction works e.g. excavation (see explanatory notes below). Tree Protection Zone fences and setbacks where applicable are indicated in Appendix F.

1. Redgum Tree No.	2. Structural Root Zone SRZ (DARB) From centre of trunk (COT) Diameter Above Root Buttress AS4970 2009 Section 3, 3.3.5 (see Appendix D) where applicable (Minimum 1.5 metres)	3. Trunk Diameter at Breast Height DBH 1.4m above ground, AS4970 2009, or mm or m above ground where indicated. # = average. g = ground	4. Tree Protection Zone (TPZ) = 12 x DBH From centre of trunk (COT) in metres AS4970 2009Section 3 (see Appendix D) (Minimum 2.0 metres)	5. Proposed distance of tree protection fence/works on the side closest to building construction ² , in metres by Redgum Horticultural.
1	2.4	460 @ g	5.5	2.2 (9.6% paving)
2	2.6	550	6.6	6.3 (0.6% driveway)
3	1.6	180	2.1	2.1
4	1.9	280 @ g	3.4	2.4 (9.3% driveway)
5	1.8	250	3.0	3.0
6	2.3	400 @ g	4.8	2.7 (15.1%)
7	1.6	190	2.3	2.3
10	2.0	300 @ g	3.6	3.6
11	1.7	200	2.4	2.4
Descriptors for modified setbacks as per above table.				
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Special conditions apply to protect the roots of trees generally. 2 Additional protective fencing information is detailed in attached plans. 3 Acceptable due to the good relative tolerance of the species to development impacts. 4 Range of setbacks for the trees at each end of a linear stand are to be calculated if required. 5 Acceptable as fence located at a substantial distance beyond dripline or may also include the location of a smaller tree in proximity to a larger tree to be retained and the smaller tree being protected well within the protective fencing for that larger tree. 6 Acceptable due to additional special protection works, see Section 5.0 for this tree. 7 Acceptable as pre-existing site conditions were conducive to having restricted the development of root growth in this direction. 8 Street tree with protective fencing of minimal width to allow for pedestrian access along road reserve. 9 Acceptable as tree transplanted reducing the area of the root zone. 10 Acceptable as not effected by development works. 11 Young tree not expected to have established a substantially expansive root system and able to re-establish or modify growth to be sustainable due to age and good vigour. 12 Set back prescribed by the consent authority. 			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 13 Acceptable as tree growing on a lean and encroachment on compression wood side where root growth is of reduced structural importance. 14 Acceptable as root mapping has indicated extent of structural woody roots with a diameter of 20 mm or more. 15 Acceptable as a specimen of palm taxa tolerant of encroachment. 16 Acceptable as excavation on down slope or across slope side of tree. 17 Acceptable as encroachment into growing area below ground minor, with one corner of building or excavation works extending to within the radius of the dripline. 18 Acceptable as encroachment by pier, including screw piles, with minimal disturbance. 19 Acceptable as encroachment above grade without excavation or sub-base compaction. 20 Acceptable as located within 0.5 m from edge of dripline. 21 Acceptable as encroachment with gap graded fill that can accommodate gaseous exchange between roots/soil and the atmosphere and ongoing root growth. 22 Minimum setback 2 m, AS4970 (2009) section 3, 3.2. 23 Maximum setback 15 m, AS4970 (2009) section 3, 3.2. 24 Tree is a palm, other monocot, cycad or tree fern TPZ is to be 1 m outside crown projection AS4970 (2009) section 3, 3.2. 25 Minimum Structural Root Zone (SRZ) for trees less than 0.15 m diameter is 1.5 m, AS4970 (2009) section 3, 3.5. 	
Explanatory notes for Table 2.0.			3.3.3 Major Encroachment	
<p>This table is based upon Australian Standard AS4970 2009 <i>Protection of trees on development sites</i>, Section 3 Determining the protection zone of the selected trees (see Appendix D), where the approved building works should be no closer, including excavation, than the dimensions stated above.</p> <p>“3.3 Variations to the TPZ 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.</p>			<p>If the proposed encroachment is greater than 10% of the area of the TPZ or inside the SRZ the project arborist must demonstrate that the tree(s) would remain viable. The area lost to this encroachment should be compensated for elsewhere and contiguous with the TPZ.”</p>	

Appendix F

Site Plan B - Survey of Trees to be Retained and Tree Protection Plan

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All Tree Protection Zones are to be measured on site.



Redgum Legend

- Tree Protection Zone (TPZ)**, fencing with setbacks as indicated, or other protection measures or works as indicated.
- Tree Protection Zone**, area of special protection measures or works outside of fenced area.
- Relocated Tree Protection Zone**, area of special protection measures or works outside of fenced area once construction commences.
- XX** Tree numbers – trees to be retained only. Subject trees represented by the approximate location of the trunk.

Indicative location of Tree Protection fencing which is to be measured on site and positioned along the Tree Protection Zone, excavation zone or proposed building footprint and to remain installed for the duration of the development. Installation of boundary fences within rootzone to be of pier and beam construction. Red dotted Tree Protection around trees relates to relocation of fencing when construction is to be undertaken within these areas. All works to be carried out within the blue Tree Protection area after works commences is to be undertaken in consultation with site arboriculturist.