



Lake Grace Significant Tree Register

Prepared for the Lake Grace Bushcare Project

Led by Lake Grace Community Resource Centre &
Lake Grace Land Conservation District Committee
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Background

The *'Lake Grace Significant Tree Register'* aims to protect significant trees within the Lake Grace townsite. The Register is a component of the Lake Grace Bushcare Project, funded by a Community Stewardship Grant through the State NRM Program.

WA Local Government Association estimates that 41% of Local Governments are experiencing significant tree canopy loss.¹ In response, WALGA, local governments and community groups are working to implement actions to retain, regulate and increase tree canopies. This includes developing and implementing urban forest and/or greening strategies, adopting significant tree registers and tree bonds and making amendments to Local Planning Schemes.

Townsite and street trees are some of Lake Grace community's most important assets. They provide shade, add character to, and improve, the appearance of our streets, and create visual statements of geographical and cultural identity. Trees add value to public and private land, reduce cooling costs and improve the overall health of our communities. They create social and recreation opportunities and provide habitat for wildlife, thus contributing to the conservation of native fauna.

Many of our trees are highly valued by the community. This might be because they are old, beautiful, historical or an important part of the landscape. They include remnants of the original vegetation of the area now left within the town environment and those planted by past and current residents and groups. These examples shows what the country was like before settlement and are a living record of the natural history of the area

The trees included in the register hold significant value for their visual/aesthetic, botanic/scientific, ecological and historical/commemorative/cultural and social aspects.

Purpose of the Register

The purpose of this document is to provide a single Register of all Significant Trees within the Lake Grace townsite. The Register is intended to act as a reference for the care, control, management, protection and preservation of the town's trees. It can assist community members and groups, Shire of Lake Grace staff and Council, and contractors to direct resources and inform decision-making related to townsite trees.

The Register, along with its assessment criteria, provides a systematic process to identify, maintain and preserve the listed trees. While not all townsite trees are included, it is expected that this approach could be utilised to assess other trees in the townsite.

¹ WA Local Government Association, <<https://walga.asn.au/policy-advocacy/our-policy-areas/environment/urban-forest/urban-canopy>>

Nomination Guidelines and Criteria

Any community member or organisation can nominate trees (either native or exotic/introduced species). An individual tree or a group or avenue of trees, growing on public land, will be considered for the register on the basis of one or more of the following categories of significance.

1. Outstanding Visual/Aesthetic Significance - tree/s:

- a. Outstanding - height, trunk circumference or canopy spread
- b. Occur in a prominent location or context
- c. Contribute significantly to the landscape in which it/they grow
- d. Unusual growth form or physical feature
- e. Particularly old or vulnerable
- f. Provide good shade

2. Botanic/Scientific Significance- tree/s:

- a. Of important genetic value - could provide important/ valuable propagating stock.
- b. Could produce information that will help understanding of natural or cultural history (e.g. use as a research site, teaching site, type locality or benchmark site)

3. Significant Ecological Value - tree/s:

- a. Priority, rare, threatened or locally uncommon species or plant community
- b. Native remnant tree/s that predate the urban development in its immediate proximity
- c. Remnant specimen now reduced in range or abundance, which indicates the former extent of the species, particularly range limits
- d. Make a significant contribution to the integrity of an ecological community, including as a seed source or specialised habitat
- e. Significant habitat for rare, threatened, priority or locally uncommon or common native species
- f. Representative of local area

4. Historical, Commemorative, Cultural or Social Significance - tree/s:

- a. Associated with public significance or important historical event
- b. Highly valued by the community or cultural group for reasons of strong religious, spiritual, cultural or other social associations, inc. Aboriginal heritage and culture
- c. Associated with a heritage listed place and representative of that same historic era
- d. Have local significance, are important to the local community and/or are recognised features of the immediate landscape

Nomination Process

The Register has been prepared by a working group as part of the Lake Grace Bushcare Project. The project is led by Lake Grace Community Resource Centre and Lake Grace Land Conservation District Committee. The project team called for nominations via *The Lakes Link News*, social media and direct approach. The working group then reviewed the townsite and made nominations, consulted other community members and drew up a draft list (including community nominations) according to the criteria of significance. The working group then revised the list for inclusion in the Register.

Some trees meet a number of criteria however significance is not necessarily cumulative; that is, trees can be considered significant for meeting a single criteria.

While trees located on private land are not included in the register, a number of these are noted due to their outstanding significance.

The register notes but does not include the larger town remnants such as those included in the Bushcare Project. These sites are recorded in the Bushcare Project Management Plan however the intent of both documents overlap, and conservation practices should apply to both groups.

The Register is a 'living document' and will be updated as needed.

Recommendations

- Maintain and preserve the listed tree/s in a healthy state
- Any pruning/maintenance to be undertaken in accordance with Australian Standards
- Schedule regular termite inspections and follow up treatment
- Consult an independent qualified arboriculturist prior to commencing any works
- Share the register with community

WALGA's *Street Trees Guidance Report* is a practical guide and includes a list of circumstances that may warrant tree removal and a list of circumstances under which trees will not be considered for removal.

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Tree/s	Location	Criteria & Reason for Inclusion
<i>Eucalyptus longicornis</i> Red Morrel	Inside oval fence, near corner Bishop & Absolon Streets	Outstanding; location, old, vulnerable, size, canopy, native remnant, representative
<i>Eucalyptus longicornis</i> Red Morrel	Inside oval fence, near corner Bishop & Bennett Streets	Outstanding; 3b, old, vulnerable, native remnant, representative
<i>Eucalyptus longicornis</i> Red Morrel	West of horse yards, sporting grounds	Outstanding; contributes to landscape; representative
<i>Eucalyptus salmonophloia</i> Salmon Gum	South edge of hockey oval	Outstanding; size, canopy, native remnant, location, representative
<i>Eucalyptus longicornis</i>	In front / north side of AIM	Outstanding; native remnant; Historical, old, representative
<i>Eucalyptus salmonophloia</i> Salmon Gum	Cemetery – car park, roadside. West of carpark	Outstanding; native remnant; contributes to landscape, emblematic, representative
<i>Eucalyptus kondininensis</i>	Avenue, LG-Dumbleyung Rd road verge & railway reserve	Outstanding; native remnant; contributes to landscape, emblematic, representative
<i>Eucalyptus longicornis</i>	Sports club entry	Outstanding; native remnant; contributes to landscape, emblematic, representative
<i>Eucalyptus</i> [large red flowering]	Change-rooms	Outstanding; contributes to landscape
<i>Eucalyptus</i> [river gum]	Change-rooms	Contributes to landscape
<i>Eucalyptus kondininensis</i>	Clark Avenue, east end	Grove, statement, native remnant, contributes to landscape, Occur in a prominent location or context
<i>Eucalypt</i>	Opposite 15 Clark Avenue	Size, beauty, canopy, contributes to landscape
<i>Eucalyptus salmonophloia</i> Salmon Gum	Dewar Street, verge opposite Lot 100	Size, beauty, canopy, contributes to landscape, age, representative
<i>Eucalyptus salmonophloia</i> Salmon Gum	Lake Grace Engineering (former Smash Repairs)	Size, beauty, canopy, contributes to landscape, age, representative, Native remnant specimen now reduced in range or abundance, which indicates the former extent of the species, particularly range limits; representative
<i>Eucalypts</i> (?Morrel or <i>Myriadenia</i>)	Median Strip, Absolon Street east/Eggers Place	Native remnant specimen now reduced in range or abundance, which indicates the former extent of the species, particularly range limits; Vulnerable (parking compacting roots), representative
<i>Eucalyptus kondininensis</i>	School monument, Absolon Street	Age, size, native remnant

<i>Sugar Gums</i>	Absolon Street	Historical - planted by school children
<i>Eucalyptus longicornis</i> Red Morrel	Absolon Street (school bus zone)	Age, native remnant, range, contributes to landscape
<i>Eucalyptus kondininensis</i>	Near corner Elliott & Betham Streets; laneway	Age, size, native remnant
? <i>Eucalyptus longicornis</i>	Men's Shed, at rear	Historical, age, size, native remnant
Lemon Scented Gum	Rear of RSL block	Historical, commemorative (remnant of Soldiers' Memorial Garden), age, size, loved by community, outstanding; old, vulnerable,
Sugar Gum	Swimming Pool car park	Age, size, outstanding
<i>Eucalyptus kondininensis</i>	Betham Street (west side of 1 Elliott Street)	Age, size, old, native remnant
Eucalypt	Cnr Stubbs & Franks Streets	Age, size, outstanding; old, native remnant
Palms x2	Railway station	Age, commemorative
Palms	Railway station platform	Age, historical
Sugar Gum	Verge, CWA playground	Age, commemorative - ?Last of avenue honouring Patrick McMahon

GROVES/ SMALL NATIVE REMNANT BUSHLAND

Pepper trees & Sugar Gums	Tourist Shed, Stubbs Street	Age, historic, contributes to landscape
Pepper trees	Behind Town Hall	Old, social historic
Sugar Gums	Stubbs Street west	Historical (planted as street trees in the 1930s), old, contributes to landscape
<i>Eucalyptus myriadenia</i> & <i>Eucalyptus salmonophloia</i>	Stubbs Street (kerb in front of Farmers Centre)	Native remnant specimen now reduced in range or abundance, which indicates the former extent of the species, particularly range limits, contributes to landscape
Salmon gums	Dewar Street > Railway Reserve> Stubbs Street	Age, size, beauty, Native remnant specimen now reduced in range or abundance, which indicates the former extent of the species, particularly range limits
Eucalypt Group	Holding paddock, former, Dewar Street	Native remnant specimen now reduced in range or abundance, which indicates the former extent of the species, particularly range limits
?Lake Grace mallee	West of GSF Fuel Depot, Dewar Street	Age; Native remnant specimen now reduced in range or abundance, which indicates the former extent of the species, particularly range limits, representative

Eucalypts - avenue	Lake Grace- Newdegate Road (just east of Roadhouse)	Historical - commemorative planted by CWA in 1999 for 75 th anniversary. Plaque
Various	Parkland bound by Griffin St, Wattle Dr & Morrison Ave	Historical - planted for Pioneers c1979
Eucalypts - various	Lions Park and surrounds, Lake Grace- Newdegate Road	Native remnant, range, contributes to landscape,
Gimlets <i>Eucalyptus salubris</i>	Cnr Gimlett Drive & Griffin Street	Native remnant, range
<i>Eucalyptus salmonophloia</i> Salmon Gum	Griffin Street verge	Native remnant, range
Quandongs grove	Griffin Street	Native remnant, range
Eucalypts, Melaleucas and ? <i>Myriadenia</i>	Entry, South Road	Age, native remnant specimen now reduced in range or abundance, indicates the former extent of the species, particularly range limits, representative
<i>Eucalyptus kondininensis</i>	Day Care & Play Group yards, Absolon Street	Age, size, native remnant specimen now reduced in range or abundance, indicates the former extent of the species, particularly range limits, representative, contributes to landscape
<i>Eucalyptus kondininensis</i> & ? <i>Euc. longicornis/ myriadenia</i>	Lay Lane	Native remnant, age, size, contributes to landscape
<i>Eucalyptus longicornis</i>	CRC Car park fence line	Native remnant specimen now reduced in range or abundance, which indicates the former extent of the species, particularly range limits;
Quandongs, melaleucas and <i>Eucalyptus longicornis</i>	Grove, south edge of Club car park	Native remnant specimen now reduced in range or abundance, which indicates the former extent of the species, particularly range limits;
<i>Eucalyptus kondininensis</i> <i>Kondinin Blackbutts</i>	South of hockey oval	Outstanding; native remnant
Melaleuca ? <i>pauperiflora</i>	East of Sports club car park	Native remnant specimen now reduced in range or abundance, which indicates the former extent of the species, particularly range limits;
<i>Eucalyptus kondininensis</i> & <i>Eucalyptus longicornis</i>	North of Medical Centre	Outstanding; Native remnant specimen now reduced in range or abundance, which indicates the former extent of the species, contributes to landscape

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<i>Eucalyptus kondininensis</i> <i>Kondinin Blackbutts</i>	South of hospital	Outstanding; native remnant
<i>Eucalyptus kondininensis</i> & <i>Eucalyptus longicornis</i>	South of Medical Centre	Outstanding; native remnant
<i>Eucalyptus kondininensis</i> & <i>Eucalyptus longicornis</i>	Hospital Car park	Outstanding; native remnant, old
<i>Eucalyptus salmonophloia</i> Salmon Gum	Lake Grace Engineering (?kerb)	Age, native remnant specimen now reduced in range or abundance, which indicates the former extent of the species, particularly range limits, representative

<i>Eucalyptus kondininensis</i>	Road verge, Saltbush Inn, Griffiths Street	Age, size, outstanding; old, native remnant
Eucalypt	Cnr Carruthers & Absolon Streets	Age, size, old, native remnant

PRIVATE LAND

<i>Eucalyptus kondininensis</i> & <i>Eucalyptus longicornis</i>	IGA car park and road edge, Bennett Street	Age, native remnant, contributes to landscape
<i>Eucalyptus salmonophloia</i> Salmon Gum	Elders car park, 94 Stubbs Street	Age, size, outstanding; old, native remnant
<i>Eucalyptus salmonophloia</i> Salmon Gum	SBM yard, 84 Stubbs Street	Age, size, outstanding; old, native remnant
<i>Quandongs</i>	82 Stubbs Street (House yard – Maalouf's)	Native remnant, range
Eucalypt	Lake Grace District High School – near canteen	Age, size, outstanding; old, native remnant
Itchy pod tree	Lake Grace District School	Age, size, historical - anecdotes
<i>Eucalyptus longicornis</i>	D & T Spencer's block, 28 Stubbs Street	Native remnant specimens now reduced in range or abundance, which indicates the former extent of the species, particularly range limits; age, size, Outstanding; old, native remnant, contributes to landscape
<i>Eucalyptus longicornis</i>	Behind Rosie's Coffee Shop, 26 Stubbs Street	Native remnant specimens now reduced in range or abundance, which indicates the former extent of the species, particularly range limits; age, size, Outstanding; old, native remnant, contributes to landscape

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