

Subject: Feedback for Significant Tree Register

Hello

Community Group 1 are creating our own Edible Fruit Tree Register in which many of the categories in your tree register are applicable. At the Stakeholders Meeting we identified some of our own particular requirements in setting up an Edible Fruit Tree Register. Some of the considerations raised during this process may apply to your tree register, for example;

- Allocating a file number to the top of the form for tracking purposes. (Darebin Council to allocate)
- An instruction section at the top outlining
 - ☐ photo format (e.g. need for high res .jpg format)
 - ☐ email address and mailing address for electronic and hard copy posting
 - ☐ what to do if someone wants to make more than one nomination
- Contact details of the person filling out the form
- In the Location section – latitude and longitude would be required for GPS mapping
- Accessibility of the tree
- If the tree has any visible disease
- Perhaps in Frequently asked questions – edible versus non edible trees/ bushes could be clarified?
- Appendices at the end for adding photos and other attached documentation.

Your form is concise in question and simple and clear in layout which is great for the general public.

We look forward to further collaboration with you.

Warm regards

Community Group 1

To: Darebin Parks

Subject: Thankyou (for Tree Register)

Dear Parks staff,

Am so relieved the Significant Tree Register is being started up. I've been meaning to write to the Council on this topic for the last couple of years. Unfortunately the most significant tree close to where I live (in Regent / Sth Reservoir) - a huge old flowering gum that every summer flocks of native coloured birds came to feast from, the height of a 6 storey building - was professionally removed before our eyes one afternoon, over a year ago to make way for new housing apartments.

A slightly smaller version of it on the edge of the same property for a while remained, until again we heard the whirring sound of chainsaws, & noticed it too vanished.

Neighbours tend to copy one another, so within a further 6 months my own landlady had removed a further 2 large trees outside the flat I rent (same backyard), which has now completely transformed the environment from one of mostly shade to one of almost none.

If the Tree Register had been active earlier on, my hope would be the largest of the 2 huge eucalypts at least could have been built around, instead of removed, and a culture of respect could have been created in the area, discouraging such short-sighted behaviour from others watching on. Trees take so very many decades to reach an established, fully mature size & height, by which time they become an integral part of an area (not just within the boundaries of where planted) - so I think very careful thought needs to go in to whether they're removed.

Now I'm aware the new Register exists, I'll be paying close attention to other trees I come across locally, so I can more formally communicate their value to you as well.

With deep gratitude,

Sincerely, Resident 1

(Darebin & nearby resident for over 10 yrs.)

Hi. I notice that Darebin is establishing a significant tree register.

Can you advise what it means, in practical terms, should a resident's tree become listed on the register? For example, does it mean the resident cannot remove it, should that become necessary for some reason? Does it mean that developers on neighbouring properties would have to ensure they did not damage the tree by building too close to it? Does it mean there could be some kind of subsidy for occasional inspections by arborists, as is done (presumably) for trees in council parks?

I have looked at the FAQ document and assessment form on the website, but these do not provide an indication of the purpose and implications of listing trees on the register.

Thanks.

Resident 2