



CITY OF SOUTH PERTH
TOWN PLANNING SCHEME NO. 6

**SIGNIFICANT TREE REGISTER
NOMINATION FORM**

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NOMINATING PERSON

Name: _____

Address: _____ Postcode: _____

Telephone Numbers: (Private) _____ (Business) _____

Is the nominating person the owner of the tree(s)? **YES/NO**

TREE INFORMATION *(A grouping of trees can also be nominated)*

Botanical Name (if known): _____

Common Name: _____

LOCATION AND OWNERSHIP OF TREE(S)

Private Property - Address: _____

Public - Park or Street - Address: _____

AGE OF TREE(S)

Date Planted or Estimate of Age: _____

Planted by whom (if known): _____

REASON(S) FOR INCLUSION ON REGISTER

Please indicate reasons why you would like this tree or group of trees included in the register
(eg. remnant native, age, historical significance, etc);

If there is any further evidence supporting classification such as photographs or background information, please attach to application.

OWNER'S AGREEMENT

I/We, owner(s) of the tree(s) nominated above, hereby agree to their listing on Council's Register of Significant Trees;

NAME: _____ SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

When completed, this form should be forwarded to;

Significant Tree Register
City of South Perth
Sandgate Street
South Perth WA 6151

Further enquiries:

Mr John Murray
9474 0777

More information about the Significant Tree Register

Background

The Register of Significant Trees came about as a result of concern about the loss of mature trees within the City of South Perth. The initial response was to release a Planning Policy No. 19 which provided guidelines on the retention of trees on development sites. Later, it was then realised that greater tree protection was required on land not affected by development applications, and on future development sites where trees are often removed prior to contact with Council. Subsequently, an amendment to Town Planning Scheme No. 5 conferring the power to issue Tree Preservation Orders came into being.

What is a tree preservation order?

A Tree Preservation Order occurs when the Council of the City of South Perth, using the powers conferred upon it by the Town Planning and Development Act 1928, may order the preservation of a tree. A Tree Preservation Order may be served on an individual tree, group of trees, or other vegetation. All nominations for listing will be considered by Council Officers, however the tree(s) must pass a set of criteria. The criteria will have regard to such factors as aesthetic quality, historical significance or rarity, as well as an analysis of health before a tree will obtain listing. If a tree has been nominated by someone other than the owner of the property it is situated, written consent from the owner must accompany the form before any order is made. If Council considers there to be risk of imminent damage to or destruction of a significant tree, an *emergency* Tree Preservation Order may be issued without the agreement of the owner or occupier of the land. Written comments from the owner or occupier will be considered in these cases.

Qualities that should be considered before nominating a tree or trees

Examples of qualities that should be taken into consideration before nominating a tree or grouping of trees for the Significant Tree Register include;

- a remnant native species,
- a specimen of significant historical, cultural or aesthetic value,
- a specimen of great age,
- an outstanding example of a particular species,
- a rare or unusual species,
- a specimen of particular sentimental value.

It should be noted that Tree Preservation Orders will be applied only to the best quality trees or grouping of trees, rather than to every tree of a certain description

What are the implications of listing a tree on the register?

A person may not cut, remove or destroy a tree that has been listed on the register without written consent of Council. Failure to comply is an offence under the City of South Perth Town Planning Scheme No.6.

Does listing a tree mean that it will always be protected?

A Tree Preservation Order may be amended or repealed by Council.

Can I find out about trees listed in the register?

A copy of the Register of Tree Preservation Orders is available to view on the City's website via the online mapping tool, Intramaps and for public inspection at the Civic Centre.
