

Chapter 6 – Natural Features & Landscapes Chapter 7 – Heritage

Notable and Heritage Trees (Protected Trees)



Overview

Tauranga has some outstanding examples of large and significant tree species both in public and private ownership. A large number of these trees are protected through their ecological, cultural or historic value to the City.

Council maintains a register of Notable and Landscape Trees which protects trees and bush in our city from damage and needless removal. Reviewing this register has identified the following issues:

- The register is out of date – many location descriptions are incorrect (legal descriptions have changed where subdivision has taken place)
- The current list is extensive and includes trees of questionable value.
- Some trees do not meet requirements to be included on the register.
- The register in its current format is not the best way to manage Tauranga's significant tree stock into the future



Current Rules

- Any work required on a protected tree, other than minor pruning or treatment of damage or disease, requires a resource consent.



Key Changes Proposed

- Remove the 'landscape' classification of protected trees. Classify and register trees as having either 'heritage' and/or 'notable' value.
- There will be two thresholds for protecting 'notable' trees - based on whether the tree is an exotic or native.
- The number of protected trees will reduce from 1760 to a total of 247 'notable' trees and 21 'heritage' trees.
- Any work undertaken, other than minor pruning, will still require a resource consent.



Reason for the Change

- The current register is out of date.
- To allow Council to meet Resource Management Act (RMA) requirements in regard to sustainable management of natural resources, and protection of historic heritage.

Note: The provisions of the City Plan relating to Heritage Trees shall have legal effect from the date of public notification of the Plan.

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