



Above: *Quercus cerris* (Turkey Oak), Ballarat Botanical Gardens

City of Ballarat Exceptional Tree Register

The City of Ballarat Exceptional Tree Register is a formal list of significant trees in the municipality. The Register will identify and assist in the protection of these exceptional trees on private and public land.

Ballarat has a long and proud history of tree planting and is renowned for its extensive and diverse tree population.

As the city grows, increased infill developments and subdivisions may have implications for trees throughout the city. Trees on private property and older, larger trees are particularly vulnerable to development and changes to land use.

The City of Ballarat Exceptional Tree Register will promote the importance of preserving our city's living heritage.

Why create an Exceptional Tree Register?

Exceptional trees, both in the private and public realm, are an important and integral community and heritage asset to Ballarat.

Some of the existing trees are formally protected under the Ballarat planning scheme. Others are listed so as to celebrate their significance and promote awareness of their values and contribution to the city.

A formal Register identifying and promoting public and private trees provides recognition of the amenity, character and cultural value exceptional trees bring to the urban and rural environments.

How will the Register be created?

Assessment of what is considered exceptional can be quite subjective. A process of nomination and registration, followed by evaluation and consideration by a panel, will create the Register.

Nominations for additional trees may be submitted for the Register at any time. It is anticipated the Register will be reviewed on an annual basis.

How do I make a nomination?

All residents are invited to nominate public and private trees in the City of Ballarat to the Register at anytime.

Nomination forms are available at The Phoenix, Armstrong Street South, and at the City of Ballarat website: www.ballarat.vic.gov.au.

Who will assess the Register nominations?

An expert panel including a Ballarat City Councillor, arborist, independent expert and community representative will assess nominations and determine the trees to be included on the Register.

What happens after the Register is created?

The City of Ballarat Exceptional Tree Register is a formal list of exceptional trees in the municipality. Trees that are accepted onto the list will be celebrated for their significance and will help promote awareness of their values and contribution to the city. Each tree will also be identified on the Urban Forest Interactive Map where users may explore the location and details of their significance.

Nomination Form

Thank you for nominating a tree or trees for assessment and consideration for inclusion in the City of Ballarat Exceptional Tree Register. The information provided will be verified by the City of Ballarat. Please provide as much detail as possible. We will contact you if we need any further information, and/or following assessment of the nominated tree/s.

Tree Details

Common name of tree/s: _____

Botanical name of tree/s: _____

Estimated age: _____

Date planted: _____

Planted by: _____

Number of trees:

If the nomination is for a group of trees with a variety of species and/or different selection criteria, please complete a separate nomination form for each tree.

Location of tree/s: _____

Please provide an accurate location, e.g. '24 High St, Redan in the north-west corner.' If the property address is uncertain or unknown, provide a detailed location plan or an aerial photograph, such as an image from Google Maps.

Is access to the tree/s restricted? YES or NO
(please circle)

Reasons For Nomination

Selection Criteria for Exceptional Trees

For details of the 'Exceptional Tree Register Selection Criteria,' please visit www.ballarat.vic.gov.au. Tick boxes next to all applicable criteria of the nominated tree/s.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Horticultural Value | <input type="checkbox"/> 7. Curious Growth Form |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Location or context | <input type="checkbox"/> 8. Historical Value |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Rare or Localised | <input type="checkbox"/> 9. Aboriginal Association |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Particularly Old | <input type="checkbox"/> 10. Outstanding Example of Species |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Outstanding Size | <input type="checkbox"/> 11. Outstanding Habitat Value |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Aesthetic Value | <input type="checkbox"/> 12. Social, Cultural or Spiritual Value |