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Re: Significant Tree Register

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the Moreland Council Significant Tree Register, which seeks to recognise and celebrate significant trees on privately owned land, and protect those trees in the Moreland Planning Scheme. The National Trust commends Council for its commitment to protect and enhance the landscape quality of the municipality for current and future generations.

The National Trust of Australia (Victoria) (National Trust) is the state's largest community-based heritage advocacy organisation actively working towards conserving and protecting our heritage for future generations to enjoy, representing approximately 26,000 members across Victoria. As Victoria's premier heritage and conservation organisation, the National Trust has an interest in ensuring that a wide range of natural, cultural, social and Indigenous heritage values are protected and respected, contributing to strong, vibrant and prosperous communities.

The National Trusts of Australia Register of Significant Trees includes over 20,000 trees in 1,200 locations in Victoria (<https://trusttrees.org.au/>). Currently, there are three trees on the Register located in the Moreland municipality:

1. *Quercus robur* (English Oak) (file no: T11418), located at Joe Mallia Reserve in Oak Park https://trusttrees.org.au/tree/VIC/Oak_Park/26_Josephine_Street
2. *Angophora costata* (Smooth-barked Apple Gum) (file no: T12340), located at 11 Alister Street in Fitzroy North https://trusttrees.org.au/tree/VIC/Fitzroy_North/11_Alister_St
3. *Corymbia citriodora* (Lemon Scented Gum) (file no: T12384), located at Fawkner Memorial Park, Fawkner https://trusttrees.org.au/tree/VIC/Fawkner/1187_Sydney_Road

As these trees have already been classified by our Significant Tree Expert Committee as being significant at the regional level, we recommend inclusion in the Moreland register.

The National Trust also suggests that Council consider older fruit trees for inclusion on the Register. The Moreland municipality contains many fruit trees planted by European migrants post-WWII, which represent a significant element of the history of migration in inner-northern Melbourne. We believe that there may be examples of such plantings which are of historical and social significance to the area, and which contribute to the distinctive cultural landscape of the inner north. We encourage Council to take this into account when developing the register and consulting with the community.

In conclusion, we strongly support Council's plan to establish a Register of Significant Trees to be protected in the Moreland Planning Scheme, and would welcome further consultation as the project progresses. We would also be pleased to facilitate consultation with the National Trust's Significant Tree Expert Committee, chaired by Dr Greg Moore.

We are keen to actively support the establishment and implementation of significant tree registers across the state, and recently collaborated with Maribyrnong Council on a community information session regarding their proposed register of significant trees, providing a presentation regarding the assessment of significant trees.

We look forward to providing further feedback on the Significant Tree Register as it progresses. Should you have any questions regarding the above or if you would like to set up a meeting, please contact Eloise Dowd, Environmental Heritage Advocate, on 9656 9823, or at eloise.dowd@nattrust.com.au.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F Watson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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