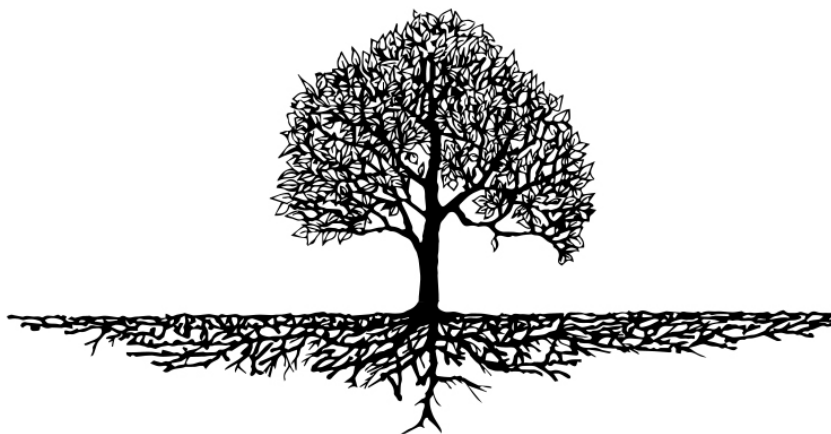


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2. Introduction

2.1 On 30th November 2020 Mr & Mrs Lawrence engaged The Ents Tree Consultancy to complete an Arboricultural Impact Assessment and Tree Protection Plan for the trees on site at 41 Wallumatta Road Newport. This report will assess the nominated trees that are on and adjoining the site which may be impacted upon by the works or the associated activities. The client stated that the trees have been nominated to be inspected in relation to a development application which involves alterations and additions to the existing building and some landscape works. To allow the works to proceed some of the trees are proposed to be removed. Most of the trees on site and all trees adjoining the site are proposed to be retained. Consultation was sought with the client about the number and position of trees to be inspected prior to a survey being completed.

2.2 The site inspection of the nominated trees occurred on 1st December 2020. This tree report will detail the condition of the nominated trees, observe the proposed works and recommend removal or retention of the trees on or adjoining the site. Recommendations for removal or retention will be based on the proposed works and compatibility of the trees with the works as well as the trees hazard potential or ULE Rating. The report will also assess any potential impacts for trees nominated to be retained and attempt to remove or minimise them where possible. Recommended tree protection measures as set out in the Australian Standard AS4970 Protection of Trees on development sites will be nominated as required.

2.3 The purpose of this report is to assess the proposed works as well as the health and suitability of the trees nominated at the time of the inspection. The report will also provide tree management options for trees on the site in regard to the proposed works. The Tree Protection Guidelines will be discussed for all trees nominated to be retained. The information in this report will be based on the information presented by the client at the time of the inspection as well as the site inspection. The Australian Standard AS4970 Protection of Trees on development sites will be used as a guide to manage the site. Additional Tree Protection measures are included in appendix 8.

2.4 To achieve the objectives of the report, the trees will be assessed noting the species, size, general condition. The trees will be assessed using the internationally recognised VTA assessment method for above ground parts only. The trees characteristics and eventual size will be taken into consideration as will the trees position in relation to structures and hard scapes. Recommendations will be outlined in section 5 of the report. A detailed list of the trees surveyed will be provided in Appendix 2 of the report and an existing numerical system has been used to identify them for this report and future reference on this job site.

3. Methodology

- 3.1 The trees were assessed using the standard Visual Tree Assessment technique (VTA). The trees were assessed from the ground for this report.
- 3.2 A Lufkin 6.5m diameter tape was used to obtain the Diameter at breast height (DBH) as recommended at 1.4 metres unless otherwise stated due to variations in the trees form.
- 3.3 The height of the trees was estimated and the spread of the trees canopy was paced out.
- 3.4 A Canon 5D Digital camera with a 24-105mm lens was used to take all photographs in this report.
- 3.5 The ULE rating system has been used as a guide to assist in determining the Useful Life Expectancy of the trees surveyed. Refer to Appendices 1.



4. Discussion

4.1 The trees nominated to be assessed are located on the property at 41 Wallumatta Road Newport. Some of the trees are significant in the immediate landscape and one is likely to be considered important in the local areas landscape in terms of amenity and function. The trees are located on partially sheltered site with some protection from surrounding structures, trees and topography from some aspects. The soil on site appears to be a sandy loam that has been disturbed previously when the existing building and hardscapes were built and the site was cleared.

4.2 Based on the information provided by the client, the works involve alterations and additions to the existing buildings and some landscape works. Some of the trees on site are proposed to be removed for the works, whilst others will be retained. All trees adjoining the site are proposed to be retained. The trees nominated to be retained, will be retained using sympathetic building activities to allow the works to proceed. Options for the managing the trees nominated to be retained on and adjoining the proposed works site will be provided. Any tree that is nominated to be retained on or adjoining site will be kept in good condition for the duration of the works using the Australian Standard AS4970 2009 Protection of trees on development sites for the basis of all tree management practices.

4.3 **Trees 1 to 8** are trees that are located to the rear of the site. These trees are located a considerable distance from the proposed works provided tree protection is installed. There will be no disturbances to the trees structural root zone with no disturbance or under 10 disturbance to the trees projected tree protection zones. **Tree Protection Trees 1 - 8.** To protect the trees roots zones and vascular tissue, 1.8m chain mesh fencing will need to be installed. The fencing will need to be at the edge of the trees projected tree protection zones, limited by the site boundary or the proposed building structure. At no time should the tree protection material be removed during the works period. Refer to the tree protection plan in appendix 4a.

4.4 **Tree 9** is a mature tree that is located to the rear of the site. The tree has average health and average form. There are no disturbances proposed within the trees projected structural root zone and there are limited works proposed within the projected Tree Protection Zone of this tree for the installation of a deck on a pier and beam footing. There is also a small section of the tree protection zone that will be disturbed for the house, which will also be on piers. The disturbance for the deck will be minimal as it will be gap graded and will not stop water or gaseous exchanges. The total disturbance to the tree protection zone will be 13% by area, however the disturbance for the house will be less than 10% and is acceptable for this species. There are no long-term impacts anticipated for this tree. All footings proposed to be excavated within 5m of the tree should be completed under the supervision of the AQF level 5 site Arborist.

4.5 **Tree Protection Tree 9.** This tree will require 1.8m chain mesh fencing to protect the trees vascular tissue and root zones whilst allowing the works to proceed. The 1.8m chain mesh fencing will need to be installed at the edge of the trees projected tree protection zone, limited by the site boundaries. The fence will need to stop at .5m from the proposed house to allow for the construction of the proposed structure. At no time should the tree protection material be removed during the works period. Refer to the tree protection plan in appendix 4a.

4.6 **Trees 12, 17, 18 & 19** are palm trees that have average health and average form. The palm trees are located close to the proposed works, however the trees will have no disturbances proposed for their structural root zones as the building is on a pier and beam footing that will be adjustable to miss the root mass. These palm trees will have disturbances of under 20% by area to their projected tree protection zones. This is because the structure is elevated and there are no roots proposed to be severed, these palm trees will be able to be retained with less than 10% of their projected tree protection zones disturbed. There are no short or long terms impacts anticipated for these trees. **Tree Protection for Trees 12, 17, 18 & 19.** These trees will require 1.8m chain mesh fencing to protect the trees vascular tissue and root zones whilst allowing the works to proceed. The 1.8m chain mesh fencing will need to be installed at the edge of the trees projected tree protection zone, limited by building. At no time should the tree protection material be removed during the works period. Refer to the tree protection plan in appendix 4a.

4.7 **Tree 14** is a small tree located away from the works. There are no disturbances proposed to the trees projected tree protection zone or structural root zone. This tree can be retained with no impacts anticipated. **Tree Protection Tree 14.** This tree will require 1.8m chain mesh fencing to protect the trees vascular tissue and root zones whilst allowing the works to proceed. The 1.8m chain mesh fencing will need to be installed at the edge of the trees projected tree protection zone, limited by the site boundaries. The fence will need to stop at .5m from the proposed house to allow for the construction of the proposed structure. At no time should the tree protection material be removed during the works period. Refer to the tree protection plan in appendix 4a.

4.8 **Trees 13 & 21** are trees on the adjoining property located away from the works. There are no disturbances proposed to the projected tree protection zones or structural root zones of these trees. These trees can be retained with no impacts anticipated. These trees will require no additional tree protection as the existing boundary fence will separate the trees from the works. **Tree 22** is a group of trees maintained as a hedge. There are no disturbances proposed to the trees projected tree protection zone or structural root zone. This tree can be retained with no impacts anticipated. This hedge is located away from all works and will require no additional tree protection.



4.9 **Tree 23** is a mature and significant tree located on the adjoining property away from the works. There will be no disturbances to the structural root zone and a limited disturbance to the trees projected tree protection zone for the installation of piers. The disturbance to the trees projected tree protection zone will be under 10% and there will be no measurable impacts for the tree. There will be no additional tree protection required for this tree as the existing boundary fence will separate the tree from the works and the existing hardscapes will remain in place to protect the roots. **Tree 24** is a small tree away from the works. There are no disturbances proposed to the trees projected tree protection zone or structural root zone. This tree can be retained with no impacts anticipated.

4.10 **Trees 25 & 26** are small trees located close to the proposed works. Both of these trees have piers proposed to be installed within their projected structural root zones. The piers must be adjustable to retain roots 50mm+ in diameter and excavated by hand under the supervision of the AQF level 5 site Arborist. The proposed disturbance to the tree protection zone of each tree is under 15% by area for each tree. This disturbance will be further reduced as there will be limited root pruning for the pier holes only, retaining the majority of the root function for both trees, reducing the disturbance to the projected tree protection zone to under 10%.

4.11 **Trees 29 - 33** are trees located on the nature strip to the front of the property. The trees are close to the works, however a brick wall and the associated footing, separates the trees from the works activities. There will be no disturbances to the structural root zone of either tree. The disturbance to the tree protection zone of each tree will be under 10%. This is due to the wall and hardscapes restricting root growth in that area as well as the fact that the proposed works are limited to the installation of piers. There will be no long-term impacts for these trees. **Tree Protection for Trees 29 - 33.** These trees will require 1.8m chain mesh fencing to protect the trees vascular tissue and root zones whilst allowing the works to proceed. The 1.8m chain mesh fencing will need to be installed at the edge of the trees projected tree protection zone, limited by wall, existing driveways and the road. At no time should the tree protection material be removed during the works period. Refer to the tree protection plan in appendix 4a.

4.12 **Trees 34 & 35** are trees located on the nature strip to the front of the adjoining property. There will be no disturbances to the structural root zone of either tree. The disturbance to the tree protection zone of each tree will be under 10%. This is due to the driveway protection the roots as well as the fact that the proposed works are limited to the installation of piers. There will be no long-term impacts for these trees. **Tree Protection for Trees 34 & 35.** These trees will require 1.8m chain mesh fencing to protect the trees vascular tissue and root zones whilst allowing the works to proceed. The 1.8m chain mesh fencing will need to be installed at the edge of the trees projected tree protection zone, limited by wall, existing driveways and the road. At no time should the tree protection material be removed during the works period. Refer to the tree protection plan in appendix 4a.

4.13 **Trees 10, 11, 15, 20, 27 & 28** are trees that are proposed to be removed as they are not compatible with the works. All of the trees can be removed and replaced within a new landscape plan.

5. Recommendations

5.1 After reviewing the site and the information provided by the client, the works are proposed to proceed with the following actions,

5.2 To allow the works to proceed it is recommended that trees 10, 11, 15, 20, 27 & 28 are removed and replaced within a new landscape plan. Please note, tree 15 has significant decay and will require removal regardless of works. Tree 20 is a fig tree planted too close to the house and will require removal regardless of works.

5.3 It is recommended that trees 1 – 9, 12-14, 16-19, 21-26 and trees 29-35 are retained and protected for the duration of the works using 1.8m chainmesh fencing. It is recommended that all tree protection measures are in place as described in section 4 of the report prior to the commencement of any works. The AQF level 5 site Arborist will need to sign off on the tree protection measures prior to works commencing. All alterations and additions will need to be approved in writing by the AQF level 5 site Arborist.

5.4 To manage the site it is recommended that Monthly inspections and reporting is required to ensure the tree is adequately protected. All works (if any) within the structural root zone of any tree will need to be supervised by the AQF level 5 Site Arborist. All root pruning of roots 50mm+ on site will need to be completed by the AQF level 5 Site Arborist. At the end of the works period the tree will be inspected by an AQF 5 Arborist to determine if the tree has been maintained adequately. If this is done the compliance certificate will be issued. If trees have been damaged or breaches of the Australian Standards have occurred council will be contacted for further advice.

5.5 It is recommended that construction proceeds using the Australian Standard AS4970 2009 Protection of trees on development sites as a basis for tree protection on the site as well as the site-specific instructions listed in section 5 of this report. Additional Tree Protection measures are listed in Appendix 7 of the report to assist in the care of the trees on site.



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Disclaimer

All trees have been assessed based on the information and facts of the site and as presented by the client or relevant parties at the time of inspection. No responsibility can be taken for incorrect or misleading information provided by the client or other parties. The nominated tree/s are assessed for biological requirements and hazard potential with reasonable care. The trees are assessed from the ground and by visual means only unless otherwise stated. All tree protection and tree preservation measures are designed to minimise the damage to the tree/s or to reduce the hazard potential of the tree/s. No responsibility can be taken by the author of this report for future damage to structures by the existing trees or planted trees. Trees are inherently dangerous, therefore will always have a hazard potential. Trees fail in ways that are not predictable or fully understood. There is no guarantee expressed or implied that failure or deficiencies may not arise of the subject trees in the future. No responsibility is accepted for damage to property or injury/death caused by the nominated tree/s.

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Appendix 1 ULE Rating

Useful Life Expectancy (ULE): Useful life expectancy refers to an expected period of time the tree can be retained within the landscape before its amenity value declines to a point where it may detract from the appearance of the landscape and/or becomes potentially hazardous to people and/or property. ULE values consider tree species, current age, health, structure and location. ULE values are based on the tree at the time of assessment and do not consider future changes to the tree's location and environment which may influence the ULE value.

Category rating:	Category definition in years:	Category rating:
1	> 40 Years	High
2	15 to 40 Years	Medium
3	5-15 Years	Low
4	0-5 Years	Dead / Dying



Appendix 2 Assessment of Trees

Tree No	Species	Height (m)	DBH* & DAC**	Canopy Spread (m)	TPZ ***	Health #	Structure #	ULE Rating ****	Landscape Rating *	Stars Rating *	Observations and comments
1	<i>Syncarpia glomulifera</i> Turpentine Tree	14	.20 DAC .30	8	2.4 SRZ 2	A	Ba	2	H	H	Partially suppressed
2	<i>Corymbia maculata</i> Spotted gum	17	.32 DAC .40	8	3.84 SRZ 2.25	A	A	1	H	H	
3	<i>Corymbia maculata</i> Spotted gum	18	.33 DAC .45	9	3.96 SRZ 2.37	A	A	1	H	H	
4	<i>Flindersia australis</i> Australian teak (Crow's ash)	14	.20 DAC .30	8	2.4 SRZ 2	A	A	1	H	H	
5	<i>Syncarpia glomulifera</i> Turpentine Tree	13	.27 DAC .40	6	3.24 SRZ 2.25	A	Ba	2	M	M	Partially suppressed
6	<i>Brachychiton acerifolius</i> Illawarra flame tree	10	.18 DAC .25	7	2.16 SRZ 1.85	A	A	1	M	M	Located on the adjoining property
7	<i>Eucalyptus globoidea</i> Stringybark	14	.25 DAC .35	6	3 SRZ 2.13	Ba	Ba	2	M	M	Partially suppressed, smothered by vine
8	<i>Brachychiton acerifolius</i> Illawarra flame tree	14	.34 DAC .45	8	4.08 SRZ 2.37	A	A	1	H	H	
9	<i>Corymbia maculata</i> Spotted gum	20	.85 DAC 1.02	16	10.2 SRZ 3.34	A	A	1	H	H	Dominant tree
10	<i>Alphitonia exelsa</i> Red Ash	16	.43 DAC .55	10	5.16 SRZ 2.57	A	A	2	M	M	
11	<i>Brachychiton acerifolius</i> Illawarra flame tree	14	.30 DAC .40	6	3.6 SRZ 2.25	A	A	1	M	M	
12	<i>Archontophoenix cunninghamiana</i> Bangalow palm	17	.30 DAC .40	7	3.6 SRZ 2.25	A	A	1	M	M	
13	<i>Archontophoenix cunninghamiana</i> Bangalow palm	17	.30 DAC .40	7	3.6 SRZ 2.25	A	A	1	M	M	Located on the adjoining property
14	<i>Schefflera actinophylla</i> Umbrella Tree	6	.25 DAC .30	7	3 SRZ 2	A	A	2	M	M	
15	<i>Cryptocarya glaucescens</i> Brown Beech	10	.46 DAC .55	9	5.52 SRZ 2.57	Ba	Ba	4	M	M	Significant decay in base and trunk. Remove



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16	<i>Corymbia maculata</i> Spotted gum	15	.30 DAC .40	10	3.6 SRZ 2.25	A	A	1	H	H	
17	<i>Archontophoenix cunninghamiana</i> Bangalow palm	15	2 x .25 DAC 2 x .40	6	4.8 SRZ 2.25	A	A	1	M	M	
18	<i>Syagrus romanzoffiana</i> Cocos palm	14	.25 DAC .35	8	3 SRZ 2.13	A	A	4	L	L	
19	<i>Syagrus romanzoffiana</i> Cocos palm	9	.25 DAC .35	7	3 SRZ 2.13	A	A	4	L	L	
20	<i>Ficus benjamina</i> Weeping fig	8	.35 DAC .45	6	4.2 SRZ 2.37	A	A	4	L	L	Remove, not a suitable tree for its location near the house
21	<i>Strelitzia nicolai</i> Giant Bird of Paradise	9	.25 DAC .35	4	3 SRZ 2.13	A	A	2	L	L	
22	<i>Syzygium paniculatum</i> Lilly pilly	7	.10 DAC .15	4	2 SRZ 2.25	A	A	2	M	M	Hedge 7 plants
23	<i>Corymbia maculata</i> Spotted gum	20	2 x .80 DAC 1.2	16	9.6 SRZ 3.57	A	A	1	H	H	Dual off base 3m over boundary on the adjoining property.
24	<i>Dracaena draco</i> Dragon tree	6	.21 DAC .30	3	2.52 SRZ 2	A	A	1	H	H	
25	<i>Dracaena draco</i> Dragon tree	6	.31 DAC .40	6	3.6 SRZ 2.25	A	A	1	H	H	
26	<i>Corymbia maculata</i> Spotted gum	16	.35 DAC .45	10	4.2 SRZ 2.37	A	A	1	H	H	
27	<i>Corymbia maculata</i> Spotted gum	20	.58 DAC .75	12	6.96 SRZ 2.93	A	A	1	H	H	
28	<i>Corymbia maculata</i> Spotted gum	17	.58 DAC .75	10	6.96 SRZ 2.93	A	A	1	H	H	
29	<i>Corymbia maculata</i> Spotted gum	18	.47 DAC .55	12	5.64 SRZ 2.57	A	A	1	H	H	



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30	<i>Eucalyptus globoidea</i> Stringybark	19	.35 DAC .45	9	4.2 SRZ 2.37	A	Ba	2	M	M	
31	<i>Syncarpia glomulifera</i> Turpentine Tree	19	.31 DAC .40	10	3.72 SRZ 2.25	Ba	Ba	2	M	M	
32	<i>Corymbia maculata</i> Spotted gum	18	.41 DAC .51	10	4.92 SRZ 2.49	A	A	1	H	H	
33	<i>Dracaena draco</i> Dragon tree	6	.26 DAC .35	3	3.12 SRZ 2.13	A	A	1	H	H	
34	<i>Brachychiton acerifolius</i> Illawarra flame tree	10	.30 DAC .40	7	3.6 SRZ 2.25	A	A	2	M	M	Over boundary on the adjoining property.
35	<i>Eucalyptus paniculata</i> Grey ironbark	18	1.0 DAC 1.2	14	12 SRZ 3.57	A	A	1	M	M	Over boundary on the adjoining property.

Explanatory Notes for Table

- *Dbh = Diameter of trunk at breast height.
- ** DAC = Diameter above the root collar used to measure the Structural Root Zone (SRZ).
- ***TPZ is the recommended TPZ 12x the DBH at 1.4m, SRZ is the trees structural root zone. Refer to AS4970 for details.
- **** ULE Explanation can be found in Appendix 1.
- + IACA Landscape value and S.T.A.R.S Rating system. Refer to Appendix 5
- # Health and Structure values represented above are P = poor, BA = Below Average, A = Average, G = Good



Appendix 3 Images of Tree

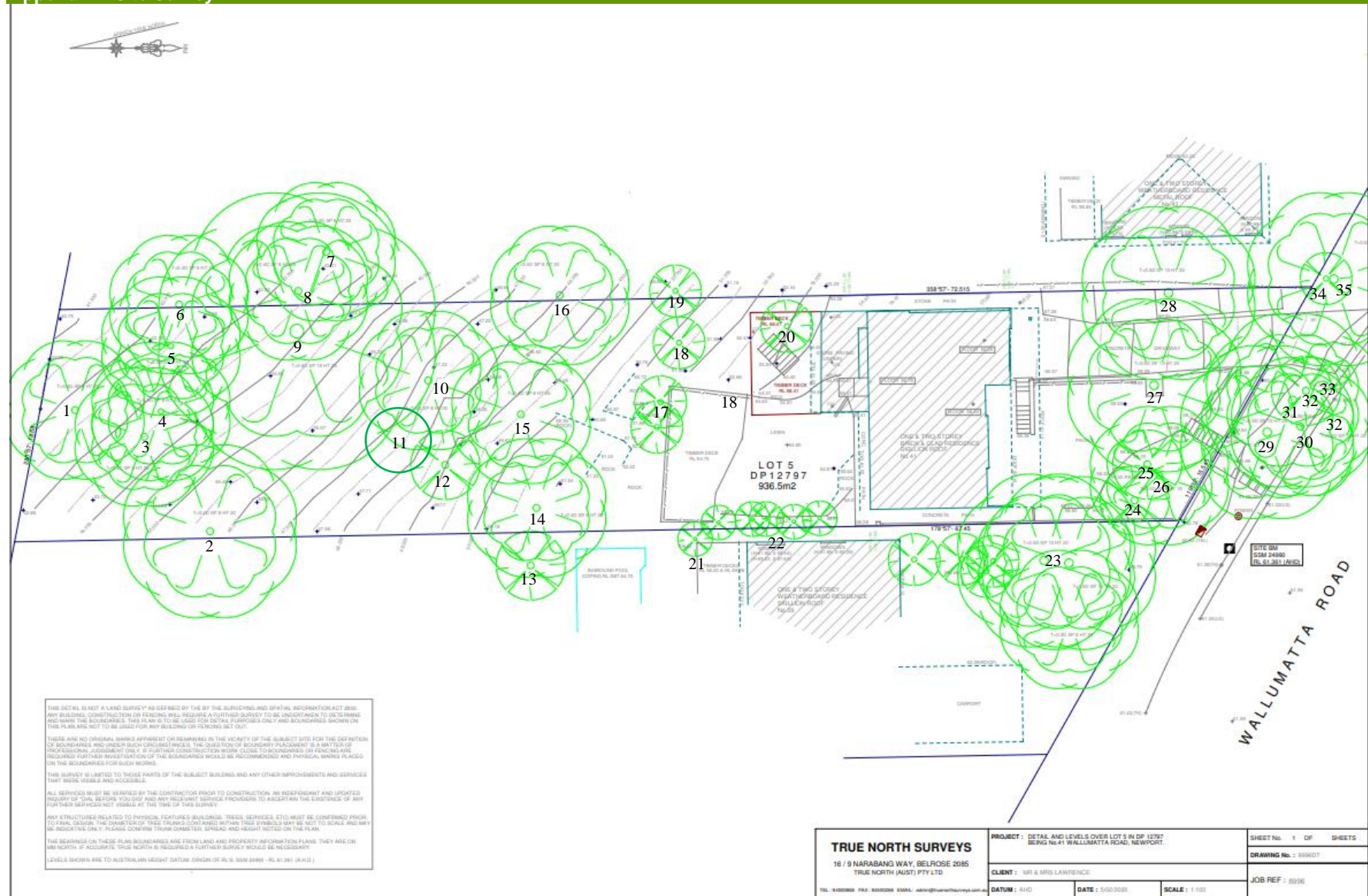


Image 1 above left shows trees 1-9 on site. Image 2 above left shows trees 10-13. Image 3 above left centre shows tree 16 on the adjoining site. Image 4 above centre shows trees 17-19. Image 5 above right centre shows tree 20. Image 6 shows tree 13 over the fence. Image 7 above right shows tree 23 over the fence. Image 8 below left shows trees 24-26. Image 9 below left centre shows trees 27 & 28. Image 10 below centre shows trees 29-33. Image 11 below right centre shows trees 34 & 35. Image 12 shows the front wall and existing hardscapes.



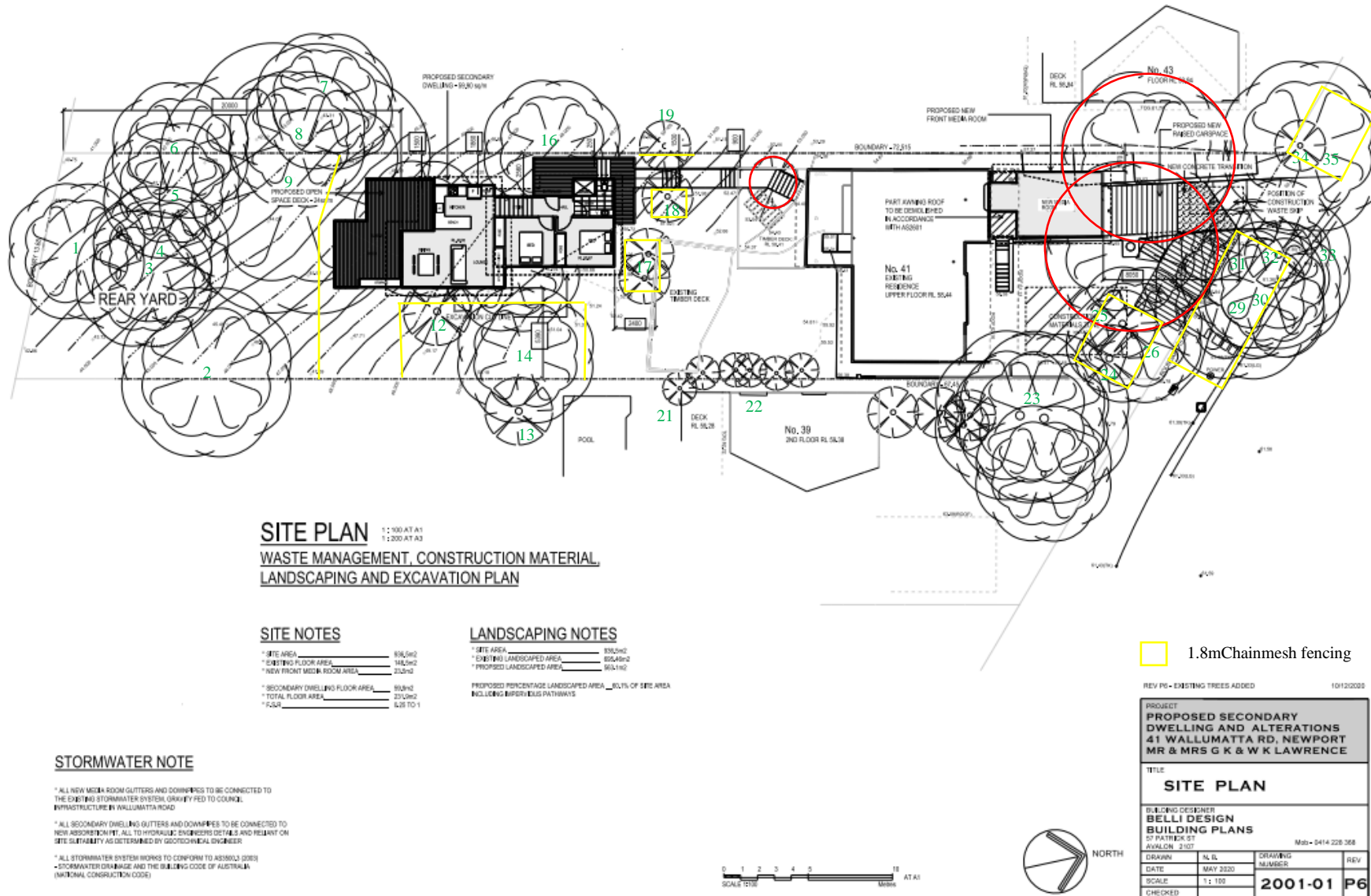


Appendix 4 Site Survey





Appendix 4 Proposed Site Plan & Tree Protection Plan





Appendix 5 Legend for S.T.A.R.S matrix assessment

IACA Significance of a Tree, Assessment Rating System (STARS) © (IACA 2010) ©

In the development of this document IACA acknowledges the contribution and original concept of the Footprint Green Tree Significance & Retention Value Matrix, developed by Footprint Green Pty Ltd in June 2001.

The landscape significance of a tree is an essential criterion to establish the importance that a particular tree may have on a site. However, rating the significance of a tree becomes subjective and difficult to ascertain in a consistent and repetitive fashion due to assessor bias. It is therefore necessary to have a rating system utilising structured qualitative criteria to assist in determining the retention value for a tree. To assist this process all definitions for terms used in the *Tree Significance - Assessment Criteria* and *Tree Retention Value - Priority Matrix*, are taken from the IACA Dictionary for Managing Trees in Urban Environments 2009.

This rating system will assist in the planning processes for proposed works, above and below ground where trees are to be retained on or adjacent a development site. The system uses a scale of *High*, *Medium* and *Low* significance in the landscape. Once the landscape significance of an individual tree has been defined, the retention value can be determined.

Tree Significance - Assessment Criteria



1. High Significance in landscape

- The tree is in good condition and good vigour;
- The tree has a form typical for the species;
- The tree is a remnant or is a planted locally indigenous specimen and/or is rare or uncommon in the local area or of botanical interest or of substantial age;
- The tree is listed as a Heritage Item, Threatened Species or part of an Endangered ecological community or listed on Councils significant Tree Register;
- The tree is visually prominent and visible from a considerable distance when viewed from most directions within the landscape due to its size and scale and makes a positive contribution to the local amenity;
- The tree supports social and cultural sentiments or spiritual associations, reflected by the broader population or community group or has commemorative values;
- The tree's growth is unrestricted by above and below ground influences, supporting its ability to reach dimensions typical for the taxa *in situ* - tree is appropriate to the site conditions.

2. Medium Significance in landscape

- The tree is in fair-good condition and good or low vigour;
- The tree has form typical or atypical of the species;
- The tree is a planted locally indigenous or a common species with its taxa commonly planted in the local area
- The tree is visible from surrounding properties, although not visually prominent as partially obstructed by other vegetation or buildings when viewed from the street,
- The tree provides a fair contribution to the visual character and amenity of the local area,
- The tree's growth is moderately restricted by above or below ground influences, reducing its ability to reach dimensions typical for the taxa *in situ*.

3. Low Significance in landscape

- The tree is in fair-poor condition and good or low vigour;
- The tree has form atypical of the species;
- The tree is not visible or is partly visible from surrounding properties as obstructed by other vegetation or buildings,
- The tree provides a minor contribution or has a negative impact on the visual character and amenity of the local area,
- The tree is a young specimen which may or may not have reached dimension to be protected by local Tree Preservation orders or similar protection mechanisms and can easily be replaced with a suitable specimen,
- The tree's growth is severely restricted by above or below ground influences, unlikely to reach dimensions typical for the taxa *in situ* - tree is inappropriate to the site conditions,
- The tree is listed as exempt under the provisions of the local Council Tree Preservation Order or similar protection mechanisms,
- The tree has a wound or defect that has potential to become structurally unsound.

Environmental Pest / Noxious Weed Species

- The tree is an Environmental Pest Species due to its invasiveness or poisonous/ allergenic properties,
- The tree is a declared noxious weed by legislation.

Hazardous/Irreversible Decline

- The tree is structurally unsound and/or unstable and is considered potentially dangerous,
- The tree is dead, or is in irreversible decline, or has the potential to fail or collapse in full or part in the immediate to short term.

The tree is to have a minimum of three (3) criteria in a category to be classified in that group.

Note: The assessment criteria are for individual trees only, however, can be applied to a monocultural stand in its entirety e.g. hedge.



Table 1.0 Tree Retention Value - Priority Matrix.

		Significance				
		1. High	2. Medium	3. Low		
		Significance in Landscape	Significance in Landscape	Significance in Landscape	Environmental Pest / Noxious Weed Species	Hazardous / Irreversible Decline
Estimated Life Expectancy	1. Long >40 years					
	2. Medium 15-40 Years					
	3. Short <1-15 Years					
	Dead					
<p><u>Legend for Matrix Assessment</u></p> <div style="text-align: right;"> </div>						
		Priority for Retention (High) - These trees are considered important for retention and should be retained and protected. Design modification or re-location of building/s should be considered to accommodate the setbacks as prescribed by the Australian Standard AS4970 <i>Protection of trees on development sites</i> . Tree sensitive construction measures must be implemented e.g. pier and beam etc if works are to proceed within the Tree Protection Zone.				
		Consider for Retention (Medium) - These trees may be retained and protected. These are considered less critical; however their retention should remain priority with removal considered only if adversely affecting the proposed building/works and all other alternatives have been considered and exhausted.				
		Consider for Removal (Low) - These trees are not considered important for retention, nor require special works or design modification to be implemented for their retention.				
		Priority for Removal - These trees are considered hazardous, or in irreversible decline, or weeds and should be removed irrespective of development.				

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Appendix 7 Glossary of Terms

Abiotic	Nonliving
Anthracoise	a fungal disease causing dead areas on the leaves, buds, stems.
Arboriculture	The science and art of caring for trees, shrubs and other woody plants in landscape settings.
Barrier Zone	Protective boundary formed in new wood in response to wounding or other injury.
Biotic	Alive, pertaining to living organisms.
Branch attachment	The structural union of a lateral branch.
Callus	Undifferentiated tissue produced in response to wounding.
Canker	A dead spot or necrotic lesion that is caused by a bark inhabiting organism/pathogen.
Cavity	an open wound characterized by the presence of decay resulting in a hollow.
Collar	the ring of tissue that surrounds the lateral branch at its point of attachment.
Compartmentalization	A physiological process that creates the chemical and physical boundaries that act to limit the spread of disease and decay organisms.
Compression wood	A type of reaction wood that forms on the underside of branches which tends to maintain a branch angle of growth.
Crown	The above ground parts of the tree, including the trunk.
DBH	The diameter of a tree's trunk measured at 1.4m.
Decay	Process of degradation of woody tissues by fungi and bacteria through the decomposition of cellulose and lignin.
Decline	Progressive decrease in health of organs or the entire plant usually caused by a series of interacting factors.
Drip line	The width of the crown, as measured by the lateral extent of the foliage.
Epicormic shoot	a shoot that arises from latent or adventitious buds that occur on stems, branches or the bases of trees.
Included bark	Pattern of development at branch junctions where bark is turned inward, rather than pushed out; contrast with the branch bark ridge.
Mortality Spiral	The sequence of events describing a change in the trees health from vigorous to declining to death.
Photosynthesis	The transformation in the presence of chlorophyll and light, of carbon dioxide from (the air) and water (primarily from soil) into a simple carbohydrate and oxygen.
Pruning	systematic removal of branches of a plant usually a woody perennial.
Reaction wood	Specialized secondary xylem that develops in response to a lean or similar mechanical stress to restore the stem to vertical.
Taper	The change in diameter over the length of trunks and branches. Important to mechanical support.
Tension wood	A type of reaction wood that trees form on the upper side of branches and stems and roots.
VTA	Visual Tree Assessment is a method of evaluating structural defects and stability in trees.
Wound	Any injury that induces a compartmentalization response.



Appendix 8, The Ents Tree Consultancy Tree Protection Guidelines

Definitions

- a) **Tree Protection Zone (TPZ)**, The TPZ is divided into 2 areas. 1 The Structural Root Zone delineated by an area nominated in table section 4 of the report and is assumed to contain most structural roots. The Tree Protection Zone that is twelve times the diameter of the tree trunk which is used to gauge the amount of feeder roots. No machinery works are permitted in these areas unless specified in this report or without written approval from the Council or the Arborist employed for this job site.
- b) **Qualified Arborist**, for supervision of works and reports level 5. For carrying out tree works level 3 Levels are as recognised by the Australian training framework.

Standards, AS4970 2009, Protection of Trees on development sites. AS 4373: 1996, The pruning of amenity trees.

Tree Protection Generally

1. Prior to works commencing erect a 1800mm chain mesh fence to protect the trees trunk at 12x Dbh or as specified in this report. The Tree Protection Zones as nominated should be marked with line marking paint and observed as an area free from machinery for the duration of the works unless stated otherwise in the accompanying report. Do not remove, alter or relocate without the approval of the Council or the Arborist employed for this site.
2. Trees to be protected in the works contract are items entrusted to the Contractor /owner by the Council for carrying out the work under the Contract. The Contractor/owner has obligations to protect these trees as part of the care of the work in the contract conditions.
3. Prior to commencing work on Site confirm with the Council all trees to be protected for the duration of the Works. Confirm also all access and haulage routes, storage areas, tree protection measures and work procedures. Ensure that the protection measures are in place prior to commencing work.
4. Use suitably qualified Arborist (level 5) to supervise earthworks or activities within the Structural Root Zone of tree, Do not severe roots 50mm or greater, which may cause damage to or affect the health of trees. Pruning of trees by the contractor is not permitted. If pruning works are required a suitably qualified (Minimum level 3) arborist will complete all works in the crown. All root pruning must be completed and documented by the level 5 site arborist.
5. Ensure construction trailers, vehicles and equipment do not come in contact with any tree at any time. Do not locate storage areas within the nominated Tree Protection Zone. Do not deposit or store materials, spoil, contaminants, and waste or washout water within Tree Protection Zones.
6. Take all reasonable precautions to protect trees to be retained on site from damage and decline, maintaining their health during the Contract. Implement recognised best practice industry standards to satisfy horticultural requirements for tree care.
7. Assess and monitor water stress in relation to trees on site. This is of particular importance if earthworks have occurred. Apply sufficient water to the trees on site as required to keep the trees healthy. Immediately report to the Council and site arborist, any trees on site that are injured, damaged or are in decline.

NOTE: Failure to comply with any part of these tree protection guidelines or the Australian standard AS4970 or AS4373 will result in the party breaching the Tree Protection Guidelines taking responsibility for all associated consequences.



Appendix 9 Curriculum Vitae

Education and Qualifications

- 2019 Undergraduate in Arboriculture Melbourne University (AQF Level 8), 1st Class Honours.
- Arboriculture Australia 3 Day Tree Anatomy Workshop 2015
- QTRA basic certificate 2014, QTRA Advanced Certificate 2016
- TRAQ Qualification 2014
- 2005 Diploma of Arboriculture (AQF Cert 5), Ryde TAFE. Distinction Pass.
- Barrell Tree Care Workshop- Trees on Construction Sites (Brisbane 2005)
- Tree Logic seminar- Urban Tree Risk Management (Sydney 2005)
- Tree Pathology and Wood Decay Seminar Sydney (2004)
- Excelsior Training Claus Mattheck (Sydney 2001)
- 2000 Tree Climbing Course (AQF Cert 2), Ryde TAFE.
- 1999 Advanced Certificate in Urban Horticulture, (AQF Cert 4), Ryde TAFE. Distinction Pass.
- 1995 Greenkeepers Trade Certificate (AQF 3) Ryde TAFE. Credit Pass.
- 1991 Higher School Certificate.

Professional Membership Accreditation

- Institute of Australian Consulting Arborists ACM 0482014
- Arboriculture Australia Member number 2527

Presentation of Scientific Papers

- Managing Mature Trees NAAA (Sydney 2000), Presented a Paper "Habitat Value of Mature Trees"

Industry Experience

- **2004 to Date, Sole Trader, The Ents Tree Consultancy.** Writing of tree reports for development applications, master plans, hazard evaluations, tree management plans and expert witness reports. Hazard assessments, tree surveys and consultations. Clients include The Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney, UNSW Master Planning Works including SIF building, Tyree Building, DP sports field redevelopment, Sydney University Mays Green Precinct, Taronga Zoo Coastline Precinct, Capital Insight, Campbelltown Hospital Redevelopment, Parramatta Park Trust multiple jobs, Woollahra Council multiple jobs and many other jobs.
- **2003 to 2008, Arborist University of New South Wales.** Survey all trees on site, developed a Tree Management Database. Minimise hazard potential of all trees on site through evaluation and works. Generate and prioritise works and tree assessment based areas usage, tree conditions and staff required. Development of UNSW Tree Protection Guidelines for master planning works. Acting Supervisor December 2006 to May 2007.
- **2003 Tree management Officer Randwick Council.** Liaise with public to explain and enforce the councils Tree Preservation order. Management of internal staff and contractors. Project management and co-ordination of street tree planting and maintenance.
- **1999 to 2003 Animal Food Production Manager and Arborist.** Management of Koala Food Plantation, Management of animal food supply registry for herbivores/omnivores. Coordination of staff contractors and volunteers. Maintain and manage tree management database, complete tree works within zoo grounds and at zoo owned plantations. Acting supervisor 6-month period 2002 for grounds department and asset management trade team.