

TREE – Notable Trees

Historic trees may have association with the history of the District, as well as adding to the amenity values.

Trees are also an important component of the District’s landscape. Trees or groups of trees may require protection for a variety of reasons including their:

- a. historical or cultural value - e.g., for their association with an important event or person or having spiritual significance to Te Runanga o Ngai Tahu or other communities.
- b. scientific value - e.g., rare or unusual trees
- c. landmark value - e.g., trees which are recognised community focal points
- d. amenity value - i.e., trees which contribute to the amenity of an area.

| Cross-references |
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| <p>In addition to the zone chapters, several district-wide and overlay chapters also contain provisions that may be relevant to notable trees, including:</p> <p>HH - Historic Heritage</p> <p>EW - Earthworks</p> <p>SUB - Subdivision</p> |

Issues

| TREE-I1 | Notable trees |
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| <p>Notable trees within the District have value to the community. They may be lost or adversely affected by development, land use changes, inappropriate alterations, fire, or vandalism.</p> | |

Objectives

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| TREE-O1 | Protect notable trees |
| To protect and preserve the District's notable trees. | |

Policies

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| TREE-P1 | Protect notable individual and groups of trees |
| To protect particularly notable individual trees and groups of trees and recognise them as an important element in maintaining and enhancing the environment of the District. | |
| TREE-P2 | Increase awareness of notable trees |
| To increase people’s awareness of the importance of notable trees of the District by including an inventory in the Plan of these trees. | |

Rules

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| Protected Trees: |
| Trees or groups of trees having either outstanding cultural and/or heritage values, botanical values or high visual amenity values. |

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| TREE-R1 | Removal of any protected tree other than any dead tree or any tree that is endangering people or property |
| | 1. Activity status: Discretionary |

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| TREE-R2 | Pruning at a height greater than one-third the total height of the tree, and/or any branches greater than 50mm diameter below this level |
| | 1. Activity status: Discretionary |

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| TREE-R3 | The construction of any building or laying of new overhead or underground services within the drip line of any protected tree, whether on the site or not |
| | <p>1. Activity status: Discretionary</p> <p>Note: For the purpose of this rule, "drip line" means the outer-most edge of the canopy or branches projected down to the ground.</p> |

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| TREE-R4 | Paving or storing of vehicles within the drip lines of any protected tree |
| | <p>1. Activity status: Discretionary</p> |

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| TREE-R5 | The addition or excavation of soil in a way that alters soil levels by more than 75mm within the drip line of any protected tree |
| | <p>1. Activity status: Discretionary</p> |

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| TREE-R6 | Discharge or dispersal of any toxic substance within the drip line of any protected tree |
| | <p>1. Activity status: Discretionary</p> |

Methods Other Than Rules

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| TREE-M1 | Methods for notable trees |
| <p>1. The inclusion of an inventory of the District's notable trees as a schedule of protected trees in the District Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The application of rules in the District Plan to control activities considered to adversely affect the District's trees. b. To consider waiving or reducing financial contributions towards public open space and recreation associated with subdivision proposals which incorporate statutory protection of scheduled trees. c. Where appropriate, to place conditions on subdivision and land use consents affecting any protected trees. | |

- d. Through the Council's annual planning process to promote public awareness of the importance of protected trees, through the provision of information and advice.
- e. Methods may include:
 - i. Provision of plaques for specific trees.
 - ii. Provision of a voluntary register of protected trees within the District, that is maintained and updated by Council and available for public inspection.

Principal Reasons

| TREE-PR1 | Significance of notable trees |
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| <p>Trees in the District can be identified as having special significance if they have one or more of the following values:</p> <p>Botanical/Ecological Value - such as age, rarity of species in the area, District, Region or throughout New Zealand, provision of a habitat for a rare species of flora or fauna or part of a unique ecosystem.</p> <p>Visual Amenity Value - such as contribution to the landscape, size of the tree or canopy spread, pattern of planting or value for shade or beautification of an area or neighbourhood.</p> <p>Cultural/Heritage Value - such as commemorating a special occasion, planted by a noted person or having spiritual significance to Ngai Tahu or other communities in the District.</p> <p>Other Values - a tree may have a value which does not fall within the above criteria, but which warrants protection as damage to, or removal of that tree would have a significant adverse effect on the environment (including people and communities).</p> <p>Protected Trees, recorded in TREE Appendix 1 of the Plan, are those trees having outstanding value in one or more of the above-noted categories.</p> <p>Removing or damaging the trees listed in TREE Appendix 1 may result in an adverse effect on the natural environment; and/or amenity values; and/or the community. That effect is significant enough to warrant formal protection through the rules set in this chapter.</p> | |

Anticipated Environmental Results

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| TREE-A1 | Enhanced public awareness of notable trees |
| Enhanced public awareness of the historic heritage and protected trees in the district and the importance of heritage values and trees to the environment. | |

TREE Appendix 1: Protected Trees

| Schedule of Protected Trees | | | |
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| Species | Location | Comments | Ref |
| Norfolk Pines | Esplanade Kaikōura | 59 trees planted from 1900 along the Esplanade Kaikōura | T1 |
| Large Gum | North side of the Hapuku SH 1 bridge, Hapuku Kaikōura | Outstanding eucalyptus | T2 |
| Karaka Tree | South side of the Oaro River Kaikōura | Single distinctive tree | T3 |
| Matai Tree | North bank of the Hapuku River | Large matai tree | T4 |
| Kauri Trees | Clarence Kaikōura | | T5 |
| Douglas Fir | St James Church, | Red Swamp Road, Kaikōura | T6 |
| Nikau | 49 Torquay St | Large nikau | T7 |
| Nikau | 7 Killarney St | | T8 |
| Karakas Okarahia Downs, Oaro | NZMS O32: 513 522 | Clump of trees near grave | T9 |
| Giant Totara | Grange Rd | One of largest in NZ - 3m girth | T10 |

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| | NZMS O31: 662 803 | | |
| Nikau | Grange Rd NZMS O31: 662 803 | Only one in valley | T11 |
| Black Maire | Swan Ck NZMS P31: 717 767 | Largest collection south of Marlborough Sounds | T12 |
| Black Maire | Waimangarara River | NZMS O31: 635 756 | T13 |
| Tawa | Hapuku NZMS O31: 688 742 | Most southern Tawa | T14 |
| Nikau | Blue Duck Valley Rd NZMS P31: 735 808 | Single Nikau | T15 |
| Nikau Clump | Rakautara NZMS P31: 760 818 | Good representation of Nikau | T16 |
| Willow Leaved Maire | Ohau Point NZMS P31: 786 8467 | trees, very rare | T17 |
| Giant kanuka | NZMS P30: 758 978 | Very old giant kanuka | T18 |

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| Macrocarpa Trees | Refer to Outline Development Plan 1 shown in DEV2 Appendix 1 | Nesting habitat for grey heron | T19 |