

















## Queensland Heritage Act 1992

### Section 74 Exemption Certificate

Application no:	202012-11135 EC
Date application received:	14 December 2020
Date of decision:	5 January 2021
Applicant:	Townsville City Council c/- Theodore s47F Heritage Officer s47F
QHR place ID:	600934
QHR place name:	Anzac Memorial Park and adjacent Banyan trees
Location:	The Strand, TOWNSVILLE, 4810 – Lot 290 on CP859212
Approval summary:	Development type: Building work– Removal of two <i>Ficus benjamina</i> trees (tree id numbers 5 and 6) from the Australian office of War Graves "Garden of Remembrance" located at the eastern end of the park.

The application for an exemption certificate to carry out the development described above, is approved with conditions under section 74 of the *Queensland Heritage Act 1992*.

This exemption certificate attaches to the premises. Any person, including the owners, owners' successors in title and occupiers of the premises, may carry out development permitted by this exemption certificate and is bound by the conditions.

This exemption certificate only applies to development substantially started within 4 years of this decision.

Terms and phrases used in this document are defined principally in the *Queensland Heritage Act 1992*, and in the *Planning Act 2016* and its Regulation.

If more information is required, contact the project manager, Marie-Anne s47F Acting Cultural Heritage Coordinator, on s47F or via email s47F

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**Conditions of approval:**

No.	Condition	Condition timing
1.	<b>Scope of development approved</b> Carry out the development as described in the application received on 14 December 2020 from the applicant Theodore Brandi, Heritage Officer, Townsville City Council and the documents listed in 'Approved documents'. In the case of a discrepancy between application documents and conditions, conditions take precedence. <i>(Reason - To ensure development is carried out as approved)</i>	At all times.
2.	<b>Keep a copy of the approval on site</b> A copy of this exemption certificate and a copy of any documents that describe the approved development must be retained at the State heritage place. <i>(Reason – To facilitate the monitoring of development for compliance purposes)</i>	For the duration of the development.
3.	<b>Notify start of development</b> Provide written notice of the start of development to Environmental Services and Regulation, Department of Environment and Science at <a href="mailto:palm@des.qld.gov.au">palm@des.qld.gov.au</a> . The notice must state: name of State heritage place, application number and condition number 3. <i>(Reason – To facilitate the monitoring of development for compliance purposes)</i>	No later than 2 business days prior to the commencement of the development.
4.	<b>Photograph effect of development</b> Submit photographs of the area where the development is undertaken, both before and after the development is completed to Environmental Services and Regulation, Department of Environment and Science at <a href="mailto:palm@des.qld.gov.au">palm@des.qld.gov.au</a> . The submission must state: name of State heritage place, application number and condition number 4. <i>(Reason – To facilitate the monitoring of development for compliance purposes and to ensure change is adequately recorded)</i>	Within 10 business days of completion of the development.
5.	<b>Permit access to the State heritage place</b> Permit access to the State heritage place by Department of Environment and Science officers if requested. <i>(Reason – To facilitate the monitoring of development for compliance purposes)</i>	For the duration of the development.
6.	<b>Protect the State heritage place from damage</b> Protect the existing features of the State heritage place from incidental damage and maintain protective measures to ensure the development does not result in damage to, or deterioration of, the State heritage place caused by weather, fire, vandalism, insects or other factors. <i>(Reason - To ensure the cultural heritage values of the State heritage place are appropriately recognised and managed)</i>	For the duration of the development.
7.	<b>Report any damage to the State heritage place that occurs</b> During development, should damage occur to any features of the State heritage place report such incidents immediately to Environmental Services and Regulation, Department of Environment and Science at <a href="mailto:palm@des.qld.gov.au">palm@des.qld.gov.au</a> . <i>(Reason - To ensure the cultural heritage values of the State heritage place are appropriately recognised and managed)</i>	Immediately, should damage occur.

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8.	<p><b>Tree Replacement Species</b></p> <p>The tree replacement species for tree numbers 5 and 6 must either match the existing species or be in accordance with the three species included on page 2 of the Arboricultural Assessment and Report prepared by Skilled Trees Services on 23 October 2020.</p> <p>The replacement tree must be a semi-mature tree (3-4m high, 100 litre root stock) and planted in the same location as the existing trees.</p> <p><i>(Reason – To ensure the setting, visual amenity and qualities of the landscape features are retained)</i></p>	For the duration of the development.

**Approved documents:**

Document no.	Document title	Date
-	Arboricultural Assessment and Report by Skilled Trees Services	27/03/2020-
-	Arboricultural Assessment and Report by Skilled Trees Services	23/10/2020-

**Take Notice:** This certificate does not exempt the applicant from the need to obtain such other approvals as may be required under other legislation.

## Arboricultural Assessment and Report



Re: Assessment on health and risk of trees at **North Queensland Gardens of Remembrance**

Commissioned By: **Department of Veterans' Affairs**

Site Address: The Strand, Townsville City, QLD, 4810

DATE: 27/03/2020

Report prepared by: Adam Cozzitorto – Director  
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## Arboricultural Assessment Report

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Skilled Trees Services has been commissioned by Department of Veterans' Affairs for the Office of War Graves North Queensland to undertake an Arboricultural Report on 12 trees/areas located at the North Queensland Garden of Remembrance located within Anzac Park along the Strand.

### 2. BRIEF

Skilled Trees Services was commissioned to inspect the trees located at the above mentioned site to provide information to the Office of War Graves North Queensland on the health and register of the trees as well as an appropriate course of action to address any issues pertaining to the health of the trees and to be made aware of any associated risks to person or property

The scope of work includes:

- Assessment of tree characteristics, current health and defects
- Evidence of any disease or defects
- Assessment of relative risk to human safety or property
- Recommendations on actions if required

### 3. TREE SURVEY

#### 3.1 METHODOLOGY

Skilled Trees Services follows industry best practice in the assessment of trees. The inspection method used was a Visual Tree Assessment (VTA) method (Mattheck and Breloer 1994) and applying a risk matrix that compares with Australian Standards while considering the tree characteristics, health and structural form. The Assessment was undertaken from the ground to determine tree health, structure and form, digital photographs were taken for photographic documentation. The report is not a guarantee, but a professional opinion of the current condition of the trees and the potential risk of harm posed by them and appropriate strategies.

#### 3.2 BACKGROUND

A site inspection was conducted on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at NQ Garden of Remembrance (Fig 1 – Site Map). The following report reflects on the tree inspection that took place on this day at around 12.30pm in the early afternoon, it was a sunny and fine day. The target site was noted to have significant trees within the site. This report covers the smaller area around the memorial walls. (Fig 2 – Target Site). Having trees on any site is an implied risk but also benefits the environment and are aesthetically pleasing. Risks will be addressed, and courses of action will be suggested.

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### 3.3 SITE MAPS

Fig 1. Site Map



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Fig 2. Target Site – Townsville War Cemetery



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#### 4. TREE DATA

### TREE DATA

Tree No	Botanical Name	Common Name	Height (m)	Crown/Canopy Spread (m)	DBH (m)	DAB (m)	Health	Structure	Age	Origin	Retention	ULE
1	<i>Terminalia catappa</i>		17	16	2.5	2.7	Below Average	Poor	Senescent	Native	Low	Exceeded
2	<i>Terminalia catappa</i>		17	19	2.38	2.84	Poor	Poor	Senescent	Native	Low	Exceeded
3	<i>Ficus benghalensis</i>		20	46	N/A	N/A	Fair	Poor	Mature	Non Native	Moderate	Short
4	<i>Clausia rosea</i>		4	8	2	1.3	Fair	Fair	Semi Mature	Non Native	High	Long
5	<i>Ficus benjamina</i>		15	19	3.8	2.32	Good	Good	Semi Mature	Non Native	High	Long
6	<i>Ficus benjamina</i>		15	18	3.34	2.32	Good	Good	Semi Mature	Non Native	High	Long
7	<i>Calophyllum inophyllum</i>		7	3	0.038	0.52	Good	Good	Young	Native	High	Long
8	<i>Terminalia catappa</i>		15	14	1.34	1.86	Fair	Good	Semi Mature	Native	High	Medium
9	<i>Pterocarpus indicus</i>		15	24	4.2	3.9	Good	Good	Mature	Native	High	Medium
10	<i>Dillenia alata</i>		7	4	0.7	1.1	Good	Good	Young	Native	High	Long
11	<i>Terminalia catappa</i>		17	18	3.3	3.8	Fair	Fair	Mature	Native	High	Medium
12	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>		13-17	2	0.86	1.67	Good	Good	Semi Mature	Non Native	Moderate	Medium

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## 5. FINDINGS

**Tree 1** is over 40 years old *Terminalia catappa* (Beach Almond) it has fair to good leaf coverage with minimal deadwood, but the trunk is showing signs of bad decay with cavities present. Live tissue measured only 500mm with possible white ant activity present it would be highly recommended to investigate this further by using a Resistograph to ascertain the extent of the Decay and density of the heartwood. (FIG 3 - 5)

**Tree 2** is also a 40+ year old *Terminalia catappa* (Beach Almond) that has similar findings to the above Tree 1 with Live Tissue at 1100mm and further investigation required to ascertain decay and density of the trunk. (FIG 6 – 7)

**Tree 3** is a *Ficus Benghalensis* (Banyan Fig) which would be 80+ years old it has significant aerial root damage and major deadwood in the top of the crown, while these can be signs of Ganoderma or Phellinus, no fruiting bodies where seen during the inspection which indicated that it may be Phellinus which is a root disease. Further testing could be helpful in establishing the correct diagnoses. Another condition that could have caused this damage may be associated with the raised level of soil/vegetation around the fig. (FIG 8 – 10)

**Tree 4** is *Clausia rosea* (Autograph Tree) it is multi-trunked with no signs of pest or disease but has a suppressed crown due to competing larger trees in the close vicinity, it has minimal deadwood that requires no attention at this stage. (FIG 11 - 12)

**Tree 5** is a *Ficus benjamina* (Weeping Fig) multi-trunked tree in good health, tree has very low scaffold branching and surface roots present that while are not intrusive or a major trip hazard at present time will become in the future. It is the Arborists opinion that certain lower scaffold branches be removed to acquire a major uplift to proactively encourage a good retention outcome in the future. Some roots could be ground and top dressed, but a qualified arborist would be required to establish the extent of grinding and to which roots. (FIG 13 - 16)

**Tree 6** is also a *Ficus benjamina* (Weeping Fig) in good health. It is suggested that this tree be removed for 3 major reasons, the first being the surrounding competing vegetation the second being the root system that is quite significant on this tree with the surrounding concrete memorials and thirdly the area with the surrounding vegetation would generally benefit. This would be done as a proactive measure for the long-term retention and health of the other significant tree species in close proximity and to protect the memorial.

If this is not something that can be warranted it is suggested that the following would be a minimum to occur, removal of large scaffold branch that hangs very low over memorial to the south of the park and grinding of specific roots as per qualified arborist recommendations and top dressing around the memorial boarder. (FIG 17 - 19)

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**Tree 7** is a very young *Calophyllum inophyllum* (Mastwood) this particular specimen was not staked at the time of the inspection and Arborist cannot ascertain if it had previously, due to this absence of structural support the tree had grown on an angle that is not conducive to the trees stability in the future, it is suggested at this time to formative prune and to further inspect whether the tree can be progressively staked to encourage a better structure. (FIG 20)

**Tree 8** is *Terminalia catappa* (Beach Almond) it is a mature tree has no evidence of pest or disease, it is weight bearing to one side that should be reduced to balance the crown and also requires to be pruned away from the path lighting for clearances and visibility for the foot traffic frequenting the area. (FIG 21)

**Tree 9** is a *Pterocarpus indicus* (Indian Rosewood) which has good leaf coverage all over the crown, minimal deadwood and an occlusion that is a testament to the health of this particular specimen, there are surface roots present that could pose a trip hazard, mowing hazard or future intrusion closer to the memorial that could be ground down and top dressed if favourable. (FIG 22)

**Trees 10** are *Dillenia alata* (Red Beech Tree) in a group of 4 they are in good health with no signs of pest or disease, slight uplift over paths that surround these trees would be appropriate as formative pruning. (FIG 23)

**Tree 11** is *Terminalia catappa* (Beach Almond) it is growing on a lean but has somewhat corrected itself overtime, it has leaf loss with poor coverage and minimal deadwood but with no presence of pest or disease and a suitable amount of live tissue it is recommended that this tree just be monitored at this stage. (FIG 24)

**Trees 12** are a group of 3 x *Cocos nucifera* (Coconut Palms) while it was noted there are “spike marks” this is a type of climbing tool used to ascend the palm there was no evidence of white ants at the time of inspection. All 3 x palms where full of mature fruit that is at the stage of falling. (FIG 25)

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## 5. PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE



Fig 3. Tree 1 – Beach Almond



Fig 4. Tree 1 – Beach Almond



Fig 5. Tree 1 – Beach Almond

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Fig 6. Tree 2 – Beach Almond





Fig 7. Tree 2 – Beach Almond



Fig 8. Tree 3 – Fig Tree



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Fig 10. Tree 3 – Fig Tree





Fig 11. Tree 4 – Autograph Tree



Fig 12. Tree 4 – Autograph Tree



Fig 13. Tree 5 – Banyan Fig Tree

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Fig 14. Tree 5 – Banyan Fig Tree





Fig 15. Tree 5 – Banyan Fig Tree



Fig 16. Tree 5 – Banyan Fig



Fig 17. Tree 6 – Banyan Fig

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Fig 18. Tree 6 – Banyan Fig





Fig 19. Tree 6 – Banyan Fig



Fig 20. Tree 7 – Mastwood



Fig 21. Tree 8 – Beach Almond

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Fig 22. Tree 9 – Indian Rosewood





Fig 23. Trees 10 – Red Beech



Fig 24. Tree 11 – Beach Almond



Fig 25. Trees 12 – Coconut Palm

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## 6. RECOMMENDATIONS

Species	Health	Risk	Recommended Action	Risk
<i>Terminalia catappa</i> <b>Tree 1</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> < 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 – 14 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> > 15	Resistograph recommended for further investigation	<input type="checkbox"/> < 5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6 – 14 <input type="checkbox"/> > 15
<i>Terminalia catappa</i> <b>Tree 2</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> < 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 – 14 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> > 15	Resistograph recommended for further investigation	<input type="checkbox"/> < 5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6 – 14 <input type="checkbox"/> > 15
<i>Ficus benghalensis</i> <b>Tree 3</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> < 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 – 14 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> > 15	Deadwooding, especially in higher canopy, grind exposed root in war memorial area, further testing for cause of root disease/damage.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> < 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 – 14 <input type="checkbox"/> > 15
<i>Clausia rosea</i> <b>Tree 4</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> < 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 – 14 <input type="checkbox"/> > 15	No work required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> < 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 – 14 <input type="checkbox"/> > 15
<i>Ficus benjamina</i> <b>Tree 5</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> < 5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6 – 14 <input type="checkbox"/> > 15	Deadwooding, major uplift and grind roots as specified by arborist	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> < 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 – 14 <input type="checkbox"/> > 15
<i>Ficus benjamina</i> <b>Tree 6</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> < 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 – 14 <input type="checkbox"/> > 15	Suggested removal for the benefit of surrounding trees but if not uplift and grind roots encroaching on memorial and top dress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> < 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 – 14 <input type="checkbox"/> > 15
<i>Calophyllum inophyllum</i> <b>Tree 7</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> < 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 – 14 <input type="checkbox"/> > 15	Formative pruning and possible staking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> < 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 – 14 <input type="checkbox"/> > 15
<i>Terminalia catappa</i> <b>Tree 8</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> < 5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6 – 14 <input type="checkbox"/> > 15	Uplift and weight reduction and clearance pruning from light	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> < 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 – 14 <input type="checkbox"/> > 15
<i>Pterocarpus indicus</i> <b>Tree 9</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> < 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 – 14 <input type="checkbox"/> > 15	Possible grinding of surface roots to eliminate trip hazard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> < 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 – 14 <input type="checkbox"/> > 15
<i>Dellenia alata</i> <b>Tree 10</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> < 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 – 14 <input type="checkbox"/> > 15	Minimal uplifting for pedestrian clearance around path	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> < 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 – 14 <input type="checkbox"/> > 15
<i>Terminalia catappa</i> <b>Tree 11</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> < 5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6 – 14 <input type="checkbox"/> > 15	Minimal Deadwooding required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> < 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 – 14 <input type="checkbox"/> > 15
<i>Cocos nucifera</i> <b>Tree 12</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> < 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 – 14 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> > 15	De-nuts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> < 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 – 14 <input type="checkbox"/> > 15

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## 7. Glossary of Terms

M/T	Tree has multiple trunks or stems	
	The distance from the ground to the highest point in the trees crown/canopy	
HEIGHT	The top part of the tree comprising the total amount of foliage	
	Diameter at Breast Height; trunk diameter measured at 1.4 metres above ground level	
CANOPY	Diameter Above Buttress – trunk diameter measured immediately above the root buttress	
	Foliage of tree is entire with good color, no signs of pathogens and good density and no die back	Good
HEALTH	Foliage of tree is entire with good color, minimal signs of pathogens and die back	Fair
	Tree is showing signs of one or more of the following: <25% deadwood, minor canopy die back, minor pathogen damage	Below Average
STRUCTURE	Tree is showing signs of one or more of the following: >25% deadwood, canopy die back is moderate, discolored or damaged leaves, Pathogens are present	Poor
	Dead or Dying tree in severe decline, >55% deadwood, very little to no foliage with no signs of extent on growth	Dead
AGE	Trunk and scaffold branches show good attachment with minor or no structural defects; Tree is good example of species with no pests or disease	Good
	Minor structural defects or damage to trunk or branching, possible cavities present, possible minor root damage seen only from surface level Typical Species	Fair
RETENTION	Showing many minor or a few moderate structural defects, bark missing and heartwood is exposed, new decay may be present, cavities and moderate damage to roots may be present seen only from surface level	Below Average
	There are major structural defects, damage to trunk, heartwood exposed, decay present, cavities and major damage to roots may be present seen only from surface level	Poor
UPE (Useful Life Expectancy)	Tree is an immediate hazard with potential for failure.	Hazardous
	Recently planted up to 7 years old	Young
UPE (Useful Life Expectancy)	Tree actively growing	Semi Mature
	Tree has reached expected size for species in this environment	Mature
UPE (Useful Life Expectancy)	Tree is over mature and has started to decline	Senescent
	May be significant in the landscape, offer shade or other amenities such as screening, tree may assist in erosion control, may provide windbreak, may provide habitat and is free from defects and disease	High
UPE (Useful Life Expectancy)	May offer SOME shade or screening, serve as a habitat or offer aesthetics, tree may be entering into mature stage and should be monitored for suitability.	Moderate
	Offer very little in the way of shade or screening, no habitat and is in decline with possible major structural defects and or pest and disease	Low
UPE (Useful Life Expectancy)	Trees that appear to be retainable with an acceptable level of risk for more than 40 years	Long
	Trees that appear to be retainable with an acceptable level of risk for 15 to 40 years	Medium
UPE (Useful Life Expectancy)	Trees that appear to be retainable with an acceptable level of risk for 5 to 15 years	Short
	Trees with a high level of risk that require removal within the next 5 years	Exceeded

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## 8. RISK MATRIX

			CONSEQUENCE				
			Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Catastrophic
			1	2	3	4	5
LIKELIHOOD	Most unlikely	1	1	2	3	4	5
	Unlikely	2	2	4	6	8	10
	Possible	3	3	6	9	12	15
	Very likely	4	4	8	12	16	20
	Almost certain	5	5	10	15	20	25

Risk score:	≤ 5	6 - 14	≥ 15
Risk level:	Low	Medium	High

Clearly not a priority

Medium- or long-term priority; requires some attention

Clearly a priority; requires urgent attention

Signed:

**s47F**

Tree Assessor/Senior Arborist

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Date: 08/04/2020

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## 9. DISCLAIMER

Whilst all care is taken in the preparation of this report, no responsibility can be taken for the continued vitality of the trees mentioned or for any damage that they may cause in the future.

The author of this report cannot be held responsible for deterioration of tree/trees or damages occurring as result of failure to implement the measures contained herein or from inadequate or inappropriate maintenance by future land managers.

This report gives details of tree health, risk and recommend remedial works, as a client you may choose to accept or disregard these recommendations or seek additional advice, in that case the consulting arborist of this report cannot accept any responsibility.

Photographs and diagrams are providing a visual aid and are necessarily to scale and should not be considered engineering or architectural reports, drawings or surveys. There is no warranty or guarantee expressed or implied in the report that problems or deficiencies in these trees may not arise in the future.

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To the consulting arborist's knowledge all facts, matter and all assumptions which the report provides has been researched and referenced and any other such opinion not duly researched is based on arborists' experience and observations.

**All tree removals work should be undertaken by AQF Level 3 Arborist and all pruning works should be undertaken by minimum AQF Level 3 Arborist under the supervision of an AQF Level 5 Arborist for works to be classed as completed to specifications. All below ground works around root zone must be carried out by AQF Level 5 Arborist. By the client not engaging said professional this report becomes void.**

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Arboricultural Assessment and Report

RE: Updated Assessment on health, risk and retention of 2 x trees

Address: North Queensland Garden of Remembrance, The Strand.

Commissioned by: Office of Australia War Graves

Date: 23/10/2020

A further proactive visual tree assessment and investigation was undertaken from ground level on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> of September at the above address. The trees that are being reassessed are 2 x mature *Ficus benjamins* (Weeping Fig). (Images 1-6)

This amendment is to the previous report undertaken on the 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020 regarding tree 5 and 6, previously it was recommended to remove tree 6 and to substantially prune tree 5 to reduce the risk to infrastructure damage.

It was observed on the most recent inspection that the root growth over the last 6 months was noted to be more vigorous than previously thought and heading in the direction of the memorial wall and due to the fact that this cannot be reasonably managed by moving the monument or managing the subject tree or root system to an injury acceptable arboricultural practice it is of significant concern.

Tree 5 and 6 are seen to be causing measurable damage and safety concerns of trip hazard especially for the elderly and will continue to further damage the memorial wall as subject trees mature.

Taking into account the projected height and span of the trees in question and the surrounding size of the area, the subject trees do not fall into table planting area guidelines as they are only around 40% of their maximum height and spread. (Table 1)

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Table 1: Planting area guidelines (Adapted from Gilman, 1997)

Total Planting Area (Lawn, island, or soil strip)	Distance from trunk to pavement or wall	Planting strip width	Maximum tree size at maturity
9.5m <sup>2</sup> to 18.5m <sup>2</sup>	1.5m to 2.5m	1.2m	Small (Less than 9m tall) to Medium (less than 15m tall)
More than 18.5m <sup>2</sup>	> 2.5m	> 1.5m Large	(Taller than 15m)

The option of dressing the area with top soil to eliminate the risk of tripping would not be successful due to not being able to grow any vegetation under the trees to prevent erosion and run off and this will also do nothing to protect the memorial wall from any future damage.

Considering the previous points, it is recommended that both tree 5 and 6 be removed and are replaced with a suitable shade trees like:

Melaleuca leucadendra

Cupaniopsis anacardioides

Mimusops Elengi

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Tree Assessor/Senior Arborist  
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Hi Matthew,  
FYI, please find attached the recent report provided by Adam Cozzitorto of Skilled Trees.  
I will be visiting the site tomorrow morning with the Townsville City Council's head arborist. I think this is the right way forward.

Regards,  
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**Subject:** HPE CM: NQ Gardens of Remembrance Report [TO BE CLASSIFIED]

Hi Jason

Please find attached final report for this year and invoice.

Adam can be contacted with any question you may have on the below number.

thanks

Kind regards

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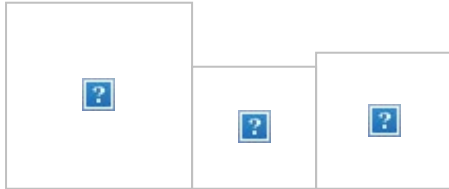
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Hi Sebastian,  
As discussed, please find attached the recent report provided by Adam Cozzitorto.  
Talk to you tomorrow about this.

Regards,

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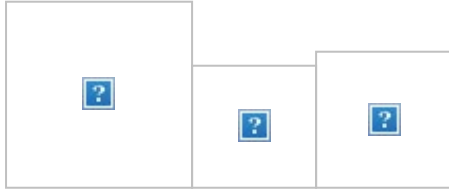


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To: s47F Ted s47F  
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Subject: Office of Australian War Graves North Queensland Garden of Remembrance - Anzac Park [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
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Hi Sebastian and Ted,

Thank you for meeting with me at the North Queensland Garden of Remembrance (GRM) on Tuesday morning Sebastian, and thank you for the introduction to Eddie. It is always a pleasure to meet with others when there is a shared passion for horticulture and arboriculture.

I feel comfortable to say that we are both on the same page regarding the existing horticulture at the GRM and the potential for the site in the future. Out of interest, I've included three photos of the site back when it opened in 2005 and a shot when the TCC's tree-gang came onto the site to remove a *Ficus benjamina* in October of 2006. This will give you some kind of idea as to how much impact the two large *Ficus benjamina*s have these days.

At the meeting we discussed Adam Cozzitorto's (Skilled Trees) recent report and agreed that the two *Terminalia mulleri* in the south-western corner of the site are not going to improve and that their best was in the past. We discussed obtaining Resistograph measurements of both trees at several different heights along the trunk to determine how solid the heartwood is.

Measurements obtained by previous TCC Arborists in 2012 suggest the heartwood at breast height was solid enough. We did discuss removing these two trees over the next 3-5 years and start planning what tree species are possible for replacements. I would like to offer an early suggestion of *Colvillea racemosa* or *Caesalpinia ferrea*, the former for its spectacular show of flowers at this time of year and the latter for its attractive trunk and ornamental form and shape. I can also propagate both if required?

We also discussed the two large *Ficus benjamina* which are dominating the landscape and causing numerous WHS issues from lifting the pathway, to causing trip hazards and not allowing turf to grow up to the walls where OAWG official commemorations are placed. We both witnessed the two visitors who came to pay their respects where one remained on the footpath because the earth was muddy and not appealing to walk on. These trees whilst providing some nice shade from the North Queensland sun, are now impacting on the experience of visitors to the site in making the overall look of the site quite dark and intimidating. We agreed that removal of both these trees will brighten up the site, and allow improvements to be made in the overall horticulture of the garden beds and improve the visitor's experience.

Once again, getting in early, may I suggest *Cerbera manghas* to replace the central *Ficus* in the garden bed. A tree that works well as a small street tree, with an attractive flower and a lovely scent.

The next step is to meet with you Ted at the GRM and discuss what we may need to put together in regards to exemptions from DES?

I've included Dr Matthew s47F into this email as he is the OAWG Assistant Director – Infrastructure, Assets & Projects.

Regards,

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**From:** s22 Jason  
**To:** s22 Danielle; s22 Matthew  
**Cc:** s22 Martin; s22 John; s22 Allison; s22 Craig; s22 Estelle; s22 Kerry  
**Subject:** RE: OAWG NQ GRM Redevelopment [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
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Hi Danni,

Previously when the Townsville City Council (TCC) have removed a tree(s) from a public park, especially within Anzac Park on The Strand, they will place an advert in the Townsville Bulletin advising the public of such. Which is why I've asked their arborist if they are going to be doing that with these two trees that will soon be removed.

It's an interesting situation in that OAWG have built a GRM within a TCC park amongst TCC trees. From our perspective, we will be removing the trees to improve the public's access to the site and improve the visitor's experience when attending the site. Upgrades and improvements will be carried out to the garden beds and turf areas and new trees will be returned. The new design will provide an improved aesthetic appeal and will be more inviting to the general public.

Cheers,

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**From:** s22 Danielle  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 24 February 2021 2:51 PM  
**To:** s22 Jason ; s22 Matthew  
**Cc:** s22 Martin ; s22 John ; s22 Allison ; s22 Craig ; s22 Estelle ; s22 Kerry  
**Subject:** RE: OAWG NQ GRM Redevelopment [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Thanks Jason!

Will have the social media post and update for website ready.

If you can please give me the details of what you want included in the post. Once I complete the draft will send it on to ensure all are happy with it.

Cheers!

Danni

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**Sent:** Wednesday, 24 February 2021 3:45 PM

**To:** s22 Danielle <s22>; s22 Matthew

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**Cc:** s22 Martin <s22>; s22 John s22

s22 Allison <s22> s22 Craig

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**Subject:** RE: OAWG NQ GRM Redevelopment [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi Danni and Matthew,

You may have noticed that I included you both into my last email sent out to the Townsville City Council's Arborist regarding the commencement of the removal of two large trees from the GRM? I'll keep you informed as to when we expect work to commence.

Cheers,

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**To:** s22 Matthew <s22>; s22 Jason <s22>

**Cc:** s22 Martin <s22>; s22 John <s22>;

s22 Allison <s22>; s22 Craig

s22

**Subject:** RE: OAWG NQ GRM Redevelopment [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hey guys Happy New Year!



No worries, will draft social media post and update for website.

Hope you are all well.

Cheers

Danni

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**From:** s22 Matthew

**Sent:** Thursday, 7 January 2021 11:51 AM

**To:** s22 Jason <s22>; s22 Danielle  
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**Cc:** s22 Martin <s22>; s22 John <s22>;  
s22 Allison <s22>; s22 Craig  
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**Subject:** RE: OAWG NQ GRM Redevelopment [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi Dani

When you back on deck, can you please start the coms process for this work – social media + on site signage

Jason will be able to advise on timing.

Cheers

Matt

**Dr Matthew** s22

Assistant Director – Infrastructure, Assets & Projects

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**To:** s22 Matthew <s22>

**Cc:** s22 Martin <s22>; s22 John <s22>;  
s22 Allison <s22>; Henderson, Craig  
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**Subject:** RE: OAWG NQ GRM Redevelopment [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi Matthew,

I should add that the TCC Mayor plus local media have peaked some interest in this site in recent times. I think it would be prudent of us to involve our media team in order to use this redevelopment as an opportunity for a 'good news' story. The TCC have it in their policy to use the local media to announce tree removals as it can be a touchy subject in the community.

It would be best to be pro-active here as we move forward in opening up the GRM to making the site more accessible and inviting to the community.



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s22 Allison <s22>; Henderson, Craig  
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**Subject:** RE: OAWG NQ GRM Redevelopment [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Sounds good

Cheers

Dr Matthew s22

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**Cc:** s22 Martin s22; s22 John s22  
s22 Allison s22; Henderson, Craig  
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**Subject:** RE: OAWG NQ GRM Redevelopment [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi Matthew,

John has flagged a visit to NQ in March. Possibly to coincide with me hosting Shane P for a week 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> March.

I would like to have the arboreal work completed, turf laid and the garden bed in a state of neatness for John's visit. Garden bed level, new soil/mulch/fert.

This would be a good visit to discuss with John on where to from there.



(all weather dependent seeing as the Wet Season has arrived with 450mm of rain in the past fortnight)

Cheers,

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To: s22 Jason s22

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s22 Allison s22 s22 Craig

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Subject: RE: OAWG NQ GRM Redevelopment [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi Jason

Great News!

I think your approach to remove the trees and reinstate the turf and irrigation is reasonable. Happy for you to commence this process, bearing in mind we'll need some cons at the time of removal.

Some redesigning of garden beds is probably appropriate given the substantial change to the site and local environment following the tree removal. The amount of redesigning will need a broader discussion once, Martin, John and Craig are back on deck.

Regards

Matthew

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To: s22 Matthew s22

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**Subject:** OAWG NQ GRM Redevelopment [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi Matthew,

OAWG have been granted approval to remove the two Ficus benjamins at the GRM. Before I jump in and have trees ripped out and infrastructure removed, I thought I'd seek National Office approval and open a discussion as to how OAWG move forward.

I currently have around \$30k underspend which I'm confident will be absorbed in the re-development of the GRM. My current plan is to:

- Engage Programmed (PPS) to remove the existing irrigation, paving and planting from the garden bed and replace with a substitute setup so the irrigation will continue to work for the remaining beds. This will be a ad-hoc procurement issued with a work order. Budget \$2k.
- Engage PPS electrician to remove existing light and prepare underground cabling for tree removal. Budget \$1k
- Approach three arboreal providers on the OAWG Hort panel to provide quotes for removal of the two trees, stump grinding and canopy thinning to the remaining Pterocarpus indica. Est budget \$20k
- Engage PPS to re-establish garden bed. \$2k.
- Re-turf \$10k.

I'm uncertain as to how much infrastructure repair will be required. I envisage that some paving will require re-laying and some of the concrete pathway may be damaged. Some minor irrigation repairs will require attention and some of the kwik-kerbing may be disrupted.

Post- removal, I would like to engage Suzan Quigg Landscaping and/or others on the Hort Panel to provide designs for re-establishing trees and garden beds. This will require further discussion. Two options here are:

1. Basic re-design using existing infrastructure and design principles, essentially re-planting the central bed. (can be organised in-house with PPS at around \$5k)
2. Have drawings and re-design entire site complimenting existing horticulture and establishing new garden design and principles. Drawings to cost \$5k, implemented landscaping to cost \$5k - \$150k dependent of extent of change.

Time frame:

- Have garden bed/electrical work and quotes by end of January
- Tree removal by end of February. (I plan on being on leave and would like this component supervised by OAWG)
- Returf and garden bed repair by end of March.
- Drawings for new designs by end of March.
- Redesign and re-landscaping ongoing.

Again, I plan on being on leave during February. I would seek support and advice for this project from Craig and would envisage that Craig would be able to step-in during any absence by me. Happy to discuss further and happy to receive support and advice on any of the above.

Regards,

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Good Morning Jason, et al.

Thank you for also meeting with me at the North Queensland Garden of Remembrance (GRM) on Tuesday. I am very passionate in relation to Anzac park because of the history and what the park is to represent. I have previously work on a few restoration of parks projects in Brisbane as part of the centenary of Anzac just a few years ago.

Anzac Park in Townsville City is certainly in need to restoration and working in the North Queensland Garden of Remembrance (GRM) Is a great place to start. I have reviewed Adam Cozzitorto's (Skilled Trees) recent report and agreed in relation to the recommendation provided. Townsville City Council does have a resistograph and it would be pertinent undertake testing of these tree to ensure community safety and provide a timeline when tree will have to be removed. I would like to ensure any planting has some significant to the gardens or what the gardens presents (eg Palm tree planting Sandgate, Brisbane represent desert campaigns). Colvillea racemosa or Caesalpinia ferrea are great species and I currently have some Colvilla in our nursery without a home location therefore this could be good place to plant. Many of the memorial tree in Anzac park are in poor, neglected condition (eg Lone pine) and it important that we restore these trees.

If you have an over plan landscape plan for North Queensland Garden of Remembrance (GRM), and I can make some contact with Council Landscape architect for advise in relation to the rest of the parkland. I am sure working together we can restore that garden and parkland.

**Ted:** I would like to set up a site meeting in relation a walk though the park, this would include Yen or Kristian.

Kind regards

**Sebastian** s47F

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**From:** s22 Jason



**Sent:** Thursday, 23 April 2020 2:33 PM

**To:** Sebastian s47F ; Ted s47F

**Cc:** s47F Matthew

**Subject:** Office of Australian War Graves North Queensland Garden of Remembrance - Anzac Park [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi Sebastian and Ted,

Thank you for meeting with me at the North Queensland Garden of Remembrance (GRM) on Tuesday morning Sebastian, and thank you for the introduction to Eddie. It is always a pleasure to meet with others when there is a shared passion for horticulture and arboriculture.

I feel comfortable to say that we are both on the same page regarding the existing horticulture at the GRM and the potential for the site in the future. Out of interest, I've included three photos of the site back when it opened in 2005 and a shot when the TCC's tree-gang came onto the site to remove a Ficus benjamina in October of 2006. This will give you some kind of idea as to how much impact the two large Ficus benjamins have these days.

At the meeting we discussed Adam Cozzitorto's (Skilled Trees) recent report and agreed that the two Terminalia mulleri in the south-western corner of the site are not going to improve and that their best was in the past. We discussed obtaining Resistograph measurements of both trees at several different heights along the trunk to determine how solid the heartwood is. Measurements obtained by previous TCC Arborists in 2012 suggest the heartwood at breast height was solid enough. We did discuss removing these two trees over the next 3-5 years and start planning what tree species are possible for replacements. I would like to offer an early suggestion of, the former for its spectacular show of flowers at this time of year and the latter for its attractive trunk and ornamental form and shape. I can also propagate both if required?

We also discussed the two large Ficus benjamina which are dominating the landscape and causing numerous WHS issues from lifting the pathway, to causing trip hazards and not allowing turf to grow up to the walls where OAWG official commemorations are placed. We both witnessed the two visitors who came to pay their respects where one remained on the footpath because the earth was muddy and not appealing to walk on. These trees whilst providing some nice shade from the North Queensland sun, are now impacting on the experience of visitors to the site in making the overall look of the site quite dark and intimidating. We agreed that removal of both these trees will brighten up the site, and allow improvements to be made in the overall horticulture of the garden beds and improve the visitor's experience.

Once again, getting in early, may I suggest Cerbera manghas to replace the central Ficus in the garden bed. A tree that works well as a small street tree, with an attractive flower and a lovely scent.

The next step is to meet with you Ted at the GRM and discuss what we may need to put together in regards to exemptions from DES?

I've included Dr Matthew s22 into this email as he is the OAWG Assistant Director – Infrastructure, Assets & Projects.

Regards,

Jason s22

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**To:** s22 Jason; s47F  
**Cc:** s22 Matthew; s47F  
**Subject:** RE: FW: Anzac Park, Townsville [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]  
**Date:** Wednesday, 13 May 2020 12:06:18 PM  
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Hi, Jason (and everyone),

Sebastian may be able to confirm either way, but my understanding is that the whole of the park, including the GRM, is overseen by TCC 'as trustee'. When other works have been required elsewhere in the park and needed heritage approval, I've been the one to prepare the Exemption application, attached things like scopes of works, arborists reports, etc, that other sections of council whose asset it is have identified and will be carrying out, and following up after approval has been granted. In other words, I'm happy to lodge the Exemption application for this one.

Hope that helps - please let me know if you have any other queries.

Many thanks,

Ted

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**From:** s22 Jason  
**Sent:** Mon, 11 May 2020 05:36:36 +0000  
**To:** Ted s47F 'Sebastian' s47F  
**Cc:** s22 Matthew  
**Subject:** FW: Anzac Park, Townsville [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Hi Ted,

I have read through the attached documents that you forwarded to the OAWG Director OPS back in March 2018. I have also read through the Queensland Heritage Register listing of Anzac Park, and according to that site, the last known construction in the park took place in 1992 and the Coral Sea Memorial. It would be interesting to find out, if any notification was presented to the heritage register at the time of constructing the Garden of Remembrance (GRM)?



Which leads to my question, which is open to Sebastian as well; as it was my impression from the opening of the GRM that the trees were the responsibility of the TCC. Should it be the OAWG or the TCC that leads the exemption request in regards to removal of the two *Ficus benjamins*?

Regards,

Jason s22

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From: s22 Martin



**Sent:** Tuesday, 6 March 2018 10:54 AM

**To:** s22 Jason

**Subject:** FW: Anzac Park, Townsville [TO BE CLASSIFIED] [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Jason

As promised yesterday.

Regards

Martin

**From:** Ted s47F [mailto:s47F]

**Sent:** Wednesday, 28 February 2018 2:30 PM

**To:** s22 Martin s22

**Subject:** Anzac Park, Townsville [TO BE CLASSIFIED]

Hello, Mr s22

Nice to speak with you just now. As promised, attached is the latest version of the Queensland Government's 'General Exemption Certificate' (two, actually – one generic one, and one that specifically relates to war memorials)(and a separate related 'Technical Note'), which allows for numerous minor works to be carried out 'as of right', and which may be applicable with the works you have in mind.

In particular, section 4.1.5 of the certificate the expires in 2019 relates to gardens and landscaping.

If the works that are proposed go beyond what's provided for in these documents, I'll be happy to assist with the lodging of an 'Exemption Certificate' application with the Queensland Department of Environment and Science.

If your Townsville-based colleague would like to meet on site, I'm happy to do so – feel free to forward along my contact details.



Hope this helps.

Kind regards,

Ted

Ted **s47F**

Heritage Officer

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Subject: Office of Australian War Graves - North Queensland Garden of Remembrance, Anzac Park Townsville [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
Date: Tuesday, 30 June 2020 9:21:42 AM  
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**To:** Ted s47F s22 Jason  
**Cc:** s22 Matthew s22 Craig  
**Subject:** RE: Office of Australian War Graves - North Queensland Garden of Remembrance, Anzac Park Townsville [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Date:** Wednesday, 1 July 2020 7:02:24 AM  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, 30 June 2020 3:50 PM  
**To:** s22 Jason  
**Cc:** s47F Matthew ; Sebastian s47F s22 , Craig  
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Hope that helps,

Ted

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**Sent:** Tuesday, 30 June 2020 9:22 AM  
**To:** Ted s47F <s47F >  
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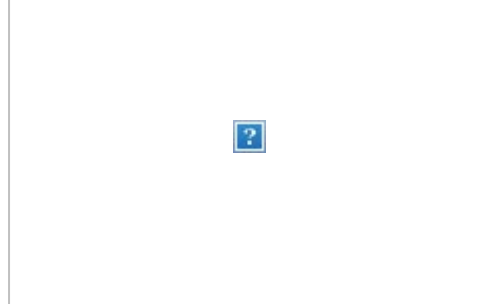
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To: "skilledtrees@bigpond.com"  
Cc: s22 Matthew  
Subject: NQ Garden of Remembrance Arboricultural Update 2020 [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
Date: Wednesday, 8 July 2020 1:29:55 PM  
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Hi Bianca,

I have had a good discussion with Adam regarding the two *Ficus benjamins* at the North Queensland Garden of Remembrance. The Heritage Officer requires additional information about the long-term suitability of the trees and the impact that they have on the surrounding infrastructure and the overall horticultural design of the site.

Could you please discuss with Adam and provide me with a quote for an update on the 2020 report?

I have been in discussion with Sebastian s477 at the TCC, because they are the council's trees and he is in full support of the removal of both trees. This will facilitate us getting back into the site and rejuvenating the entire site to make it a better experience for our visitors and the community that walk past it on a daily basis.

I have been reading several other tree reports from our other sites and we would like Adam to include aspects such as:

- Public safety
- Infrastructure concerns relating to maintenance of the trees' health and their impact on structural assets
- Long term suitability of the trees when compared to the horticultural impact to design and growth of other trees, turf and garden beds
- Potential suitable replacement species and possible locations

Once a quote is received, I can raise a Work Order for Adam to proceed.

Kind regards,

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**From:** s22 Jason  
**To:** s22 Craig  
**Subject:** RE: Office of Australian War Graves - North Queensland Garden of Remembrance, Anzac Park Townsville [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Date:** Monday, 20 July 2020 11:38:37 AM  
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I'll see what the response is once I have submitted both Arborist reports... when they come in.

Jason Daniels

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**Sent:** Monday, 20 July 2020 11:33 AM  
**To:** s22 Jason  
**Subject:** RE: Office of Australian War Graves - North Queensland Garden of Remembrance, Anzac Park Townsville [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
Can you get a consulting engineer to have input re structural damage caused by the trees. That was the angle I took at VIC GRM for same issue.

Craig s22

A/g State Manager QLD

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**From:** s22 Jason  
**Sent:** Monday, 20 July 2020 11:27 AM  
**To:** 'Ted s47F' <s47F> Sebastian s47F  
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**Cc:** s47F Matthew <s47F>; s22 Craig



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**Subject:** RE: Office of Australian War Graves - North Queensland Garden of Remembrance, Anzac Park Townsville [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi Ted,

I have requested an updated report from Skilled Trees as further movement/damage has taken place by one of the trees since the last report was furnished. I have also requested a report from the TCC Arborist (Sebastian) as supporting evidence.

Kind regards,

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**From:** Ted Brandi [mailto:s47F]

**Sent:** Wednesday, 15 July 2020 8:41 AM

**To:** Sebastian s47F s47F; s22 Jason

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**Cc:** s22 Matthew s22 s22 Craig

s22

**Subject:** RE: Office of Australian War Graves - North Queensland Garden of Remembrance, Anzac Park Townsville [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi, folks – sorry, had meant to follow this up with you last week, then got caught up in something else. Jason, it sounded as though you were going to come back with some additional information?

Please let me know if there's anything else that you need from me in the meantime.

Cheers,

Ted

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**From:** Sebastian s47F 47F

**Sent:** Wednesday, 1 July 2020 7:02 AM

**To:** Ted s47F s47F s22 Jason s22

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Sent: Wednesday, 1 July 2020 6:53 AM

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Subject: RE: Office of Australian War Graves - North Queensland Garden of Remembrance, Anzac Park Townsville [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Morning Ted,

Thank you for this. I'll get back to you shortly.

Regards,

Jason s22

Regional Manager - North Qld

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**From:** s22 Jason  
**To:** s22 Martin  
**Subject:** RE: GRM Trees [TO BE CLASSIFIED] [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Date:** Wednesday, 28 October 2020 7:22:33 AM  
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Morning Martin,  
Update on the 2020 assessment is attached.  
Hoping to receive a report from the TCC this week...  
Regards,

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**Subject:** RE: GRM Trees [TO BE CLASSIFIED] [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
Any chance I could get a copy?  
Regards  
Martin

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**From:** s22 Jason s22  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 27 October 2020 12:49 PM  
**To:** s22 Martin s22  
**Subject:** GRM Trees [TO BE CLASSIFIED] [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi Martin,  
I have received the updated report from the independent Arborist and have discussed this with the TCC Arborist whom should hopefully have his report in soon. Both arborist agree that both

Figs should be removed, and that they are probably only at 30-40% of their natural size at the moment. At full maturity, our entire site would struggle to contain one, far less the four that were there when we constructed the site.

Regards,

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**Sent:** Friday, 23 October 2020 3:58 PM

**To:** s22 Jason s22

**Subject:** RE: Remembrance Day - Wednesday 11th November 2020 [TO BE CLASSIFIED]  
[SEC=OFFICIAL]

Kinda but I really want to get something to happen so am happy to jump in

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**From:** s22 Jason s22

**Sent:** Friday, 23 October 2020 4:56 PM

**To:** s22 Martin s22

**Subject:** RE: Remembrance Day - Wednesday 11th November 2020 [TO BE CLASSIFIED]  
[SEC=OFFICIAL]

Short answer is no. Despite my reminders, I still don't have sufficient documentation. I'll chase up again next week.

I suggested to Matthew that our Director should approach the council's CEO to formalise an agreement between the two parties and maybe aim for OAWG to have a stronger 'ownership' of the site. In that circumstance, we could then approach the Queensland Dept of Environment and seek annexation from the rest of ANZAC Park, seeing as they are not aware that the GRM was ever constructed in the first instance. I don't think the TCC told them.

I'm not sure if Matt has raised this at all? It would make the task of presenting a beautiful GRM easier.

Regards,

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**Sent:** Friday, 23 October 2020 3:42 PM

**To:** s22 Jason s22

**Subject:** RE: Remembrance Day - Wednesday 11th November 2020 [TO BE CLASSIFIED]  
[SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hey we'll come to you on Monday

But on a separate note, are you any closer with the GRM treess? Are those bad boys coming out or being reduced any time soon ?

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**From:** s22 Jason  
**To:** Sebastian s22  
**Subject:** Anzac Park - North Queensland Garden of Remembrance [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Date:** Tuesday, 10 November 2020 3:25:21 PM  
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Hi Sebastian,

OAWG would like to progress with the renovation work required at the North Queensland Garden of Remembrance. As you are aware, OAWG have received an updated Arborist Report recommending the removal of the two Ficus benjamins that are causing structural and safety issues to the site. As these trees belong to the TCC, OAWG would like an arborist report from yourself to be included in our heritage exemption documentation to be presented to DERM. I think it would be wise to have TCC support in our documentation seeking exemption.

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**To:** Ted s47F  
**Cc:** s22 Matthew; s22 Craig; Sebastian s47F  
**Subject:** RE: Office of Australian War Graves - North Queensland Garden of Remembrance, Anzac Park Townsville [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Date:** Thursday, 19 November 2020 12:31:28 PM  
**Attachments:** [Arboricultural Tree Assessment - OAWG - Memorial Gardens.pdf](#)  
[Basic Tree Assessment - DVA - NQ Garden of Remembrance - Update.pdf](#)  
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Hi Ted,

I have recently received an update from Skilled Trees on the trees at the North Queensland Garden of Remembrance, situated within Anzac Park on The Strand. Please find the original 2020 report and the update attached.

As the Townsville City Council are the owners of the trees within Anzac park, I was planning on complimenting the attached reports with one from the TCC.

OAWG would like to proceed with seeking exemption from DES for the removal of both Ficus benjamins. Could you please facilitate this request?

I will be on leave for the next fortnight, but Dr Matthew s22 should be able to assist if you have any discussion points during my absence. I have included both Matthew and Craig s22 (OAWG State Manager) in the cc of this email.

Thanks,

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**Sent:** Monday, 20 July 2020 11:27 AM  
**To:** Ted s47F; Sebastian s47F  
**Cc:** s22 Matthew; s22 Craig  
**Subject:** RE: Office of Australian War Graves - North Queensland Garden of Remembrance, Anzac Park Townsville [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi Ted,

I have requested an updated report from Skilled Trees as further movement/damage has taken place by one of the trees since the last report was furnished. I have also requested a report from the TCC Arborist (Sebastian) as supporting evidence.

Kind regards,

Jason s22



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**From:** Ted s47F [mailto:s47F]

**Sent:** Wednesday, 15 July 2020 8:41 AM

**To:** Sebastian s47F <s47F>; s22 Jason

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**Cc:** s22 Matthew s22 s22 Craig

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**Subject:** RE: Office of Australian War Graves - North Queensland Garden of Remembrance, Anzac Park Townsville [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi, folks – sorry, had meant to follow this up with you last week, then got caught up in something else. Jason, it sounded as though you were going to come back with some additional information?

Please let me know if there's anything else that you need from me in the meantime.

Cheers,

Ted

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**From:** Sebastian s47F s47F

**Sent:** Wednesday, 1 July 2020 7:02 AM

**To:** Ted s47F <s47F> s22 Jason s22

**Cc:** s22 Matthew s22; s22 Craig

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**Subject:** RE: Office of Australian War Graves - North Queensland Garden of Remembrance, Anzac Park Townsville [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Good Morning Ted, et.al

I believe the removal of the Ficus trees have causing damage to the current build environment. The retention is a potential "nuisance" causing excessive shading reducing the objectives of the site. The trees are such a dominance on the site that pruning will be difficult to be achieve without causing long term structural to the fig in maintenance there size (previous pruning has removed some large scaffolding limbs).

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**From:** s22 Jason s22

**Sent:** Wednesday, 1 July 2020 6:53 AM

**To:** Ted s47F <s47F>

**Subject:** RE: Office of Australian War Graves - North Queensland Garden of Remembrance, Anzac Park Townsville [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Morning Ted,

Thank you for this. I'll get back to you shortly.

Regards,

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**Sent:** Tuesday, 30 June 2020 3:50 PM

**To:** s22 Jason s22

**Cc:** s22 Matthew s22; Sebastian s47F

s47F; s22 Craig s22

**Subject:** RE: Office of Australian War Graves - North Queensland Garden of Remembrance, Anzac Park Townsville [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi, Jason,

It sounds as though it's contemplated removing trees 5 and 6, according to the report? If so, the Findings and Recommendations are probably not sufficiently conclusive to allow DES to form an idea as to what we're asking and what the result will be.

I can still put it to them as is, but I expect they would initially respond with a question about the qualifications of the report's author. I don't see any issues, except that in the findings section, the author leaves it to a 'qualified arborist' to supply additional detail as to what works would be carried out to each tree.

DES might also balk at outright removal, where the report leaves room for flexibility (and says the trees are both in good health) – they'd be keen for us to take a minimally-invasive approach, or at least to have stronger justification for going farther.

The bottom line is, a specific path forward needs to be settled on, and the report needs to back that up, and DES needs to know exactly what we're proposing to do, so they can come back yea or nay.

Hope that helps,

Ted

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**Sent:** Tuesday, 30 June 2020 9:22 AM

**To:** Ted s47F s47F

**Cc:** s22 Matthew s22 Sebastian s47F

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**Subject:** Office of Australian War Graves - North Queensland Garden of Remembrance, Anzac Park Townsville [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi Ted,

Thanks for taking the time recently to meet with me at the North Queensland Garden of



Remembrance (GRM) and to speak with me over the phone. As discussed, the Office of Australian War Graves (OAWG) would like to undertake remedial work to the GRM in order to return the site to one with a much more pleasant and inviting horticulture. Because of the shared nature of the location; land and trees belonging to the Townsville City Council (TCC) and construction and maintenance by the OAWG, this email is to request assistance in preparing documentation to the Queensland State Department of Environment and Science (DES) for exemption to be granted to the OAWG for removal of two *Ficus benjamins* within the GRM. Please find attached recently taken photographs and the latest Arboricultural Assessment for your reference.

Please let me know if DES require additional information?

Regards,

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Kind regards

Sebastian

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Hi Sebastian,

A further update to let you know that Skilled Trees will commence the removal of the two Ficus benjamins from the North Queensland Garden of Remembrance in Anzac Park next week on Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> of March.

Has the TCC made progress with the possible removal of the coconuts and the two Terminalias?

Regards,

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**Sent:** Wednesday, 6 January 2021 8:49 AM

**To:** s22 Jason

**Subject:** FW: 202012-11135 EC (QHR600934) - S74 APPROVAL - Replace weeping figs [TO BE CLASSIFIED]

Good Morning Jason,

Can you please advise when you will have contractors onsite, I can provide Ted the information within accordance of the conditions.

Kind regards

Sebastian

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**From:** Ted s47F <s47F>

**Sent:** Wednesday, 6 January 2021 8:44 AM

**To:** Sebastian s47F s47F

**Subject:** FW: 202012-11135 EC (QHR600934) - S74 APPROVAL - Replace weeping figs

Hi, Sebastian,

Approval granted. As before, can you please let me know when works are about to start, and when they're completed, so I can let them know in accordance with the conditions?

Many thanks,

Ted

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**From:** s47F Marie-Anne <s47F>

**Sent:** Tuesday, 5 January 2021 3:21 PM

**To:** Ted s47F <s47F>

**Cc:** State Heritage Development <[StateHeritageDevelop@des.qld.gov.au](mailto:StateHeritageDevelop@des.qld.gov.au)>

**Subject:** RE: 202012-11135 EC (QHR600934) - S74 APPROVAL - Replace weeping figs

Hi Ted

Apologies – incorrect EC notice number in the subject line.

Kind regards

**Marie-Anne** **s47F** FRMA  
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**From:** **s47F** Marie-Anne

**Sent:** Tuesday, 5 January 2021 3:18 PM

**To:** **s47F**

**Cc:** State Heritage Development

**Subject:** 202012-11172 EC (QHR600934) - S74 APPROVAL - Replace weeping figs

Dear Ted

Please find attached DES's response to your application for an Exemption Certificate as a section 74 approval.

Your application has been approved with conditions. Please make all who are involved with the works aware of their obligations under the conditions of this approval.

If you require further clarification please do not hesitate to contact me, otherwise all other heritage enquiries can be directed to [palm@des.qld.gov.au](mailto:palm@des.qld.gov.au).

Kind regards

**Marie-Anne** **s47F** FRMA  
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