

Report to Statutory Management Committee for Decision

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Councillors
WANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL

Subject: **Section 42a Officers Report**
Proposed Plan Change 31 – Protected Trees

Meeting Date: **18 March 2014**

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1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 Council is presently reviewing the District Plan in Phases. This Plan Change is part of the fourth phase of changes proposed to the Plan.
- 1.2 The purpose of Proposed Plan Change 31 (PPC31) is to update the existing Protected Tree list in the District Plan following an assessment of the trees using the nationally preferred method STEM (Standard Tree Evaluation Method). A clarification of the objectives, policies, rules and methods are also considered as part of this Plan Change.
- 1.3 Submissions have been received, recommending inclusion of additional trees as part of the Plan Change process.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Statutory Management Committee

1. receives the report.
2. adopts the Decisions Report including the evaluation required under section 32 of the Resource Management Act 1991.
3. accepts, accepts in part or rejects the submissions as set out in Section 7 of the Report for the reasons given.
4. adopts Proposed Plan Change 31 to the Wanganui District Plan.

Appendices:

- 1: **Copy of the Public Notice**
- 2: **Submissions Received**
- 3: **Further Submissions Received**
- 4: **Marked- Up Version of Plan Change 31 following Submissions**
- 5: **STEM assessments and Maps for Proposed Protected Trees** (Refer to Hearing Report Folder)
- 6: **STEM reports and maps for Proposed Removed Trees** (Refer to Hearing Report Folder)
- 7: **Section 32 Report**

3.0 INTRODUCTION

- 3.1 Council is presently reviewing the District Plan in Phases.
- 3.2 The Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) requires each part of the District Plan to be reviewed not later than 10 years after the Plan becomes operative. The Operative Plan was made operative on 27 February 2004. In accordance with Section 73(3) of the RMA, the Wanganui District Council is undertaking a review of the District Plan in phases, with PPC31 as part of Phase 4 – Designations, Protected Trees and Verandah Posts.
- 3.3 PPC31 proposes amending the existing District Plan text and list of trees to reflect the national assessment criteria for trees and what the community wishes to preserve, except in certain circumstances, such as safeguarding life or property.

4.0 KEY STATISTICS

- 4.1 PPC31 was publicly notified in accordance with Clause 5 of the 1st Schedule of the RMA on Thursday 12 September 2013, with the period for submissions closing on Friday 11 October 2013. A copy of the public notice is included as Appendix 1.
- 4.2 A total of 33 submissions, from 6 submitters were received in relation to PPC31 at the close of submissions. Copies of all submissions received are included in Appendix 2.
- 4.3 All submissions received were summarised and the decisions requested by submitters were publicly notified in accordance with Clause 7 of the First Schedule of the RMA.
- 4.4 The further submission process closed on Friday 29 November 2013. Three further submissions were received on Proposed Plan Change 31. A copy of these further submissions is included as Appendix 3 to this report. Where further submissions make reference to an original submission, they have been summarised under the relevant submission.
- 4.5 On 19 December 2013, the District Plan was re-formatted and re-numbered. Therefore the format and numbering within the Notified Plan Change 31 may require minor changes to fit into the operative District Plan format. The notified numbering is in brackets.

5.0 BACKGROUND

- 5.1 This report relates to the Protected Tree aspect of the Natural Environment Rules of the District Plan. This part of the Natural Environment Rules deals with the need to protect trees of significance to the District, provisions for protection, and a schedule of identified trees in Appendix C.
- 5.2 This Plan change proposes to amend the existing list of Protected Trees to delete the trees that have been removed since the list was last updated, identify which trees should be protected via the new objective and policies and provide methods for dealing with requests to modify or remove Protected Trees. It was

recommended that 13¹ trees be removed from the list because they no longer exist and that 21 trees or groups of trees be removed as their value to the District was low.

- 5.3 New numbering of the Protected Tree section of the District Plan and the list of Trees is also proposed to bring the section in line with the reviewed parts of the District Plan.
- 5.4 All trees have now been assessed against the nationally preferred method of tree evaluation, known as STEM (Standard Tree Evaluation Method). This method identifies trees with high value in terms of condition, amenity and how notable it is. Therefore the reasons for the community protecting a particular tree under the District Plan are clear.
- 5.5 During the submission process, Council also called for nominations of additional trees to be added to the District Plan. Fifty six nominations were received.

Submission number	Common Name	Address	No. of Trees	STEM total	
3.1	Northern Rata	Road Reserve Somme Parade and Glasgow Street	1	144	
3.2	Totara	Riverbank between Somme Parade and Russell Street	66	19	207
3.2	Red-Flowering Gum	Riverbank between Somme Parade and Russell Street	66	3	183
6.1	Totara Tree	Pakaitore	1	138	
6.2	Black Beech, Red Beech and Silver Beech	Victoria Park	3	180	
6.3	Terpentine	Virginia Lake	5	96	
6.3	Brush Box	Virginia Lake	1	108	
6.3	African Fern Pine, Common Yellowwood	Virginia Lake	1	132	
6.3	China Fir, Chinese Cedar	Virginia Lake	1	114	
6.3	Maritime Pine	Virginia Lake	4	141	
6.3	Canary Island Date Palm	Virginia Lake – Great North Road frontage	12	150	
6.3	Maiden’s Wattle	Virginia Lake	1	183	
6.3	Green Cedar Wattle	Virginia Lake	5	147	
6.3	Canary Island Date Palm	Virginia Lake – Virginia Road frontage	13	132	

¹ Since the STEM assessments were originally completed, additional information has been found on the notable aspects of several tree listings. This has altered the STEM ratings and the recommendations regarding District Plan protection.

Submission number	Common Name	Address	No. of Trees	STEM total
6.4	Wingnut	Peat Park	2	207 and 209
6.5	English Oaks	Halswell Street Reserve	72	147
6.6	London Plane Trees	Upper Victoria Avenue	58	171
6.7	Grey Ironbark	Victoria Park	3	225
6.7	Karri	Victoria Park	1	237
6.7	Blue Mountain Ash	Victoria Park	1	195
6.7	Sugar Gum	Victoria Park	2	219
6.7	Mountain Grey Gum	Victoria Park	1	159
6.7	Slivertop Ash or Black Ash	Victoria Park	1	153
6.7	Hybrid Gum	Victoria Park	1	132
6.7	Spotted Gum	Victoria Park	3	231
6.7	Swamp Yate	Victoria Park	3	237
6.8	Aleppo Pine (Gallipoli Lone Pine)	Queens Park	1	180
6.9	Queensland Kauri	Arles, SH4	1	261
6.10	Yate	Hipango Terrace	1	207
6.11	Karaka	Pakaitore	1	117
6.12	Totara	Queens Park	1	123
6.13	Tasmanian Blue Gum	SH3, opposite water reservoirs	50	138
6.14	Dawn Redwood	AH Collins Park	6	177
6.15	Common Ash	Rangitatau East Road	1	135
6.15	European Beech	Rangitatau East Road	18	123
6.16	Holm Oak	Fordell Pre-School	1	189
6.17	Rimu	Glenn Logie Rose Garden	1	162
6.18	Cork Oak	Aird, No.2 Line	1	222
6.18	Spanish Oak	Aird, No.2 Line	1	186
6.18	Pecan	Aird, No.2 Line	1	252
6.18	Weeping Lilly Pilly	Aird, No.2 Line	1	210
6.18	Ponderosa Pine	Aird, No.2 Line	1	234
6.18	Kiwifruit, Chinese Gooseberry	Aird, No.2 Line	1	237

Submission number	Common Name	Address	No. of Trees	STEM total
6.18	Norway Maple Cultivar	Aird, No.2 Line	1	204
6.18	Jacaranda, Brazilian Rosewood	Aird, No.2 Line	1	129
6.18	Queensland Kauri	Aird, No.2 Line	1	180
6.19	Oak	Cornmarket Reserve	7	96
6.20	Pohutukawa	Wanganui Racecourse	14	138 and 189
6.21	Judas Tree	Bushy Park	1	81
6.22	Pohutukawa	27 Riverbank Road	1	171
6.23	Holm Oak	27 Riverbank Road	1	156
6.24	Black Pine	Virginia Lake	1	144
6.25	Swamp Marie	Virginia Lake	1	153
6.26	Sydney Red Gum	Virginia Road	1	237
6.26	Sydney Red Gum	Virginia Road	4	183
6.27	London Plane Tree	Atene Marae	1	195

Thirty six of the trees or groups of trees nominated have a STEM score over 150. It is recommended that they are added to the list in accordance with Method 16.6.46. A further four trees have significant value to the community beyond what is identified by STEM. The STEM score will increase in time as the trees mature, however they should be added now in order to recognise the notable value and allow them to reach their full potential.

Copies of the assessments are attached as Appendix 5 of this report.

- 5.6 Four submissions were received to remove trees from the Protected Tree list and one letter from an affected owner.

Submission number	Common Name	Address	No. of Trees	STEM total
4.1	Tree No.96 – Bunya Pine	No.3 Line, besides Gordons Bush	1	171
5.2	Tree No.59 – Red-Flowering Gum	179 Ingestre Street	1	132
6.5 (addition) F2.1(removal) F3.1(removal)	Nominated – English Oak	Halswell Street	72	147
Letter from owners	Nominated – London Plane Tree	Atene Marae	1	195

These will be discussed in section 7 of this report.

6.0 DISCUSSION

6.1 Consultation

Section 73 (1A) of the RMA enables a district plan to be changed by a territorial authority in the manner set out in the First Schedule.

Pursuant to Clause 3, First Schedule of the RMA, the Council has consulted with relevant statutory agencies, tangata whenua and other parties during the preparation of PPC31. Consultation on PPC31 was undertaken in September-October 2012 and as required.

Public Meetings were held on:

- 15 September 2012 at the Rivertraders Market
- 18 September 2012 at Kai Iwi Hall
- 20 September 2012 at Mangamahu Memorial Hall
- 26 September 2012 at Kakatahi School
- 27 September 2012 at Brunswick Hall
- 2 October 2012 at Fordell Community Hall
- 4 October 2012 at Horrocks Park Hall

Letters to Tree owners and stakeholders were sent on:

- **September 2012** Stating that a review of the Protected Trees would be undertaken.
- **January 2013** Stating that the Arborist was assessing each currently listed Protected Tree on their properties.
- **May 2013** Stating that the draft Issues, Objectives and Policy document was available for comment on the website.
- **June 2013** Including a copy of the STEM assessment for the currently listed trees on their properties.

Shaping Wanganui consultation notice's No.s 10 (Sept 2012) and 11 (Oct 2012) regarding Phase 4 were emailed and posted out to a database of 388 people who had identified themselves as interested in being updated about the process.

This consultation identified:

- There is little explanation as to why trees are listed in the District Plan.
- The protected tree list had not been updated since the last review of the District Plan, meaning that there were trees on the list that no longer existed and no new trees had been added.
- The trees had been assessed using an out of date assessment method that is not best practice for New Zealand Councils.

6.2 Key Issues

6.2.1 A range of submissions and further submissions were received on this section of the proposed District Plan. Consideration of these submissions has been undertaken by topic or issue with submissions grouped as appropriate. The following analysis focuses on those parts of the submissions that seek specific outcomes and does not discuss any

parts of submissions that comments on aspects of the Plan outside of the scope of this Plan change. Based on this analysis, and included in Section 7 to this report are my specific recommendations on each submission point (accept, accept in part, or reject).

6.2.2 There were no submissions or further submissions received regarding the proposed objective or policies in relation to Protected Trees.

6.2.3 Methods

The submission from Federated Farmers supports Method 25.5.4, regarding waiving the resource consent fees, however, Federated Farmers seeks an expansion of this for Council to cover all costs associated with resource consents in relation to Protected Trees.

6.2.4 Permitted Activities

The submission from PowerCo supports the Permitted Activities (specifically the removal of trees as part of emergency works to restore power or which are a threat to life or property). The submission from PowerCo is noted.

The submission from Federated Farmers requested additional permitted activities within the Dripline of Protected Trees. These are:

- Fencing within the dripline;
- Control of pest plants & pasture weeds within the dripline; and
- Cultivation within the dripline to a maximum depth of 200mm unless large roots are present.

6.2.5 List of Trees

Submissions were received from Mr Anderson and Wanganui District Council requesting the addition of new trees and the retention of Tree No.4. Further submissions on these trees related to narrowing the list of nominations received from Wanganui District Plan and submissions both for and against the inclusion of the Halswell Street Oak Trees.

Submissions were also received from Mr McArthur and Cleveland Funeral Home requesting the removal of existing trees No. 96 and 59 from the Protected Tree list.

6.3 Part II Considerations

The relevant statutory considerations in relation to these submissions are whether the outcomes will be consistent with sections 31 and 32 of the Act, along with Part II of the Act. I consider that the recommendations in section 7 are both effective and efficient and will ensure that the methods contained in this section are the most appropriate method for achieving the objectives of the Plan. I consider that this section of the Plan is appropriate under Part II of the Act to achieve sustainable management within the Wanganui District.

6.4 Horizons Regional Council – Regional Policy Statement

Section 75(2) of the RMA requires that a District Plan must not be inconsistent with the regional policy statement or any regional plan. Horizons Regional Council's One Plan is considered to be relevant to this Proposed Plan Change in that it relates to Biodiversity.

6.4.1 An assessment of how the provisions in Proposed Plan Change 31 compare with the Objectives and Policies of the Operative Regional Policy Statement and the Proposed One Plan are considered in **Table 1** below.

Table 1

Regional Policy Statement (operative)		Proposed Plan Change 29
Objective 10	Policy	Evaluation
To protect heritage resources of regional significance.	<p>Policy 10.1 To identify and promote the protection of regionally significant natural and cultural heritage resources. These include places or natural resources which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. have a high degree of importance or are part of history in the Region; or b. have a high degree of importance in the provision of knowledge of the Region's history; or c. are rare or unique in the Region; or d. have special cultural or spiritual significance to tangata whenua; or e. are already protected by a national protection mechanism; or f. exhibit a high degree of technological accomplishment. <p>Policy 10.2 To promote the protection of sites of significant cultural, historic and spiritual value to Maori, subject to consultation with nga hapu and nga iwi. This may include ways to safeguard confidential iwi and hapu knowledge where appropriate.</p>	The provisions of Plan Change 31 satisfy these requirements

Proposed One Plan		Proposed Plan Change 29
Objective 7-3	Policy	Evaluation
<p>Objective 7-3: Historic heritage[^] Protect <i>historic heritage[^]</i> from activities that would significantly reduce heritage qualities.</p>	<p><i>Historic Heritage[^]</i> Policy 7-10: <i>Historic heritage[^]</i> The <i>Regional Coastal Plan[^]</i> and <i>district plans[^]</i> must include provisions to protect <i>historic heritage[^]</i> of national significance, which may include places of special or outstanding heritage value registered as Category 1 historic places, wāhi tapu, and wāhi tapu areas under the Historic Places Act 1993.</p> <p>Policy 7-11: <i>Historic heritage[^]</i> identification (a) <i>Territorial Authorities[^]</i> must develop and maintain a schedule of known <i>historic heritage[^]</i> for their district to be included in their <i>district plan[^]</i>. Indigenous biological diversity, landscape and historic heritage</p>	<p>Overall Plan change 31 satisfies these requirements. With regard to 7-11 (c) the inclusion of links to individual detailed reports for each tree to discuss any heritage value is considered adequate.</p>

	<p>Proposed One Plan as Amended by Decisions - Clean Version 7-11 (b) The Regional Council must develop and maintain a schedule of known <i>historic heritage</i>[^] for the <i>coastal marine area</i>[^] to be included in the <i>Regional Coastal Plan</i>[^]. (c) <i>Historic heritage</i>[^] schedules must include a statement of the qualities that contribute to each <i>site</i>[*].</p>	
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6.5 Section 32 Evaluation

As there have been no significant amendments to Proposed Plan Change 31, the S32 has not been re-evaluated. The Section 32 is attached as Appendix 5.

7.0 THE SUBMISSION ANALYSIS

Submitter Name: Powerco Limited

Submission No: 1.1c31

Summary:

Supports the provision to remove Protected Trees as a permitted activity as stated in Rule 25.4.1.b

Decision Sought:

Retain Rule 25.4.1.b without modification.

Officer Recommendation:

That Submission 1.1c31 from Powerco Limited be Accepted. No changes are recommended to PPC31 as a result of this submission.

Unlike other protected features in a District Plan, Protected Trees follow a life cycle. They grow, sometimes beyond the expected size, they can get sick and die. When this eventually occurs, there must be provision for emergency services and owners of Protected Trees to modify or remove the tree before it becomes a danger. The proposed rule clarifies how to define when a tree is a risk, using an Arborist assessment. As trees that are a risk to life, property or infrastructure need to be removal by an Arborist, getting an assessment submitted to Council (after the fact if needed) places no additional burden on Utility companies or tree owners and allows Council to maintain accurate Protected Tree records.

Submitter Name: Wanganui Federated Farmers of New Zealand

Submission No: 2.1c31

Summary:

Requests additional activities added to Permitted Activities in relation to Protected Tree driplines:

- Fencing within the dripline
- Control of pest plants & pasture weeds within the dripline

- Cultivation within the dripline to a maximum depth of 200mm unless large roots are present

And alter Discretionary Activities to exclude the activities above.

Decision Sought:

Modify Rule 7.6.1 (written as 25.4.1) to read:

- vi Fencing of protected trees within the drip line
- vii control of pest plants and pasture weeds within the drip line
- viii cultivation within the drip line to a maximum depth of 200mm, unless roots greater than 50 mm are present

Modify Rule Rule 7.6.1 (written as 25.4.1) to allow farming activities within the dripline as stated above instead of as a Discretionary Activity.

Officer Recommendation:

That Submission 2.1c31 from Wanganui Federated Farmers of New Zealand be Rejected in Part. It is recommended that a provision for hand control of pest plants and weeds within the dripline is added to the permitted activities. This will read as:

vi. Controlling pest plants and weeds within the dripline by hand and not chemical assistance;

Wendy Bainbridge, Council's Senior Parks Officer, has reviewed this submission and stated that the trees listed in the District Plan are deemed worthy of protection because of their value to the community. This includes the root zone within the dripline of the canopy. To carry out cultivation, fencing and chemical control of plants within the dripline could potentially shorten the life expectancy of the tree and its value to the community. Therefore it is better to assess any activity within the dripline on a case by case basis through the Resource Consent process. Control of pest plants and weeds by hand will not affect the life of the tree; therefore it is recommended that PPC31 is changed to allow for this activity.

It is also important to note that of the current Protected Tree list, there are only 8 in the Rural Zone, outside of Bushy Park.

Submitter Name: Wanganui Federated Farmers of New Zealand

Submission No: 2.2c31

Summary:

Supporting in part Method 25.5.4 relating to the waiving of resource consent fees for Protected Trees. This should apply to all costs associated with the presence of the Tree.

Decision Sought:

Modify Method 16.6.45 (written as 25.5.4) to read:

Waive resource consent fees where the need for the resource consent is triggered by the presence of a Protected Tree.

Officer Recommendation:

That Submission 2.2c31 from Wanganui Federated Farmers of New Zealand be Rejected. No changes are recommended to PPC31 as a result of this submission.

This submission removes the need for the works to be of benefit to the tree, in order for the community to pay for the resource consent. The summary provided with the submission, could also be interpreted to mean that Council would have to pay for the Arborist report and the works on the tree also.

Submitter Name: Mr John Anderson

Submission No: 3.1c31

Summary:

Opposing the removal of Protected Tree No.4 from the District Plan and requesting it be listed in conjunction with the Northern Rata next to it. Combined these trees provide traffic calming and an unique amenity from these two species being next to each other. The leaf colour, size, flowers etc of these two species complement each other.

Decision Sought:

Retain Protected Tree listing no.4 and modify it to include the nearby Northern Rata.

Officer Recommendation:

That Submission 3.1c31 from Mr John Anderson be Accepted in Part. The following addition to the Appendix C – Protected Trees is recommend:

District Plan reference		Type of Tree		Location		STEM assessment				
Site No.	Map reference	Common Name	Scientific Name	Address	Legal Description	No. of Trees	Condition	Amenity	Notable	Total
T115	U15	Northern Rata	Metrosider or robusta	Road Reserve – Corner of Somme Parade and Glasgow Street	Road Reserve	1	87	57	0	144

Wendy Bainbridge, Council’s Senior Parks Officer, has reviewed this submission and stated that mature Pohutukawas are common in Wanganui. Northern Rata are endemic to this area and mature ones are less common.

Council’s Roding Team have stated that the existing trees provide no traffic safety value. The reconstruction of the road in this area was completed several years ago.

Based on the STEM scores and the information stated above I recommend that the Pohutukawa is removed from the District Plan. I recommend that the Northern Rata is included in the District Plan as it’s rarity and the function (as a food source for native birds, bees and lizards) scored highly and the amenity will increase in time as the tree matures (This tree is under 80 years old and the species can live for 1000 years).

Submitter Name: Mr John Anderson

Submission No: 3.2c31

Summary:

Nomination of Totara and Gum Trees along Somme Parade Road Reserve next to the Whanganui River between 66 Somme Parade and Russell Street. Possibly planted as a commemoration of World War 1 and the naming of Somme Parade. As a group they provide amenity for pedestrians, vehicles and users of the river.

Decision Sought:

Add the group of Totara and Gum Trees opposite 66 to 100 Somme Parade to the Protected Tree list.

Officer Recommendation:

That Submission 3.2c31 from Mr John Anderson be Accepted. The following addition to the Appendix C – Protected Trees is recommend:

District Plan reference		Type of Tree		Location				STEM assessment			
Site No.	Map reference	Common Name	Scientific Name	Address	Legal Description	No. of Trees	Condition	Amenity	Notable	Total	
T109	U9 & U15	Red-Flowering Gum	Corymbia ficifolia	Riverbank between Somme Parade and Russell Street 66	PT Lot E RBWR	4	87	69	27	183	
T108	U9 & U15	Totara	Podocarpus totara	Riverbank between Somme Parade and Russell Street 66	PT Lot E RBWR	19	93	81	33	207	

The group of Totara Trees scored 207 in the STEM assessment and the Gym trees scored 183. Both these ratings are above the minimum to be included within the District Plan.

Submitter Name: Mr Ian McArthur

Submission No: 4.1c31

Summary:

Remove Protected Tree no.96 from the District Plan. The STEM evaluation over estimates the age, stature and proximity value of the tree. The keeping of this tree will also cause economic impacts on the owner in the future for irrigation.

Decision Sought:

Remove Protected Tree No.96 from the District Plan.

Officer Recommendation:

That Submission 4.1c31 from Mr McArthur be Accepted. The removal of Protected Tree no.96 from Appendix C is recommended to PPC31 as a result of this submission.

The Bunya Tree has a rating of 171, which is above the minimum for inclusion in the District Plan. However, the Arborist has reviewed the tree and stated that it has started to decline due to cultivation within the dripline in the past. There are no significant features to recommend it specifically being listed in the plan, apart from its maturity which has resulted in the high STEM score.

Submitter Name: Mr Craig Cleveland

Submission No: 5.1c31

Summary:

Supports the removal of Protected Tree no.52 from the District Plan.

Decision Sought:

Remove Protected Tree No.52 from the District Plan.

Officer Recommendation:

That Submission 5.1c31 from Mr Cleveland be Accepted. No changes are recommended to PPC31 as a result of this submission.

Protected Tree no. 52 is a Pohutukawa which scored only 126 in the STEM assessment. The assessment showed no notable features or amenity value significant enough to warrant inclusion in the District Plan.

Submitter Name: Mr Craig Cleveland
Submission No: 5.2c31

Summary:

Remove Protected Tree no.59 from the District Plan. This tree is a risk to life and property as an OSH hazard and a potential earthquake risk. There is no proven historical link to our local community. The amenity value is limited due to its poor health and limb failure.

Decision Sought:

Remove Protected Tree No.59 from the District Plan.

Officer Recommendation:

That Submission 5.2c31 from Mr Cleveland be Accepted. The removal of Protected Tree no.59 from Appendix C is recommended to PPC31 as a result of this submission.

Council’s Roding Team have stated that the existing tree provides no traffic safety value and causes no issues with the Roding network.

The tree has a score of 132 under the District Plan. It was recommended to be included despite having a STEM score below the minimum based on a suggested history of who planted it. No further evidence has been found to support this, therefore it is unreasonable to continue to list this tree, when its value to the community is minimal.

Submitter Name: Wanganui District Council
Submission No: 6.1c31

Summary:

Add the Totara Tree at 2 Market Place (Moutoa Gardens) to the Protected Tree List in the District Plan as it was planted in 1978 to commemorate the centenary of the purchase of Wanganui.

Decision Sought:

Addition of the Totara tree at 2 Market Place to the District Plan.

Officer Recommendation:

That Submission 6.1c31 from Wanganui District Council be Accepted. The following addition to the Appendix C – Protected Trees is recommend:

District Plan reference		Type of Tree		Location			STEM assessment			
Site No.	Map reference	Common Name	Scientific Name	Address	Legal Description	No. of Trees	Condition	Amenity	Notable	Total
T91	U22	Totara	Podocarpu s totara	Pakaitore, 2 Market Place	PT Reserve I TN of Wanganui	1	63	45	30	138

Although the Totara Tree has a STEM score of only 138, it is a recent piece of Wanganui history and the identification and protection of this tree now will see it grow into a significant community asset in the future. The Pakaitore Historic Reserve Board are aware of the proposed listing and have voiced no concern.

Submitter Name: Wanganui District Council

Submission No: 6.2c31

Summary:

Add the New Zealand Beech trees planted at Victoria Park between Bell Street as Victoria Avenue as their size and form provide value to the community environment.

Decision Sought:

Addition of the New Zealand Beech trees at Victoria Park to the District Plan.

Officer Recommendation:

That Submission 6.2c31 from Wanganui District Council be Accepted. The following addition to the Appendix C – Protected Trees is recommend:

District Plan reference		Type of Tree		Location		STEM assessment				
Site No.	Map reference	Common Name	Scientific Name	Address	Legal Description	No. of Trees	Condition	Amenity	Notable	Total
T99	U15	Black Beech, Red Beech and Silver Beech	Fuscospora solandri, Fuscospora fusca and Lophozonia menziesii	Victoria Park	PT Reserve L TN of Wanganui	3	111	51	18	180

The three beech trees scored 180 in the STEM assessment. The rating is above the minimum to be included within the District Plan.

Submitter Name: Wanganui District Council

Submission No: 6.3c31

Summary:

Add the following specimens located at 110 Great North Road (Virginia Lake) as their size, age amenity and landscape values are significant to the community.

- Angophora costata,
- Syncarpia glomulifera,
- Lophostemon conferta,
- Pinus pinaster,
- P. nigra,
- P. wallichiana,
- Phoneix palms and
- Rare acacia.

Decision Sought:

Addition of Angophora costata, Syncarpia glomulifera, Lophostemon conferta, Pinus pinaster, P. nigra, P. wallichiana, phoneix palms and rare acacia trees at Virginia Lake to the District Plan.

Officer Recommendation:

That Submission 6.1c31 from Wanganui District Council be Accepted in Part. The following additions to the Appendix C – Protected Trees are recommend:

District Plan reference		Type of Tree		Location		STEM assessment				
Site No.	Map reference	Common Name	Scientific Name	Address	Legal Description	No. of Trees	Condition	Amenity	Notable	Total
T116	U9	Canary Island Date Palm	Phoenix canariensis	Virginia Lake – Great North Road	PT Sections 16-17 RBWR	12	87	57	6	150
T117	U9	Canary Island Date Palm	Phoenix canariensis	Virginia Lake – Virginia Road entrance	PT Sections 16-17 RBWR	13	87	39	6	132
T90	U9	Maiden's Wattle	Acacia maidenii	Virginia Lake	PT Sections 16-17 RBWR	1	51	33	69	183
T89	U9	Swamp Marie	Syzygium maire	Virginia Lake	PT Sections 16-17 RBWR	1	99	45	9	153

The Maritime Pine, Terpentine, Brush Box, Swamp Marie, Bhutan Pine, Green Cedar Wattle, Afican Fern Pine and Chinese Cedar did not meet the minimum of 150 with the STEM assessment and have no known notable features according to Council's Parks Team. They will continue to be managed under the Virginia Lake Management Plan.

Submitter Name: Wanganui District Council

Submission No: 6.4c31

Summary:

Add the two wingnut trees in the centre of Peat Park as their size and age provide value to the community environment.

Decision Sought:

Addition of the two hybrid wingnut (*P X rehderana*) at Peat Park to the District Plan.

Officer Recommendation:

That Submission 6.4c31 from Wanganui District Council be Accepted. The following addition to the Appendix C – Protected Trees is recommend:

District Plan reference		Type of Tree		Location		STEM assessment				
Site No.	Map reference	Common Name	Scientific Name	Address	Legal Description	No. of Trees	Condition	Amenity	Notable	Total
T110	U9	Hybrid Wingnut	Pterocarya X rehderana	Peat Park	Sections 405-406 RBWR	2	99 87	57 57	63 63	219 207

The two wingnut trees scored 207 and 209 in the STEM assessment. Both these ratings are above the minimum to be included within the District Plan.

Submitter Name: Wanganui District Council

Submission No: 6.5c31

Summary:

Add the avenue of English Oaks planted on Halswell Street Road Reserve in 1902 possibly from acorns of the “Windsor Oak”. These trees provide amenity value to the environment.

Decision Sought:

Addition of the English Oaks on Halswell Street Road Reserve to the District Plan.

Submitter Name: Whanganui Regional Heritage Trust Board

Submission No: F3.1

Summary:

Supports the inclusion of the Halswell Street English Oaks.

Decision Sought:

Addition of the English Oaks on Halswell Street Road Reserve to the District Plan.

Submitter Name: Diana Anderson

Submission No: F2.1

Summary:

Removal of the English Oaks on Halswell Street Road Reserve from the proposed Protected Tree list.

Decision Sought:

That the English Oaks on Halswell Street Road Reserve are not included in the proposed Protected Tree list.

Officer Recommendation:

That Submissions 6.5c31 from Wanganui District Council and Further Submission F3.1 be Rejected. And that Further Submission F2.1 be Accepted. No changes are recommended to PPC31 as a result of this submission.

The condition of the trees are such that major work will be needed in the future to maintain the Avenue effect that provides the amenity and value to the community. The Street Tree policy identifies the Halswell Street English Oaks as being a Heritage Tree Street as they were planted in 1902. Wendy Bainbridge, Council’s Senior Parks Officer, has reviewed this submission and stated that in accordance with the Street Tree Policy 2014, a management plan for the trees would provide more value to the community than listing the trees in their current state. The management plan would be based on maintaining the Avenue effect of the trees along Halswell Street. This would be done by replacement of trees at the end of their life by trees from the same acorns (already collected) and better spacing of the trees to promote healthy growth and a better life expectancy. As this plan will be in accordance with other Council documents and achieve the Objective of the District Plan, while providing more flexibility for Council to do the work, there is no reason at this time to list the trees.

Council’s Roding Team have stated that there are existing drainage problems is the tree driplines. To list the trees at this stage would impact the ability to do the required maintenance work to the area.

The trees scored only 147 in the STEM assessment. Based on the current state of the trees, this score is unlikely to increase above the minimum 150 to be included in the District Plan.

Submitter Name: Wanganui District Council
Submission No: 6.6c31

Summary:

Add the avenue of London Plane trees planted on the upper Victoria Avenue in 1890. These trees provide amenity value to the environment.

Decision Sought:

Addition of the London Plane trees on the upper Victoria Avenue Road Reserve to the District Plan.

Officer Recommendation:

That Submission 6.6c31 from Wanganui District Council be Accepted. The following addition to the Appendix C – Protected Trees is recommend:

District Plan reference		Type of Tree		Location			STEM assessment			
Site No.	Map reference	Common Name	Scientific Name	Address	Legal Description	No. of Trees	Condition	Amenity	Notable	Total
T97	U15 & U21	London Plane	Platanus X hispanica	Victoria Avenue – Between Ingestre Street and Great North Road	Victoria Avenue Road Reserve	58	81	87	3	171

Council’s Roding Team have stated that there are existing drainage problems is the tree driplines. The existing design to upgrade upper Victoria Avenue requires sumps between existing trees which could not be built if protected. However this upgrade is designed to protect the trees.

The London Plane trees scored 171 in the STEM assessment. This rating is above the minimum to be included within the District Plan. The proposed works identified by Roding is not a reason to exclude the trees from the District Plan as the works would benefit the trees and it is likely that a Resource Consent would be approved.

Submitter Name: Wanganui District Council
Submission No: 6.7c31

Summary:

Add the 20 Eucalyptus trees located in Victoria Park. This includes the city’s only West Australian karri. These trees have ecological value as they are rare nationally.

Decision Sought:

Addition of the 20 Eucalyptus species in Victoria Park to the District Plan.

Officer Recommendation:

That Submission 6.7c31 from Wanganui District Council be Accepted. The following addition to the Appendix C – Protected Trees is recommend:

District Plan reference		Type of Tree		Location			STEM assessment			
Site No.	Map reference	Common Name	Scientific Name	Address	Legal Description	No. of Trees	Condition	Amenity	Notable	Total
T100	U15	Swamp Yate	Eucalyptus occidentalis	Victoria Park	PT Reserve L TN of Wanganui	3	111	63	63	237
T101	U15	Grey Ironbark	Eucalyptus paniculata	Victoria Park	PT Reserve L TN of Wanganui	3	117	63	45	225
T102	U15	Blue Mountain Ash	Eucalyptus oreades	Victoria Park	PT Reserve L TN of Wanganui	1	93	45	57	195
T103	U15	Slivertop Ash or Black Ash	Eucalyptus sieberi	Victoria Park	PT Reserve L TN of Wanganui	1	93	45	15	153
T104	U15	Karri	Eucalyptus diversicolor	Victoria Park	PT Reserve L TN of Wanganui	1	123	63	51	237
T105	U15	Sugar Gum	Eucalyptus cladocalyx	Victoria Park	PT Reserve L TN of Wanganui	2	111	63	45	219
T106	U15	Mountain Grey Gum	Eucalyptus cypellocarpa	Victoria Park	PT Reserve L TN of Wanganui	1	105	39	15	159
T107	U15	Spotted Gum	Corymbia maculata	Victoria Park	PT Reserve L TN of Wanganui	3	117	69	45	231

All the Eucalyptus varieties bar one scored above the minimum of 150 in the STEM assessment, to be included within the District Plan. The Hybrid Gum did not score high enough in the STEM assessment and did not have any particular significance that warranted its listing in the District Plan at this time.

Submitter Name: Wanganui District Council
Submission No: 6.8c31

Summary:

Add the Gallipoli Lone Pine descendant located on Queens Park. This has historical value due to its history, age and the fact that it is located near other World War 1 memorials.

Decision Sought:

Addition of the Gallipoli Lone Pine at Queens Park to the District Plan.

Officer Recommendation:

That Submission 6.8c31 from Wanganui District Council be Accepted. The following addition to the Appendix C – Protected Trees is recommend:

District Plan reference		Type of Tree		Location			STEM assessment			
Site No.	Map reference	Common Name	Scientific Name	Address	Legal Description	No. of Trees	Condition	Amenity	Notable	Total
T94	U22	Aleppo Pine	Pinus halepensis	Queens Park	Section 1 SO 431652	1	69	51	60	180

The Gallipoli pine scored 180 in the STEM assessment. This rating is above the minimum to be included within the District Plan. It also contains a high heritage value as a World War 1 memorial, located in an area that contains a high number of war memorials. The other Gallipoli Pine in Wanganui (at Aramoho Cemetery) is not considered to be in good health and it is more useful as a seed stock than a listed tree.

Submitter Name: Wanganui District Council
Submission No: 6.9c31

Summary:

Add the Queensland Kauri at Arles on State Highway 4. This is a nationally significant tree.

Decision Sought:

Addition of the Queensland Kauri at Arles on State Highway 4 to the District Plan.

Officer Recommendation:

That Submission 6.9c31 from Wanganui District Council be Accepted. The following addition to the Appendix C – Protected Trees is recommend:

District Plan reference		Type of Tree		Location		STEM assessment				
Site No.	Map reference	Common Name	Scientific Name	Address	Legal Description	No. of Trees	Condition	Amenity	Notable	Total
T88	U6	Queensland Kauri	Agathis robusta	Arles, State Highway 4	Lot 2 DP 81420	1	117	81	63	261

The Queensland Kauri scored 261 in the STEM assessment. This rating is above the minimum to be included within the District Plan. This tree is privately owned and the owner has stated that he is happy to have the tree noted in the District Plan.

Submitter Name: Wanganui District Council
Submission No: 6.10c31

Summary:

Add the Eucalyptus cornuta to the Protected Tree list. This tree is rare in New Zealand and is the only one in Wanganui.

Decision Sought:

Addition of the Eucalyptus cornuta to the District Plan.

Officer Recommendation:

That Submission 6.10c31 from Wanganui District Council be Accepted. The following addition to the Appendix C – Protected Trees is recommend:

District Plan reference		Type of Tree		Location		STEM assessment				
Site No.	Map reference	Common Name	Scientific Name	Address	Legal Description	No. of Trees	Condition	Amenity	Notable	Total
T111	U22	Yate	Eucalyptus cornuta	Hipango Terrace	Road Reserve	1	99	57	51	207

The Yate scored 207 in the STEM assessment. This rating is above the minimum to be included within the District Plan.

Submitter Name: Wanganui District Council
Submission No: 6.11c31

Summary:

Add the Karaka Tree planted at Pakaitore (2 Market Place) at the signing of the Tripartite Agreement on 28 February 2001.

Decision Sought:

Addition of the Karaka tree located at Pakaitore (2 Market Place) to the District Plan.

Officer Recommendation:

That Submission 6.11c31 from Wanganui District Council be Accepted. The following addition to the Appendix C – Protected Trees is recommend:

District Plan reference		Type of Tree		Location			STEM assessment			
Site No.	Map reference	Common Name	Scientific Name	Address	Legal Description	No. of Trees	Condition	Amenity	Notable	Total
T92	U22	Karaka	Corynocarpus laevigatus	Pakaitore, 2 Market Place	PT Reserve I TN of Wanganui	1	57	39	21	117

Although the Karaka Tree has a STEM score of only 117, it is a recent piece of Wanganui history and the identification and protection of this tree now will see it grow into a significant community asset in the future. The Pakaitore Historic Reserve Board are aware of the proposed listing and have voiced no concern.

Submitter Name: Wanganui District Council

Submission No: 6.12c31

Summary:

Add the Totara Tree planted at Queens Park behind the Davis Library in April 1999 to mark the burial site of Te Taurawhiri, the library pou.

Decision Sought:

Addition of the Totara Tree at Queens Park to the District Plan.

Officer Recommendation:

That Submission 6.12c31 from Wanganui District Council be Accepted. The following addition to the Appendix C – Protected Trees is recommend:

District Plan reference		Type of Tree		Location			STEM assessment			
Site No.	Map reference	Common Name	Scientific Name	Address	Legal Description	No. of Trees	Condition	Amenity	Notable	Total
T95	U21	Totara	Podocarpus totara	Queens Park	Section 1 SO 431652	1	63	45	15	123

Although the Totara Tree has a STEM score of only 123, it is a recent piece of Wanganui history and the identification and protection of this tree now will see it grow into a significant community asset in the future.

Submitter Name: Wanganui District Council

Submission No: 6.13c31

Summary:

Add the line of trees running south west from opposite the Council reservoir on State Highway 3. These trees are an early colonial planting and have historical value.

Decision Sought:

Addition of the line of trees running south west from State Highway 3 opposite the Council reservoir to the District Plan.

Officer Recommendation:

That Submission 6.13c31 from Wanganui District Council be Rejected. No changes are recommended to PPC31 as a result of this submission.

The trees are located on Private properties and are not easily viewable to the public. Therefore the value to the community of protecting these trees are low. The STEM score was only 138. There are other plantings of trees from this area already protected in the District Plan.

Submitter Name: Wanganui District Council

Submission No: 6.14c31

Summary:

Add the Swamp cypress tree at AH Collins Park as it is the second tallest of its species in the country.

Decision Sought:

Addition of the Swamp cypress tree at AH Collins Park to the District Plan.

Officer Recommendation:

That Submission 6.14c31 from Wanganui District Council be Accepted. The following addition to the Appendix C – Protected Trees is recommend:

District Plan reference		Type of Tree		Location		STEM assessment				
Site No.	Map reference	Common Name	Scientific Name	Address	Legal Description	No. of Trees	Condition	Amenity	Notable	Total
T112	R19	Dawn Redwood	Metasequoia glyptostroboides	AH Collins Park	Lot 1 DP 18301	6	93	39	45	177

The submission confused the Swamp Cypress with the Dawn Redwood. There is no Swamp Cypress on the site. The Dawn Redwood scored 177 in the STEM assessment. This rating is above the minimum to be included within the District Plan.

Submitter Name: Wanganui District Council

Submission No: 6.15c31

Summary:

Add the large mature Ash, English beech and firs on Rangitatau East Road that were planted by the Moore family. These trees are rare in the region.

Decision Sought:

Addition of the Ash, English beech and firs on Rangitatau East Road to the District Plan.

Officer Recommendation:

That Submission 6.15c31 from Wanganui District Council be Rejected. No changes are recommended to PPC31 as a result of this submission.

The Arborist that assessed the trees noted only one Ash and one Beech worthy of assessing on the Road Reserve. Neither of these met the minimum level of 150 in the STEM assessment in order to be listed in the District Plan. There are many other trees planted by the Moore Family in the Bushy park Reserve nearby.

Submitter Name: Wanganui District Council
Submission No: 6.16c31

Summary:

Add the large Holm Oak tree at Fordell Pre-school. This tree is one of the largest and oldest oaks in the District.

Decision Sought:

Addition of the Holm Oak tree at Fordell Pre-school to the District Plan.

Officer Recommendation:

That Submission 6.16c31 from Wanganui District Council be Accepted. The following addition to the Appendix C – Protected Trees is recommend:

District Plan reference		Type of Tree		Location			STEM assessment			
Site No.	Map reference	Common Name	Scientific Name	Address	Legal Description	No. of Trees	Condition	Amenity	Notable	Total
T78	R22 & RS3	Holm Oak	Quercus illex	19 Budge Street	Lot 3 DP 45498	1	93	75	21	189

The Holm Oak scored 189 in the STEM assessment. This rating is above the minimum to be included within the District Plan.

Submitter Name: Wanganui District Council
Submission No: 6.17c31

Summary:

Add the Rimu tree at Glenn Logie Rose Garden. This tree has a good form.

Decision Sought:

Addition of the Rimu tree at Glenn Logie Rose Garden to the District Plan.

Officer Recommendation:

That Submission 6.17c31 from Wanganui District Council be Accepted. The following addition to the Appendix C – Protected Trees is recommend:

District Plan reference		Type of Tree		Location			STEM assessment			
Site No.	Map reference	Common Name	Scientific Name	Address	Legal Description	No. of Trees	Condition	Amenity	Notable	Total
T96	U16	Rimu	Dacrydium cupressinum	Glenn Logie Rose Garden	Lot 2 DP 75953	1	99	51	12	162

The Rimu Tree scored 162 in the STEM assessment. This rating is above the minimum to be included within the District Plan.

Submitter Name: Wanganui District Council
Submission No: 6.18c31

Summary:

Add the large exotic trees on the McGregor family home in Fordell. The owner/planter of the trees had a long association with the District.

Decision Sought:

Addition of the large exotic trees on the McGregor family home in Fordell to the District Plan.

Officer Recommendation:

That Submission 6.17c31 from Wanganui District Council be Accepted in Part. The following addition to the Appendix C – Protected Trees is recommend:

District Plan reference		Type of Tree		Location			STEM assessment			
Site No.	Map reference	Common Name	Scientific Name	Address	Legal Description	No. of Trees	Condition	Amenity	Notable	Total
T79	R19 &R22	Ponderosa Pine	Pinus ponderosa	Aird, No.2 Line	PT Lot 3 DP 4431	1	105	63	66	234
T80	R19 &R22	Hungarian Oak	Quercus frainetto	Aird, No.2 Line	PT Lot 3 DP 4431	1	111	45	78	234
T81	R19 &R22	Cork Oak	Quercus suber	Aird, No.2 Line	PT Lot 3 DP 4431	1	111	39	72	222
T82	R19 &R22	Spanish Oak	Quercus X hispanica	Aird, No.2 Line	PT Lot 3 DP 4431	1	93	33	60	186
T83	R19 &R22	Pecan	Carya illinoensis	Aird, No.2 Line	PT Lot 3 DP 4431	1	111	63	78	252
T84	R19 &R22	Weeping Lilly Pilly	Syzygium ventenatii	Aird, No.2 Line	PT Lot 3 DP 4431	1	99	69	42	210
T85	R19 &R22	Kiwifruit, Chinese Gooseberry	Actinidia deliciosa	Aird, No.2 Line	PT Lot 3 DP 4431	1	99	57	81	237
T86	R19 &R22	Norway Maple Cultivar	Acer platanoides	Aird, No.2 Line	PT Lot 3 DP 4431	1	99	39	66	204
T87	R19 &R22	Queensland Kauri	Agathis robusta	Aird, No.2 Line	PT Lot 3 DP 4431	1	105	45	30	180

All the proposed trees but the Jacaranda, Brazillian Rosewood scored above the minimum STEM score of 150. The owner is happy to have the trees listed in the District Plan.

Submitter Name: Wanganui District Council

Submission No: 6.19c31

Summary:

Add the Oak trees at the cornmarket reserve. These were planted by Mayor Chas Pointer to commemorate an event.

Decision Sought:

Addition of the Oak trees at the cornmarket reserve to the District Plan.

Officer Recommendation:

That Submission 6.19c31 from Wanganui District Council be Rejected. No changes are recommended to PPC31 as a result of this submission.

The Oak Trees only scored 98 in the STEM assessment. Without further information as to what the trees were planted to commemorate, they are not worth listing.

Submitter Name: Wanganui District Council

Submission No: 6.20c31

Summary:

Add the Pohutukawa trees at the racecourse. These have excellent size and form which add to the amenity of the area.

Decision Sought:

Addition of the Pohutukawa trees at the racecourse to the District Plan.

Officer Recommendation:

That Submission 6.20c31 from Wanganui District Council be Accepted in Part. The following addition to the Appendix C – Protected Trees is recommend:

District Plan reference		Type of Tree		Location		STEM assessment				
Site No.	Map reference	Common Name	Scientific Name	Address	Legal Description	No. of Trees	Condition	Amenity	Notable	Total
T98	U21	Pohutukawa	Metrosideros excelsa	Wanganui Racecourse, 19a Purnell Street	PT Lot 1 DP 7131	1	99	69	21	189

The end Pohutukawa has a score of 189 and the rest a score of 138 in the STEM assessment. The end Pohutukawa should be listed as its rating is above the minimum to be included within the District Plan.

Submitter Name: Wanganui District Council
Submission No: 6.21c31

Summary:

Add the Judas Tree at Bushy Park. This was planted in 1925 by Mr Frank Moore the original owner of Bushy Park.

Decision Sought:

Addition of the Judas Tree at Bushy Park to the District Plan.

Officer Recommendation:

That Submission 6.21c31 from Wanganui District Council be Rejected. No changes are recommended to PPC31 as a result of this submission.

The Judas Tree scored only 81 under the STEM assessment. There are other trees of better quality in the area that were planted by Mr Moore, meaning that its significance to the community is minor.

Submitter Name: Wanganui District Council
Submission No: 6.22c31

Summary:

Add the Pohutukawa at 27 Riverbank Road. This was part of the early landscaping of the property.

Decision Sought:

Addition of the Pohutukawa at 27 Riverbank Road to the District Plan.

Officer Recommendation:

That Submission 6.22c31 from Wanganui District Council be Accepted. The following addition to the Appendix C – Protected Trees is recommend:

District Plan reference		Type of Tree		Location		STEM assessment				
Site No.	Map reference	Common Name	Scientific Name	Address	Legal Description	No. of Trees	Condition	Amenity	Notable	Total
T76	U5	Pohutukawa	Metrosideros excelsa	27 Riverbank Road	PT Lot 10 DP 5698	1	93	69	9	171

The Pohutukawa scored 171 in the STEM assessment. This rating is above the minimum to be included within the District Plan.

Submitter Name: Wanganui District Council

Submission No: 6.23c31

Summary:

Add the Holm Oak Crown at 27 Riverbank Road. This was planted in early 1890's by W. Parnell for the owner J. Paul.

Decision Sought:

Addition of the Holm Oak Crown at 27 Riverbank Road to the District Plan.

Officer Recommendation:

That Submission 6.23c31 from Wanganui District Council be Accepted. The following addition to the Appendix C – Protected Trees is recommend:

District Plan reference		Type of Tree		Location		STEM assessment				
Site No.	Map reference	Common Name	Scientific Name	Address	Legal Description	No. of Trees	Condition	Amenity	Notable	Total
T77	U5	Holm Oak	Quercus illex	27 Riverbank Road	PT Lot 10 DP 5698	1	81	63	12	156

The Holm Oak scored 156 in the STEM assessment. This rating is above the minimum to be included within the District Plan.

Submitter Name: Wanganui District Council

Submission No: 6.24c31

Summary:

Add the Pinetum at north end of Virginia Lake (near Virginia Road). This is rare and of a significant size.

Decision Sought:

Addition of the Pinetum at north end of Virginia Lake to the District Plan.

Officer Recommendation:

That Submission 6.24c31 from Wanganui District Council be Rejected. No changes are recommended to PPC31 as a result of this submission.

The Black Pine only scored 144 in the STEM assessment. This is below the minimum threshold of 150 and the tree does not contain any significant features to justify its listing at this time.

Submitter Name: Wanganui District Council

Submission No: 6.25c31

Summary:

Add the Swamp Marie at Virginia Lake (110 Great North Road). This is rare and of a significant size.

Decision Sought:

Addition of the Swamp Marie at Virginia Lake to the District Plan.

Officer Recommendation:

That Submission 6.25c31 from Wanganui District Council be Accepted. The following addition to the Appendix C – Protected Trees is recommend:

District Plan reference		Type of Tree		Location			STEM assessment			
Site No.	Map reference	Common Name	Scientific Name	Address	Legal Description	No. of Trees	Condition	Amenity	Notable	Total
T89	U9	Swamp Marie	Syzygium maire	Virginia Lake	PT Sections 16-17 RBWR	1	99	45	9	153

The Swamp Marie scored 153 in the STEM assessment. This rating is above the minimum to be included within the District Plan.

Submitter Name: Wanganui District Council
Submission No: 6.26c31

Summary:

Add the Sydney Apple trees (group of 10) at Virginia Lake (110 Great North Road). These are rare in the region.

Decision Sought:

Addition of the Sydney Apple trees (group of 10) at Virginia Lake to the District Plan.

Officer Recommendation:

That Submission 6.26c31 from Wanganui District Council be Accepted. The following addition to the Appendix C – Protected Trees is recommend:

District Plan reference		Type of Tree		Location			STEM assessment			
Site No.	Map reference	Common Name	Scientific Name	Address	Legal Description	No. of Trees	Condition	Amenity	Notable	Total
T113	U9	Sydney Red Gum	Angophora costata	Virginia Lake	PT Sections 16-17 RBWR	1	117	57	63	237
T114	U9	Sydney Red Gum	Angophora costata	Virginia Lake	PT Sections 16-17 RBWR	4	105	51	27	183

The submission confused the Sydney Apple with the Sydney Red Gum. Five of these trees scored above the minimum to be included within the District Plan.

Submitter Name: Wanganui District Council
Submission No: 6.27c31

Summary:

Add the London Plane Tree at Atene Marae. This was planted by the Rev Taylor in 1843.

Decision Sought:

Addition of the London Plane Tree at Atene Marae to the District Plan.

Officer Recommendation:

That Submission 6.27c31 from Wanganui District Council be Rejected. No changes are recommended to PPC31 as a result of this submission.

The London Plane tree scored 195 in the STEM assessment, which is a significant score despite it being cut down to a 4 metre stump last year. It was also noted onsite that a Walnut that was also planted by the Rev Taylor is located on the site,

growing over an urapa. It a STEM score of 264 which is the highest STEM rating in this District.

While both these trees have high value to the Wanganui community due to the historical and amenity values, the owners of the trees, the Ngati Hineoneone, have stated that they are against the listing. In April 2014 Ngati Hineoneone will be developing an environmental plan to determine what needs to be protected by the hapu. As this proposed environmental plan will achieve the objective of the District Plan in relation to trees (recognition and protection from development), I recommend that the trees should not be listed at this time.