

# NOTABLE TREES

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## Introduction

Increasingly, trees are being recognised for their intrinsic role in enhancing urban and rural environments. They may be of a particular size, form, age, or rarity, or important historic heritage or cultural value which makes them significant. Trees also contribute to community wellbeing and may have important intrinsic value. Such trees may be recognised through listing in the District Plan as Notable Trees.

Manawatū's Notable Trees are those that are recognised and protected for one or more of their botanical, landscape, amenity, historic heritage or cultural values. These trees may be prominent natural features and landmarks, add character and identity to the neighbourhood, be rare species, good specimens or have an association with special sites or events. Trees may be identified as an individual or groups and include both exotic and indigenous species.

Notable Trees have been assessed using the Standard Tree Evaluation Method (STEM) from the publication Flook, R.R. (1996) STEM A Standard Tree Evaluation Method, Nelson, New Zealand. STEM assesses trees based on condition (health) and amenity (community benefit) as well as notability (distinction).

## Objectives

### TREE-O1

Trees with notable botanical, landscape, amenity, historic heritage or cultural values are identified and protected.

## Policies

### TREE-P1

Identify notable trees within the Notable Tree Schedule where the tree or group of trees have a Standard Tree Evaluation Method score of 130 or higher, and where they have one or more of the following values:

- a. Botanical
- b. Landscape
- c. Amenity
- d. Historic heritage
- e. Cultural

### TREE-P2

Allow essential pruning of notable trees listed within the Notable Tree Schedule where it can be demonstrated that the works:

1. Will maintain or improve the health and function of the notable tree;
2. Are necessary to prevent an imminent threat to the safety of people and property;

3. Are essential to prevent damage or obstruction to buildings, structures, paths, driveways or roads.

#### TREE-P3

Enable other pruning of notable trees listed within the Notable Tree Schedule only where it can be demonstrated that the works:

1. Will not compromise long term tree health.
2. Will not increase the risk of the notable tree being subject to wind damage.
3. Will not impact the natural shape and form of the notable tree.
4. Are consistent with best arboricultural practice.

#### TREE-P4

Enable works within the Root Protection Area of a notable tree where it can be demonstrated that the works:

1. Will not compromise the root system or canopy of the notable tree.
2. Will not compromise the longevity, health and stability of the notable tree.
3. Are not able to be undertaken in an alternative location.

#### TREE-P5

Enable the removal of a notable tree listed within the Notable Tree Schedule only where:

1. The tree poses an imminent threat to the safety of people or property; and/or
2. The tree is dead or has less than five years life expectancy as assessed and certified by a Level 6 qualified Arborist.

## Rules

#### Guidance Notes:

1. Plan users are directed to Chapter 3A Network Utilities Rule 3A.4.1 p. for additional provisions that apply with respect to managing notable trees near Network Utilities.
2. The Electricity (Hazards From Trees) Regulations (2003) shall be complied with in relation to works associated with a notable tree near lines (including the National Grid).
3. Plan users are directed to Chapter 3D Earthworks for additional provisions that apply with respect to earthworks near notable trees.

**TREE-R1** Pruning of a notable tree listed in the Notable Tree Schedule.

#### 1. Activity Status: Permitted

**Where:**

- a. The works are necessary to prevent damage or obstruction to buildings, structures, paths, driveways or roads, and are pruned to a maximum of one metre away from the building, structure, path, driveway or road to prevent interference, and **TREE-S1** is complied with;
- b. The works are necessary to maintain or improve the health and safety of the tree, including the removal of dead wood, diseased vegetation or broken branches, and **TREE-S1** is complied with;
- c. The works are essential due to imminent threat to safety of people or damage to property, and **TREE-S2** is complied with.

## 2. Activity Status: Restricted discretionary

### Where:

- a. Compliance with any of the requirements of **TREE-R1** cannot be achieved.

The matters of discretion are restricted to:

- i. The long term health, stability and function of the tree.
- ii. Natural shape of the tree.

### Notification Status:

An application for resource consent made in respect of rule **TREE-R1** is precluded from being either publicly or limited notified.

**TREE-R2** Gardening within Root Protection Area of a Notable Tree listed in the Notable Tree Schedule.

## 1. Activity Status: Permitted

### Where:

- a. The ground level is not increased or decreased within the Root Protection Area of the notable tree, excluding minor tilling to remove weeds.

**TREE-R3** Works Within the Root Protection Area of a Notable Tree listed in Schedule 4c Notable Tree Schedule<sup>1</sup>.

## 1. Activity Status: Discretionary

### Where:

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<sup>1</sup> Minor amendment recommended as per evidence of R Waugh, paragraph 4.29

- a. **Earthworks**, root pruning, construction, soil compaction, laying of hard surfaces occurring in the Root Protection Area of a Notable Tree in **Schedule 4c Notable Tree Schedule**<sup>2</sup>.

**TREE-R4** Removal of a Notable Tree or Other Works Not Otherwise Provided for Notable Trees listed in the Notable Tree Schedule.

### 1. Activity Status: Permitted

#### Where:

- a. The works to remove the tree:
  - i. Are essential works that are required due to an imminent threat to the safety of people or property which cannot be made safe by pruning, and **TREE-S3** is complied with; or
  - ii. Where that tree that is confirmed to be dead or has less than five years life expectancy as assessed and certified by a Level 6 qualified Arborist, and **TREE-S3** is complied with.

### 2. Activity Status: Discretionary

#### Where:

- a. Compliance is not achieved with **TREE-R4** 1. a.
- b. Where other works are not provided for as a permitted or restricted discretionary activity.

## Standards

### TREE-S1:

- i) Works to be undertaken by a Level 4 qualified Arborist **as a minimum**;<sup>3</sup>
- ii) Council is advised at least 10 working days prior to the proposed works taking place.
- iii) **Confirmation of the Arborist and their qualification level is to be provided to the Council at the time of notification of the works.**<sup>4</sup>

### TREE-S2:

- i) Manawatū District Council is advised **at least 10 working days prior to the proposed works taking place**.<sup>5</sup> as soon as reasonably practicable prior to work commencing.
- ii) Works to be undertaken by a Level 4 qualified Arborist **as a minimum**.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Minor amendment recommended as per evidence of R Waugh, paragraph 4.29.

<sup>3</sup> Amendment as a result of submission by Horizons Regional Council S4/3

<sup>4</sup> Amendment as a result of submission by Horizons Regional Council (S4/2)

<sup>5</sup> Amendment as a result of submission by Horizons Regional Council (S4/3)

<sup>6</sup> Amendment as a result of submission by Horizons Regional Council (S4/3)

- iii) Confirmation of the Arborist and their qualification level is to be provided to the Council at the time of notification of the works<sup>7</sup>.
- iv) The work is done to the minimum extent required to remove the serious imminent threat to the safety of people or property.

#### TREE-S3:

- i. Manawatū District Council is advised at least 10 working days prior to the proposed works taking place, as soon as reasonably practicable prior to work commencing.<sup>8</sup>
- ii. Works to be undertaken by a Level 4 Arborist as a minimum.
- iii. Manawatū District Council is provided with written documentation by a Level 6 Arborist confirming that the works were necessary and undertaken in accordance with good arboricultural practice no later than 10 working days after the works have been completed.
- iv. Confirmation of the Arborist and their qualification level is to be provided to the Council at the time of notification of the works<sup>9</sup>.

### Insert the following Notable Trees Schedule:

#### Notable Trees Schedule

##### Tree 1

Botanical Name; Common Name	Location	Legal Description	Coordinates	Number of trees
Sequoia sempervirens; Coast Redwood	11 South Street, Feilding	Lot 2 DP 23413	-40.22904, 175.55735	1
<b>Description of Values</b>				
A large coastal redwood located at the front garden close to footpath, and over 100 years old. Tree is approximately 30 metres in height and crown spread 10.7 metres. A locally prominent feature.				

##### Tree 2

Botanical Name; Common Name	Location	Legal Description	Coordinates	Number of trees
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<sup>7</sup> Amendments as a result of submission by Horizons Regional Council (S4/2)

<sup>8</sup> Amendments as a result of submission by Horizons Regional Council (S4/3)

<sup>9</sup> Amendments as a result of submission by Horizons Regional Council (S4/2)

Quercus robur; European oaks	19 Pharazyn Street, Feilding	Lot 1 DP 26061	-40.2148, 175.58412	2
<b>Description of Values</b>				
<p>Pair of European oaks located in the front garden next to footpath. Trees are at approximately 19 metres (easterly tree) and 17 metres (westerly tree) in height, with a crown spread of 22 metres (both trees combined). A locally prominent feature.</p> <p>Likely to have been planted by Mr W Sandilands, Mayor of Feilding in 1890s.</p>				

### Tree 3

Botanical Name; Common Name	Location	Legal Description	Coordinates	Number of trees
Quercus robur; Common Oak	Manfeild Park, Feilding	Lot 6 DP 449245	-40.23407, 175.55980	1
<b>Description of Values</b>				
<p>Located in the landscaped open area next to sports centre. Large wide spreading attractive and highly visible tree. This tree is approximately 18 metres in height with a crown spread of 21.7 metres. This is Manfeild Park's oldest tree and is around 110 years old. The tree is likely to have been planted to provide shade over a blacksmith's workshop as part of the horse racing course that subsumed into the general property.</p>				

### Tree 4

Botanical Name; Common Name	Location	Legal Description	Coordinates	Number of trees
Quercus rubra; Red Oak	3 Ranfurly Road, Feilding	Lot 1 DP 42079	-40.22624, 175.55563 <u>-40.234371</u> <u>175.559787<sup>10</sup></u>	1
<b>Description of Values</b>				

<sup>10</sup> Minor amendment recommended as per evidence of R Waugh, paragraph 4.31

Located on the east side of garden, close to neighbour's fence. The tree is approximately 22 metres in height and a crown spread of 18.7 metres. A large specimen tree with a wide spread.

#### Tree 5

Botanical Name; Common Name	Location	Legal Description	Coordinates	Number of trees
Acacia melanoxylon; Australian blackwood	2b Pines Court, Feilding	Lot 1 DP 83562	-40.22718, 175.56069	1
<b>Description of Values</b>				
Located at front of garden adjacent and close to footpath. This tree is approximately 18 metres in height with a crown spread of 17.4 metres. This tree is a wide spreading tree and over 100 years old.				

#### Tree 6

Botanical Name; Common Name	Location	Legal Description	Coordinates	Number of trees
Sequoiadendron giganteum; Wellingtonia/Giant sequoia	28 Kimbolton Road, Feilding	Lot 10 DP 49736	-40.22734, 175.56079	1
<b>Description of Values</b>				
Located at the rear of 28 Kimbolton Road. This tree is approximately 28 metres in height with a crown spread of 13.8 metres. Planted by <b>Colonel Mr</b> <sup>11</sup> Halcombe or family around 1870's, who was an early founder of Feilding. A locally prominent feature.				

#### Tree 7

Botanical Name; Common Name	Location	Legal Description	Coordinates	Number of trees
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<sup>11</sup> Information provided by relative as part of confirmation of parties to submission (S02). Amendment as per evidence of R Waugh, paragraph 4.30.

Magnolia grandiflora; Southern magnolia	28 Kimbolton Road, Feilding	Lot 10 DP 49736	-40.2274, 175.56094	1
<b>Description of Values</b>				
Located at the rear garden of 28 Kimbolton Road, close to fence and overhanging drive. This tree is approximately 14.6 metres in height, with a crown spread of 13 metres. This tree is likely to have been planted by Halcombe family in late 1800's, early founders of Feilding.				

### Tree 8

Botanical Name; Common Name	Location	Legal Description	Coordinates	Number of trees
Magnolia campbellii; Magnolia campbellii Hybrid	1759 Cheltenham Huntermville Road McLaren Street <sup>12</sup> , Waituna West	Road Reserve / Pt Sec 20 West Waitapu Village <sup>13</sup>	-40.04023, 175.63804	1
<b>Description of Values</b>				
This tree is located on the former Waituna West Hall site, at the rear of the section against the fence, adjacent to McClaren Road. This tree is over 100 years old and approximately 20.7 metres in height, with a crown spread of 19 metres. This tree is a large, infrequently found tree and a good specimen.				

<sup>12</sup> Amendments as a result of submission 1 (S1/1)

<sup>13</sup> Amendments as a result of submission 1 (S1/1)