

Advice Note

Responsible Officer:	Director Urban Planning
Date of Meeting:	16 June 2020
Meeting of the:	Ordinary Council Meeting
Item:	Final Adoption of the Local Heritage Survey 2019 and the Local Planning Scheme No.6 Heritage List

DETAIL

A proposed amendment has been received from Cr Sandford with respect to the Officer recommendation relating to the above item. The amendment proposes to change the classification of heritage significance relating to item MI Ref AC07, Lemon Scented Gums at 596 Canning Highway, Alfred Cove.

The subject lemon scented gums are recommended for inclusion in the City's Local Heritage Survey (LHS). The Place Record Form prepared by Hocking Heritage and Architecture (Place Ref No. AC07) is an attachment to the Council agenda. The Statement of Significance in Place record Form AC07 notes that the trees have aesthetic and historic value, assesses the Level of Significance as 'Little' and assigns a Management Category of '4'.

The Heritage Council of WA Guidelines for Local Heritage Surveys (July 2019) states that the inclusion of trees in the LHS must be based on cultural heritage significance, rather than amenity or environmental value.

The Heritage Council Guidelines also state that classification, including determination as to whether a place meets the threshold for inclusion in the LHS, should be guided by a suitably qualified and experienced heritage professional.

The current Heritage List includes some natural areas such as Wireless Hill Park MI Ref AR01 which includes Museum, Four Houses, Heritage Trails, Moreton Bay Fig Tree and Eucalyptus Tree) and some scar trees (MI Ref AR11, MI Ref BO02).

On the information available, the Council has the ability to elevate a listing from the LHS to the City's Heritage List, however, in doing so Council should not modify the detail of a listing including the 'classification of significance'. Modification of the technical assessment of significance would conflict with the intended process under the heritage legislation which requires the heritage assessment and classification to be arrived at by a suitably qualified and experienced heritage professional.

An amendment to achieve additional recognition of the heritage significance of the subject lemon scented gums would require:

- amendment to Part 3 of the Officer recommendation to include the trees (MI Ref AC07, Lemon Scented Gums at 596 Canning Highway, Alfred Cove) in the Heritage List
- an additional part 6 to the Officer recommendation providing for the details of the modification to the Heritage List to be provided to the Heritage Council of Western Australia.