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— WILLIAM BLAKE

Giant NT boab grows in stature

By **MATTHEW CUNNINGHAM**

COULD this be the Territory's biggest boab? The giant tree in the Cavenagh St car park has been nominated as the NT's biggest boab with the National Register of Big Trees.

The tree has a circumference of 8.58m, is 14m tall and has an average crown spread of 16m.

This gives it a big tree total of 396 points, according to the NRBT register.

The points score is determined by adding the circumference, plus the height, plus one-quarter of the average crown spread (all in inches).

The register was developed by Derek McIntosh, from Balgowlah in New South Wales.

Mr McIntosh is as passionate about trees as William Blake, who once said: "The tree which moves some to tears of joy is in the eyes of others only a green thing that stands in the way."

"I get so much enjoyment out of trees," Mr McIntosh said. "Every big tree comes with a family of people who



BIG IS BEAUTIFUL: The National Register of Big Trees is wondering if this is the biggest boab tree in the Northern Territory

know it, love it and promote it."

Mr McIntosh said the register is attempting to put together a record of the largest recorded species of all native and exotic Australian trees.

To register a big tree, go to

www.nationalregisterofbigtrees.com.au

■ **DO YOU** know of a bigger tree than this one? Let us know. Text 0428 NT NEWS, email news@ntnews.com.au or call 8944 9724.



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Howard Springs Nature Park Community Survey

The **Local Management Committee** for Howard Springs Nature Park is conducting a survey to gather community views on the planned upgrades to the Park.

The Nature Park is undergoing \$3 million in major restoration works to enhance the Park's natural beauty, and provide better facilities for the use and enjoyment of Territorians and visitors.

Have your say on the Stage 2 Park Upgrades by completing the Community Survey at www.nt.gov.au/parks/manage/community/ before Wednesday 30 June 2010.

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