

# COMMUNITY NEWS

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## Massive trees receive recognition in register

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TWO trees in the Ballarat Botanical Gardens have been crowned as the biggest of their kind in Australia.

A 40-metre high ponderosa pine and a 42-metre poplar cottonwood were nominated and approved as Australian Champions of their respective types in the National Register of Big Trees.

The gigantic duo join a Tasmanian Blue Gum, also located in the Ballarat Botanical Gardens, as Ballarat trees named on the register.

All three were nominated by Harcourt resident and apple grower Alan Deumer.

"I've nominated quite a few already for the register," Mr Deumer said.

"There was a Cottonwood I had already nominated at Guildford and it blew over in a storm a couple of months ago, so it was nice to find another one.

"I've always had in interest in big trees and they're a wonderful part of the landscape."

Mr Deumer also has his eye on an exeter elm, located near the cottonwood, that could be worth of the register.

The register records the biggest of every species of tree in Australia, with over 730 recorded.

The height, circumference and crown spread are measured, and the resultant formula creates a points system of the whole tree for comparison with others.

The cottonwood, with a height of 42 metres, 33-metre



Two trees in the Ballarat Botanical Gardens have been deemed the biggest of their kind in Australia, according to the National Register of Big Trees.

crown spread and 6.01-metre girth, comes in at 405 points, while the ponderosa (40 metres in height, 20-metre crown spread and 4.36-metre circumference), measures 319 points.

A mountain ash in Tasmania tops the standings at a whopping 1125 points.

Register co ordinator Derek McIntosh said it is im-

portant to verify and recognise the importance of large Australian trees.

"Hopefully it (the register) will lead to a better propagation and planting of trees," Mr McIntosh said.

"It's significant. I always hope that someone will see the stories, will pick up the phone and say I've got an even bigger one.

"The driving force for me is to try and share trees with people."

Mr McIntosh said the register operates on an honesty system, with most measurements usually undertaken by the nominator using an accurate, but inexact system.

The website stresses the importance of the preservation of big trees, citing them

as "inspiring symbols of conservation".

"Many of our big trees are situated on privately owned land," its objective section states.

"Recognition of big tree preservation is a significant contribution to conservation on the part of the landowners, and is an intrinsic element of the project."

### AUCTION RESULTS

ALFREDTON: PI 30  
Scarborough Cr BV 885sqm  
\$350,000 VB res undisc Ray  
White Ballara PS Cuzens Rd  
BV 887sqm \$540,000 PRD  
Nationwide PS Oberon St  
\$425,000 Harcourts Ballarat  
PS Robertson Dr \$420,000  
hockingstuart PS Sorrento  
Dr v/land 522sqm \$152,700  
PRD Nationwide

BALLARAT EAST: PS  
Coffield St BV 374sqm  
\$320,000 PRD Nationwide  
PS Stawell St North WB  
\$238,000 Ballarat Real  
Estate Pty Ltd

BALLARAT NORTH:  
PS Gordonia Ct \$260,500  
hockingstuart PS Lydiard St  
North BV 912sqm \$261,000  
PRD Nationwide

BLACK HILL: PS Killeen  
Av BV 639sqm \$270,000  
PRD Nationwide

CARDIGAN: PS Remem-  
berance Dr v/land \$242,500  
Ballarat Real Estate Pty Ltd

CRESWICK: PS Augusta  
Dr v/land \$85,000 Ballarat  
Real Estate Pty Ltd PS Bal-  
larat Rd \$200,000 Harcourts  
Ballarat PS Clunes Rd  
\$263,000 Harcourts Ballarat  
PS Macs St BV \$278,000  
PRD Nationwide PS Wright  
Ct BV 510sqm \$310,000  
PRD Nationwide

DELCOMBE: PS Bijou  
Close \$368,000 Trevor Petrie  
RE PS Leroy St BV 720sqm  
\$335,000 PRD Nationwide

GOLDEN POINT: PS  
Larter St BV 269sqm  
\$295,000 PRD Nationwide

HADDON: PS Haddon  
School Rd WB \$315,000  
Ballarat Real Estate Pty Ltd

MITCHELL PARK: PS  
Sunraysia Dr \$525,000  
Harcourts Ballarat

SEBASTOPOL: PS  
Elizabeth St WB \$240,000  
Ballarat Real Estate Pty  
Ltd PS: Kossuth St v/land  
315sqm \$89,950 Trevor  
Petrie RE PS: Morgan St  
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