

## Tree Report February 2020

A change in NSW State Regulations has seen Muree Golf Club now required to submit an application for removal of trees, with the exception of dead (and some exotic) trees that are not habitat for native fauna. This report identifies a number of trees that have died and are not native fauna habitat and need to be removed before they become a hazard to players and grounds staff alike.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Fairway, on the left-hand side at approximately the halfway mark, a *Grevillia Robusta* has died and has already dropped a number of limbs. The tree is a distance marker so the stump will remain as guidance to players. An inspection by grounds staff of the tree has determined that native fauna habitat is not present and so should be removed as soon as possible. Refer Figure 1.



Fig. 1

At the edge of the 5<sup>th</sup> dam, there are two saplings that have died, most likely from the severe dry conditions that the course experienced over the New Year period. These saplings are too young for native habitat although the grounds staff have inspected them and found no evidence to suggest that they are habitat for native fauna. Refer Figure 2 & 3

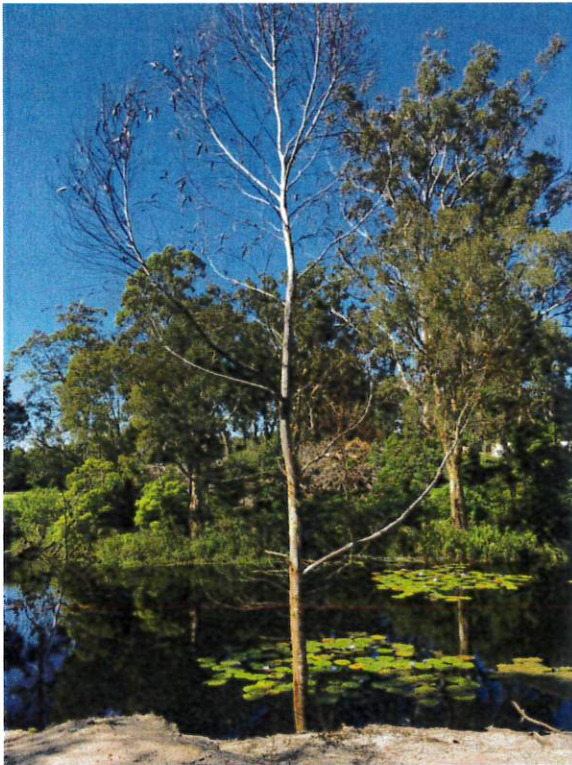


Fig. 2



Fig.3

At the front of the 13<sup>th</sup> Tee, there is a large eucalyptus tree that has died. It is thought that from the damage to the tree, the tree was struck by lightning. Part of the tree has already fallen and the remainder is considered unsafe and should be removed. An inspection by grounds staff has cleared the tree as habitat for native fauna. Refer Figure 4.

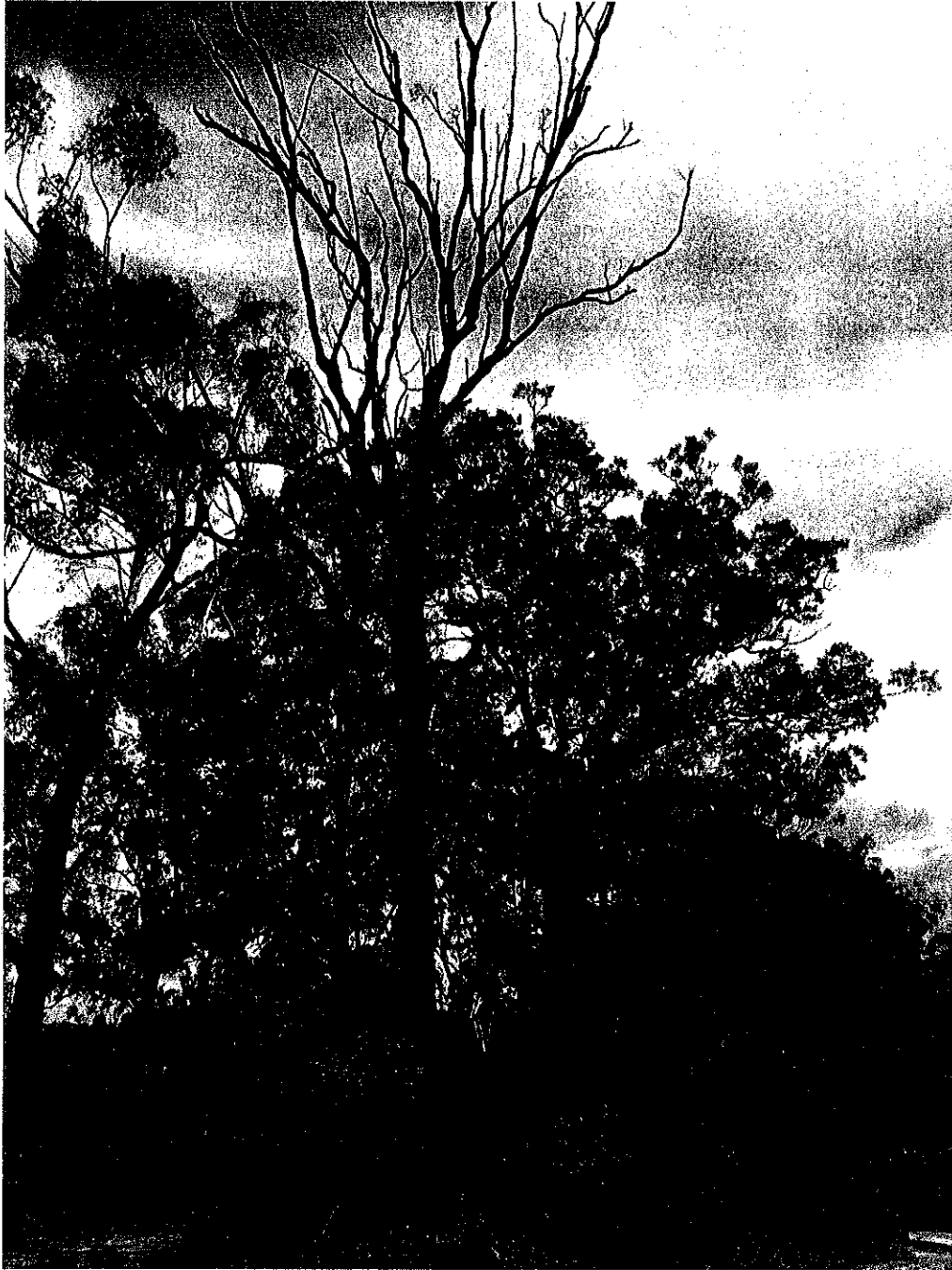


Fig. 4



At the 13<sup>th</sup> Ladies Tee, there is a Banksia Stump that has died and should be removed. Grounds staff have inspected the stump for native habitat and have cleared it as none present. Refer Figure 5.



Fig. 5

This document has been created to demonstrate the due diligence required to remove native trees under the current permit requirements for Tree Permit Application and Checklist for Port Stephens Council.

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