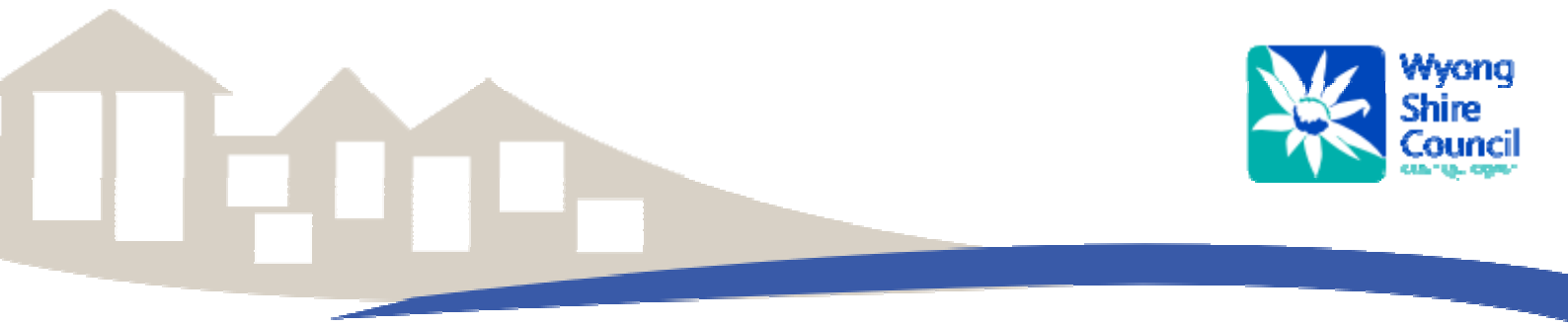


Wyong Shire Council

ORDINARY MEETING

ENCLOSURES

Wednesday, 25 May, 2011



WYONG SHIRE COUNCIL
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TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
WYONG CIVIC CENTRE, HELY STREET, WYONG
ON WEDNESDAY, 25 MAY 2011 ,
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Contracting
10 Adeline Avenue
Lake Munmorah
NSW 2280
6th October 2010.

Richard Fisk
58 Gordon Avenue
Summerland Point
NSW 2259

Dear Mr & Mrs Fisk,
This report has been prepared on the three eucalyptus in your front yard.

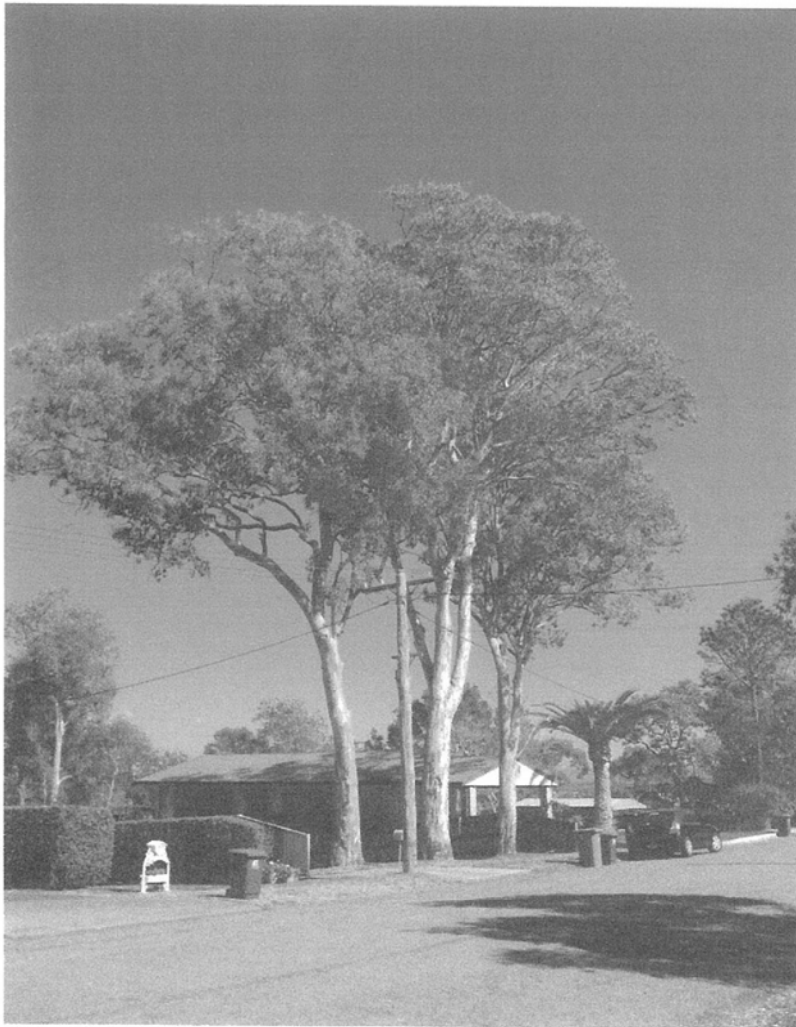


Photo.1 Trees 1, 2 & 3 in front of residence. Please note the location of the above ground electricity services.

Tree 1

- **Common name** Small fruited grey gum *Eucalyptus propinqua var propinqua*
- **Location** Front left hand side of property. (see photo.1), the ground level at base of tree is below road.
- **Height** 26m
- **Radius of foliage** Please refer to layout included
- **Diameter (1m)** 0.78m
- **Age class** Maturing
- **Description** The tree has a single trunk to 11m. The tree's natural form and crown weight distribution has been slightly altered due to the grey gum to the north-west and pruning for the electricity service to the north-east. The tree's crown has a weight bias towards the residence of number 56. The tree's main bole is only three metres from the boundary fence between numbers 56 and 58. Underground electricity services and domestic water services are located within one metre of this boundary. The driveway for the residence is also located between the boundary and the tree's trunk, limiting access to the residence. (See photo.5) This Small fruited grey gum is growing within the natural range of the genus.
- **Health** The tree is in good health but has been suppressed on at least one side by the grey gum growing beside. A large amount of new growth was observed, both epicormic and new foliage most likely due to recent rainfall. No obvious sign of basal rot or fungal fruiting bodies were observed at time of the tree inspection. All trees have been climbed for inspection purposes.

Tree 2

- **Common name** Grey gum *Eucalyptus punctata var. punctata*
- **Location** Front of residence. Tree in centre (see photo.1), the ground level at base of tree is below road.
- **Height** 29 m
- **Radius of foliage** Please refer to layout included
- **Diameter (1m)** 0.86m
- **Age class** Maturing
- **Description** The tree has a single bole to 8m extending into a dominate crown that has been suppressed by the surrounding trees to the north-west and south-east. The tree's natural form and crown has been slightly altered due to these surrounding trees. The grey gum is growing within the natural range of the genus.
- **Health** The tree is in good health. No obvious sign of basal rot or fungal fruiting bodies were observed at time of the tree inspection.

Tree 3

- **Common name** Small fruited grey gum *Eucalyptus propinqua* var *propinqua*
- **Location** Front right hand side of residence. (See photo.1 & photo.2), the ground level at base of tree is below road.
- **Height** 26.5m
- **Radius of foliage** Please refer to layout included
- **Diameter (1m)** 0.71m
- **Age class** Maturing
- **Description** The tree has a relatively short bole to 7m and extended crown that has been slightly suppressed by the grey gum to the south-east. (See photo.2) The tree's natural form and crown weight distribution has been altered due to the surrounding trees with a weight bias towards the adjoining property. This small fruited grey gum's bole is 3m from the roof of the adjoining residence (See photo.2) and overhangs this roofline. Please note the position of the water meter in relation the tree's trunk. (See photo.4)
- **Health** The tree is in good health. No obvious sign of basal rot or fungal fruiting bodies were observed at time of the tree inspection.



Photo.2 The small fruited grey gum, *Eucalyptus propinqua* var. *propinqua*, tree.3. Please note the location of the trunk and canopy overhang in relation to the residence



Photo. 3 The trunk of the small fruited grey gum and the driveway of number 60 Gordon Avenue. Please note the damage to the driveway and the boundary fence.

The three trees inspected are in a healthy condition, with no obvious signs of disease or fungal activity. There is concern from owners of the adjacent properties in respect to the size of the trees, the possibility of falling branches and damage to driveways and residences. Amounts of deadwood have previously fallen but little exists within the canopies at present. This will however change over time and may pose a threat in the future to both persons and property. The owners of surrounding properties have expressed concern for their small grandchildren's safety when playing on the grass under these trees. Constant observation and a regular removal of deadwood from the trees' canopies is the only option, other than removal, to minimize the hazard as it is presented. This will be a costly option.

The small fruited grey gum beside the property of number 60 Gordon Avenue does overhang the carport and the residence, and is damaging the driveway and boundary fence; please refer to photos 2, 3 & 4. Pruning of this tree to Australian Standards will not alleviate the ongoing damage to the driveway and potential for branches to fall onto the residence of number 60 Gordon Avenue. This trees' bole is only three metres from the carport as previously mentioned.



Photo.4 Showing location of the base of tree three. Note the location of water meter and the lean of the boundary fence.

These three trees are growing effectively on a ridgeline, being exposed to winds from all directions. If any of these trees are removed for reasons outlined, the remaining will be adversely affected by a greater degree of wind exposure. This must be taken into account when planning any removal activities. Pruning following Australian Standards of any remaining trees must take place to reduce the sail area of the canopy, thereby minimizing the hazard.

It must be noted that these trees are healthy at present and removal of any of the three would affect the remaining. The small fruited grey gums (Tree.2 & Tree.3) do have factors that could justify removal but do not pose a significant hazard at present.



Photo.5. Driveway of number 58. Please note location of trunk of Tree.1 in respect to property boundary fence, electricity services and the driveway.

If you require any future assistance please feel free bound to contact me on 0405 827 217

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