Owner Responsibility

Before pruning or carrying out development within the root zone of a protected tree you need to contact the Council staff. They will give relevant advice and grant approval if appropriate.

For tree removal or major pruning works you will have to apply to the Council for resource consent. In some circumstances Council may waive the consent fees.

While most owners value their listed trees Council does receive complaints about poor management of trees from time to time. If you breach Council rules you could receive an infringement fine, or for serious breaches, be taken to the **Environment Court.**

Practical Tree Care

A simple but effective way of caring for your tree is to look after its roots. A tree with healthy roots is more resistant to pests and diseases.

You can improve conditions for roots by applying a layer of good quality organic mulch on the ground within the 'drip line' of the tree. This will also reduce the effects of climatic stress on the tree.

Avoiding Damage

Damage to trees is relatively simple to prevent but once done is extremely difficult and sometimes impossible to rectify.

Significant damage to trees can occur during property development works, especially to their fragile root systems.

We strongly recommend discussing your site development plans with Council before any work begins.

> The list of Council protected trees is in the Tasman Resource Management Plan, available at Council service centres.



Ginkgo



Pagoda Tree



189 Oueen Street Private Bag 4 Richmond 7050 New Zealand Fax 03 543 9524

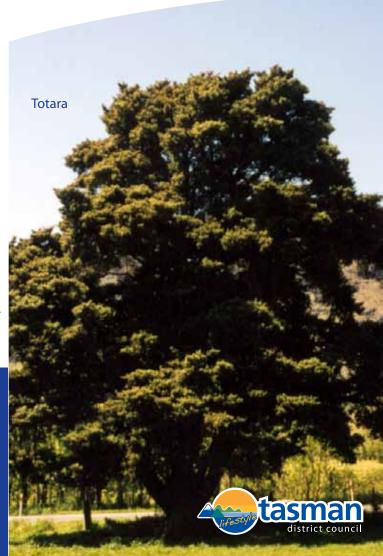
Murchison 92 Fairfax Street Murchison 7007 Phone 03 523 1013 New Zealand Phone 03 543 8400 Fax 03 523 1012

Tasman District Council

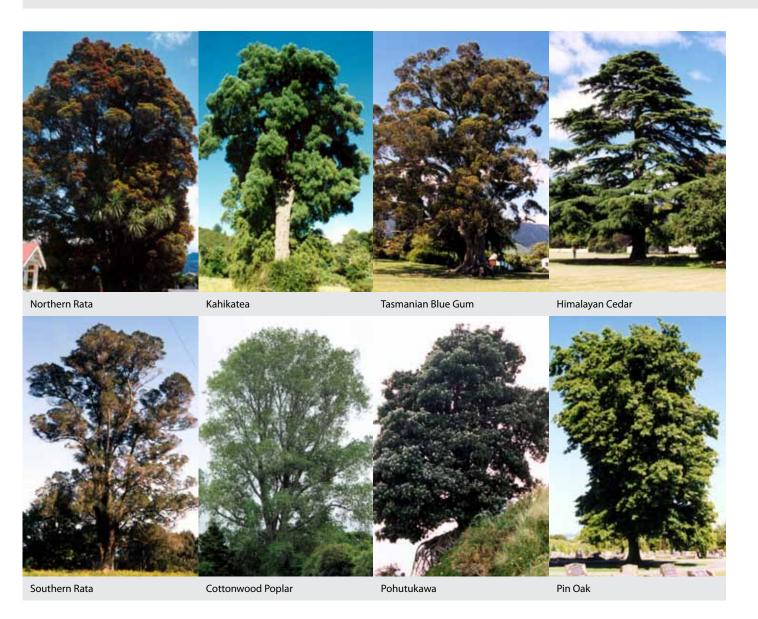
Email info@tasman.govt.nz Website www.tasman.govt.nz 24 hour assistance

Takaka Motueka 7 Hickmott Place 78 Commercial Street PO Box 123 PO Box 74 Motueka 7143 Takaka 7142 **New Zealand Phone** 03 528 2022 Phone 03 525 0020 Fax 03 528 9751 Fax 03 525 9972

Protected Trees in the Tasman District



The Tasman District has a valuable heritage and amenity tree collection. Increased development in our region is placing many of these special trees at risk. The tree protection policy of the Tasman Resource Management Plan is aimed at safeguarding our significant trees from damage or unnecessary removal.



Why Protect Trees in Tasman?

- · Amenity Benefits
- Historical Association
- Botanical/Scientific Interest
- Preserve Regional Landmarks
- Preserve Character of Landscape

What are the Categories for Protected Trees?

A category

- Exceptional specimen trees
- Including some that are regarded as nationally or even internationally significant

B category

- Important landscape trees
- Significant in the region

C category

- Landscape trees
- Locally significant

Benefits to tree owners

- Financial assistance with Tasman District Council approved pruning on A and B Category trees
- Trees are inspected by an arborist on a regular basis
- Arboricultural advice is available for tree owners