

Catherine Blakey: Recording our Heritage

Catherine proposed to document some of the magnificent Heritage Eucalyptus Trees in the City of Whittlesea through her art practice.

“Trees offer an incredible benefit to our wellbeing and the environment. They reduce pollution, they improve environmental soil and climate, provide food, shelter, solace comfort and improve our mental health. Why not admire and record their essential role played in our lives.

The City of Whittlesea has many magnificent heritage trees, mostly Eucalypts hundreds of years old which grow on the fertile soils fed by a network of rivers, creeks, and waterways. Fortunately, some have survived the inexorable spread of housing estates as Melbourne suburbs move northwards. These portraits endeavour to show the majestic nature and history of some of these characters.

