## 49 - CAPALABA: Tallowood Tree



Street Address	17 Runnymede Road
GPS/RPD	L.605 SP117644
Place Type	Landscape





Tallowwood Tree (RCC, 2017).

Condition	Good	Integrity	Good
Statutory Listings	Local Heritage Place		
Non-Statutory Listings	No current listing		
Inspection Date	24/04/2017		

#### **Historical Context**

The Tallowwood tree at Redlands IndigiScapes Centre is believed to be over 400 years old. The tree has grown crooked giving it a unique appearance, which is the result of a lightning strike, estimated to have occurred about 250 years ago. It is currently visible on IndigiScape's 'Tallowwood View Trail', and is home to a number of native animals including koalas, possums, gliders, birds, insects and reptiles.[1]

Tallowwood was a popular Australian hardwood used in the production of coaches, in particular wheel spokes, as well as docks and piers. It is likely owing to its unique appearance that this tree was not cut down by timber getters.[2]

#### **Physical Description**

The Tallowwood tree is a 400+ year old tree. As of April 2017, it is estimated to be 45-50 metres tall with a chest height circumference of 5-6 metres. It has distinctive hollow limbs which are home to a number of native species. The tree is an important element of IndigiScape's centre and promotes to the positive setting and amenity of the facility.

#### Statement of Significance

The Tallowwood tree is the oldest known tree in the Redlands. It has both aesthetic and social values as an important part of Redlands IndigiScapes Centre.

Criteria A	The place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of the region's history.		
The tree is Indigenous to Redlands and provides an understanding of the trees which commonly existed within Redlands prior to European settlement, many of which were felled by timber getters during early times.			
Criteria E	The place is important to the region because of its aesthetic significance.		
The unique form of the Tallowwood tree makes a positive contribution to the natural landscape at the IndigiScape Centre.			
Criteria G	The place has a strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons important to the region.		

The Tallowwood tree is a rare surviving example of trees indigenous to the Redlands and is a key attraction of the IndigiScape Centre.

Primary Themes				
2.0 Exploiting, Utilising and Transforming the Land	2.09 Valuing and appreciating the environment and landscapes			
	2.08 Protecting and conserving the environment			

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### References

[1]: Redlands IndigiScapes Centre, Redland City Council, n.d.[2]: Redlands IndigiScapes Centre.



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Tallowwood Tree Sign (RCC, 2017).

