

Age estimation by Ian Bevege:

My original estimate was between 700 and 800 years, based on growth rates derived from ring counts on lower stem-branch wood I collected from the tree. This seemed a bit high, so I punted for 350-400 years to be on the conservative side when nominating the tree originally. In early 2018, I have revised my age estimate as now explained. The ring counts/growth rates for two trees at the Yamba site gave me ages of 750 and 650 years respectively. I have now two further samples, one from NW of Euston in the NSW mallee, which gives me a growth rate that translates to 600 years for Yamba and most recently (January 2018) a sample from the Sanderson Reserve north west of Mannum SA which also gave me an age of 600 years. I recently visited the Buronga NSW Botanic Garden just north of Mildura (cypress mallee country on red sands before farming). There are two residual native *C.pressii murrayensis* both of which have been aged at 700 years – see pics – by Vic Eddy, retired forester who works there as a volunteer these days. Vic also dated the large *Eucalyptus oleosa* that is within 100 metres of these cypresses at Buronga at 700 years. So I am now more comfortable with an older age for the Yamba cypress at between 600 and 700 years.







*Eucalyptus oleosa*:

