



Romsey's Darrel Maxted with a large candlebark tree on his property.

Huge tree makes register

A candlebark gum tree in Romsey could be the largest in Australia, National Register of Big Trees coordinator, Derek McIntosh says.

"I've looked at quite a few candlebarks but this quite a special one," Derek said.

The 130-year-old tree sits on a private property at Kerry Valley Road.

Romsey's Darrel Maxted registered

the candlebark a fortnight ago after living on the property for about 40 years.

"I'd actually been looking at the tree for three or four years and I thought, it's getting bigger and bigger, it's interesting," Darrel said.

The 34-metre high tree exceeds the candlebark's typical height of up to 30 metres tall, Derek said.

It has a circumference of 6.46 metres and a crown measuring 35 metres.


The trees on the register are rated on a points system that factors in all three measurements. This candlebark's score is 394.

To view the National Register of Big Trees or nominate a tree for the register, go to www.nationalregisterofbig-trees.com.au

Newstead book launch

Newstead Historical Society will launch 'The Thomas Martin Letter Book' at Newstead Community Centre, Lyons Street, Newstead, on Sunday, June 13 at 2pm.

'As I promised to give you a few details of Newstead in its early days ...' evolved into *The Thomas Martin Letter*; a book about Thomas Martin's memories of Strangways and Newstead. Compiled and edited by Liz Coady this unique local history builds on Martin's memoirs with extensive research of the Newstead and Strangways areas. Newstead Historical Society has published the book.



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