

The Riverine Grazier

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The Heartbeat of Hay

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Tree puts Hay on national register

A river red gum, believed to be the biggest tree in the Riverina and one of the biggest in New South Wales, has been identified at Sandy Point Beach.

The tree has a circumference of 8.95 metres and a height of 28 metres and crown of 30 metres.

The tree was measured by National Register of Big Trees co-ordinator, Derek McIntosh last month after it was nominated by local resident, Margie McClelland (pictured).

Mr McIntosh started the tree register in May last year and has created a point system awarded on the basis of a formula which includes girth, height and crown spread.

"The register is not only about big-big trees," he said.

"It covers all the wonderful garden, pavement and park trees we have in our communities."

Mr McIntosh is urging people to nominate big trees for inclusion on the register.

Details can be obtained from the website www.nationalregisterofbigtrees.com.au