

Forecast

TODAY



Cloudy. A shower or two during the morning. Chance of thunderstorms.

Min: 13°C
Max: 24°C

TOMORROW



Sunny. Light winds.

Min: 9°C
Max: 25°C

WEDNESDAY



Partly cloudy. Light winds.

Min: 10°C
Max: 28°C

Weather

Sunday, October 31 to Saturday, November 6

| DAY | LOW | HIGH | RAIN |
|-----------|-----|------|------|
| SUNDAY | 11 | 17 | 32.2 |
| MONDAY | 7 | 18 | - |
| TUESDAY | 7 | 20 | - |
| WEDNESDAY | 8 | 18 | - |
| THURSDAY | 6 | 20 | - |
| FRIDAY | 7 | 22 | - |
| SATURDAY | 9 | 24 | - |

Readings reflect the 24 hours to 9am

Sunrise: 6.10am Sunset: 7.59pm

Big tree search is on

How does your tree compare?

The National Register of Big Trees provides a detailed list of some of the biggest trees across Australia and founder Derek McIntosh was in region last week to measure the region's trees.

"My goal is to find the biggest trees in Australia. There are currently 455 trees on the register from all different species," he said.

Derek visited a gum tree in Echuca and a grey box tree in Torrumbarry and he said anyone could contact him as big trees were located everywhere.

"There are so many black boxes on farms. Farmers can check it out and see if they have the biggest."

All people have to do it measure the trunk girth, the tree's height and crown spread and send in a photo.

As well as searching for the biggest tree, Derek was trying to get children interested in nature.

"I want to get kids and families involved in measuring them in their backyards and schools.



How big? Andrew Crossman and daughters Daphne and Isabella with their big tree in Torrumbarry which Derek McIntosh came to measure.

"For example, with an oak tree in South Australia, the kids all knew there was a big tree in the school and when they heard about the register they all measured it and sent in a picture of the tree," Derek said.

"It's good to get the kids involved, anything to get them away from electronic media. They

can even have competitions against other schools and other areas to see who has the biggest tree."

Derek said he developed a love of trees from a young age.

"I guess I have always loved trees, from climbing trees initially when I grew up to now," he said.

"I love the majesty of a tree, how big it is and how they can

survive in the face of being cut down and pruned."

Derek hopes the launch of his register in Australia will encourage more people to take a greater interest in the trees around them.

For details on how to register a tree or to look at other big trees located around Australia, visit www.nationalregisterofbigtrees.com.au/