



'Maneroo' property owner Rob Anderson with the national champion Bumble tree.

Have you got the biggest?

MOREE has some big trees.

Some really big, award-winning trees.

National Register of Big Trees coordinator Derek McIntosh has found some very impressive trunks in the Moree Plains Shire, and is on the lookout for more.

This year, Mr McIntosh measured two trees at 'Maneroo', a property along Terry Hie Hie Road owned and operated by Rob Anderson.

The first tree, *capparis mitchellii*, more commonly known as a Bumble, is an award winner.

"This Bumble tree is a very unusual tree in this area, but a very big one for the species, and the national champion," Mr McIntosh said.

The second tree, a Moreton Bay

Ash, was very big, although Mr McIntosh believed there were bigger ones in the area.

Running his website independently, he is encouraging people to submit their big trees for judging.

Each tree is evaluated on a points-based system, the same one used by the American Forests organisation.

Mr McIntosh said he was particularly on the lookout for River Red Gums, Coolibahs, Mulgas, Wilgas, and various box trees in this area.

He suspects there could be more national champions lurking on people's properties.

For a look at how to nominate a tree, visit www.nationalregisterof-bigtrees.com.au

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