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# Araucaria bidwillii



T12421 Bunya Bunya5



T12421 Bunya Bunya1



T12421 Bunya Bunya4



T12421 Bunya Bunya2



T12421 Bunya Bunya3

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## Location

Corner of Hawker and Ritchie Streets CARAMUT, MOYNE SHIRE

## Municipality

MOYNE SHIRE

## Level of significance

Regional

## Heritage Listing

National Trust

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - December 17, 2021

### What is significant?

This Bunya Pine (*Araucaria bidwillii*) sits among a number of exotic pines and conifers on a rise above Mustons Creek, at the Caramut House ruins site (File no: B1102), Caramut.

**How is it significant?**

This Bunya Pine is of historical and social significance at the Regional level.

**Why is it significant?**

This Bunya Pine is of historical significance as an early planting at Caramut House (demolished 1971), an expansive 19th century estate developed in the 1840s and owned by noted pastoralist H.F. de Little between 1850-1871. At its height, Caramut House Estate encompassed 8000 acres.

Caramut House was known for its significant garden and landscaping, and the bluestone ruins include evidence of the terraced garden extending down to the creek.

A 1909 article from the Pastoralists Review (Vol. 19, no. 3) noted the extensive mixed plantings of trees, a departure from typical stations at the time:

*"The plantation is rather different from the rectangular type so common about station homes and runs. With pines and other imported trees indigenous varieties have been mixed, and the general outline of arrangement, with the timber stretching down on the one side to the water's edge, destroys any impression of artificial planning which otherwise might arise."*

This Bunya Pine is of social significance for its contribution to the landscape of the site. Its expansive canopy reaches beyond oaks, pines and conifers, including a notable Atlas Cedar (T12422).

**Tree Measurements:**

Condition: Fair

Tree Type: Individual

Circumference: 4.27m

Height: 19m

Canopy spread: 18m

Height method: Instrument

Circumference method: Tape Measure

Date of measurement: 1 December 2019

Age of tree: 155 years (planted c1865)

Other Names      Bunya Pine,

Hermes Number    208354

Property Number

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