



One Tree Art Prize

Artist: Lynda Hanson

Title: Hanging out at Redcliff

GPS: -33.301079,115.751694

This tree resides at “Redcliff”, a stretch of farmland that my family had owned since 1897. It backs right onto the Brunswick River and is a place that always felt a little bit like our own hidden world. No-one lived in the house on the land, but it became our go-to spot for birthday parties and family get togethers for as long as I can remember.

When I was a teenager, my cousins and I claimed this tree with the bent over branches that made the best makeshift bench seat. It became our unofficial hangout – a place just far enough from the house to be out of earshot of the adults. There, we would sit for hours, swapping stories, dreaming up adventures, and talking about what the future may hold.



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This tree wasn't just any old tree – it was our meeting place, our stage, our little pocket of freedom. Although my family no longer owns this land, this “Redcliff” tree holds those moments: the laughter, the secrets, and the feeling of being on the edge of something bigger.