



## **One Tree Art Prize**

**Artist:** Shona Hutchings

**Title:** Kids really do Grow on Trees

**GPS:** -32.012673, 115.789415

The tree I painted sits on the banks of the Swan River at Djoondalup/Point Walter. It's a very old, flooded gum and its branches spread low to the ground and make it easy to climb for both small, big and adult kids alike. When we migrated to Australia in 1968 this was my 'back yard'. We were sent to live at the migrant hostel on the hill.

As a child of 5 yrs, I have memories of running thru the bush and down onto the beach at Djoondalup, climbing the trees there and listening to the magpies carolling. Trees were my refuge. My husband came up with the name for the painting **Kids really do Grow on Trees** and it is very true, because we did.