



One Tree Art Prize

Artist: Jean Barnett

Title: The Kissing Tree

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The Kissing Tree is a well known, landmark tree in the heart of the city of Perth. It is a very old, huge Morton Bay fig tree. It is 36 meters in height with a diameter of 3 meters according to the information held by the National Trust.

It is located at 10 Murray Street, Perth near Royal Perth Hospital, outside Kirkham House which was used as a boarding house for nursing staff and presided over by the hospital matron who resided on the ground floor.

The tree was planted in 1884 by a settler, William Glover who received a land grant where Kirkham house was later built. RPH was the first hospital built in WA in 1855.



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It is said the nursing quarters at Kirkham House were locked at 10 pm and sweethearts kissed goodnight under this tree, and it therefore became known as the Kissing Tree.

Today, the Kissing Tree dominates the streetscape adjacent to the hospital and creates a grand and uplifting atmosphere of peace and shelter.