



## **One Tree Art Prize**

**Artist:** Deanne Little

**Title:** The Swamp Cypress

**GPS:** -33.803232,115.996731

The Swamp Cypress is native to the Southeastern United States although luckily for us we can find one in the Golden Valley Tree Park in Balingup. It is a deciduous conifer and puts on a beautiful display of rusty red/orange leaves before dropping them in Winter. It is very hardy and tough and can spend a lot of the year in water such as swamps. It produces roots that grow above water to allow it to breathe. It is also tolerable to other salty, wet and dry conditions. They live for 300-600 years although one in North Carolina has been dated to over 2600!

It's a great Tree to visit (at the Golden Valley Tree Park) over the seasons whether it's fresh and green, when the pond is full and the tree is surrounded by water,



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when it's putting on its autumn show, when the pond is empty and leaves are scattered across the ground or even bare so you can see its awesome root structure.