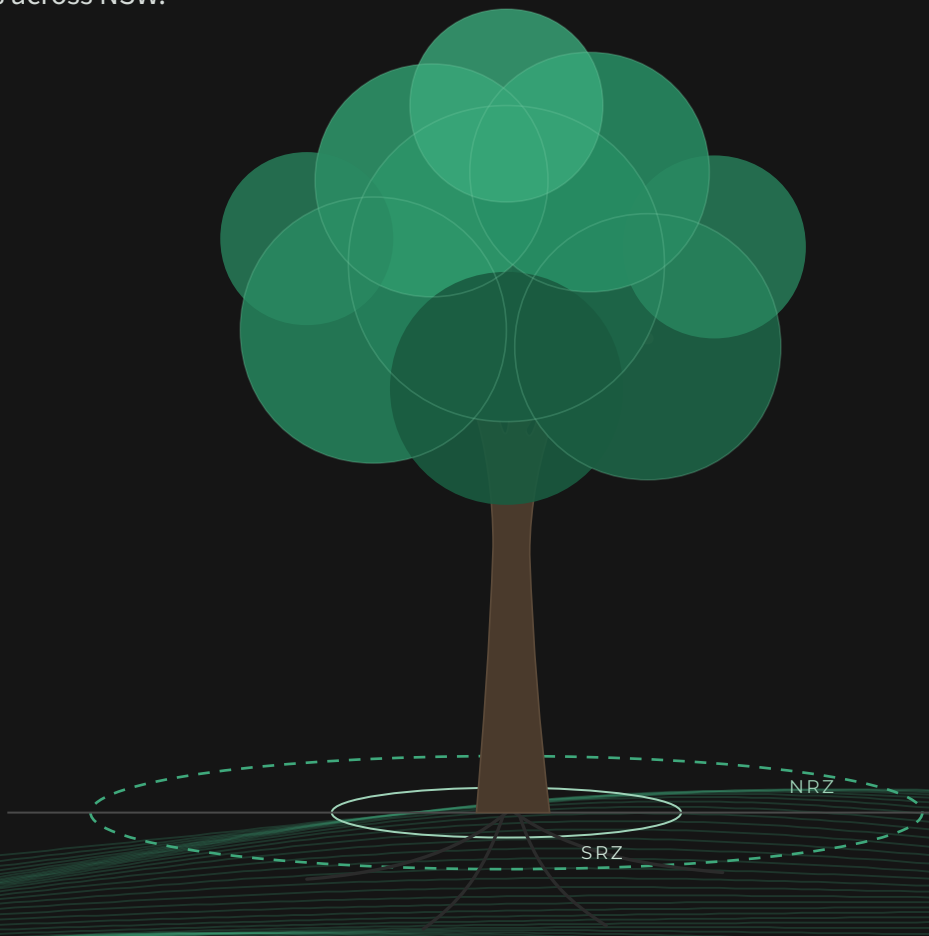
PINNACLE ARBOR

CONSULTING ARBORISTS

Capability Statement

Independent arboricultural consulting, tree assessments, risk management and project arborist services for government, councils, commercial and private clients across NSW.



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WHAT WE DO

Independent advice. Defensible reports.

Pinnacle Arbor is a consulting arboriculture practice providing independent, evidence-based tree assessment and reporting across Sydney and New South Wales. We prepare reports suitable for submission to local councils and state government agencies, and support projects from early planning through to construction sign-off.

Our arboricultural assessments and reports are prepared by a qualified AQF Level 5 Consulting Arborist in accordance with relevant Australian Standards and industry best practices. Each assessment is supported by sound arboricultural principles, professional judgement and a thorough understanding of tree management requirements. Our reports provide clients, regulatory authorities and decision-makers with clear, objective findings and practical, evidence-based recommendations to support informed decision-making and effective tree management outcomes.

OUR SERVICES

Tree Risk Assessment (TRA)

- Visual Tree Assessment (VTA)
- Quantified Tree Risk Assessments
- Management recommendations

Arboricultural Impact Assessment (AIA)

- Development Application (DA) support
- Impact on retained trees
- Tree retention and removal advice

Tree Protection Plans (TPP)

- NRZ and SRZ calculation
- Tree protection measures
- Plans for construction certificates

Project Arborist & Certification

- Construction-stage supervision
- Monitoring & certification (M&C)
- Certification letters for Council

Tree Surveys & Management Plans

- Tree inventories and condition audits
- Asset and site tree management plans
- Prioritised works programs

Who we work with

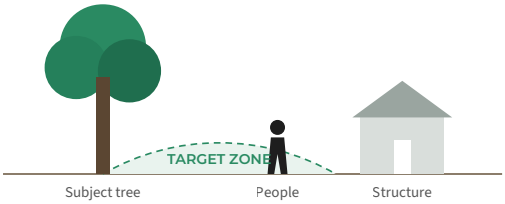
- State government
- Local councils
- Builders & developers
- Architects & planners
- Schools & institutions
- Strata & property managers
- Landowners

OUR REPORTS

Reports prepared for assessment

Tree Risk Assessment (TRA)

Assessment of the health, structure and risk of one or more trees, using ground-based Visual Tree Assessment and appropriate tree risk assessment methodologies. Provides an objective basis for retention, pruning or removal decisions.



Risk is assessed against the people and property within the tree's target zone.

REPORT INCLUDES

- Tree identification, dimensions and location
- Health and structural condition findings
- Risk assessment and risk rating
- Management recommendations with justification for any pruning or removal

TYPICAL USE Council tree removal or pruning applications; risk management for public land, schools and managed assets.

Arboricultural Impact Assessment (AIA)

Assessment of proposed development against existing trees on and adjacent to a site, in accordance with Australian Standard AS 4970:2025 Protection of Trees on Development Sites. Identifies trees suitable for retention and the impact of the proposed works.

REPORT INCLUDES

- Tree survey data and retention value assessment
- Nominal Root Zone (NRZ) and Structural Root Zone (SRZ) calculations
- Encroachment analysis against proposed plans
- Recommendations for design changes, retention or removal

TYPICAL USE Development Applications, State Significant and government infrastructure projects.

Tree Protection Plan (TPP)

A site-specific plan setting out how retained trees will be protected before, during and after construction, consistent with Australian Standard AS 4970:2025 Protection of Trees on Development Sites and conditions of consent.

REPORT INCLUDES

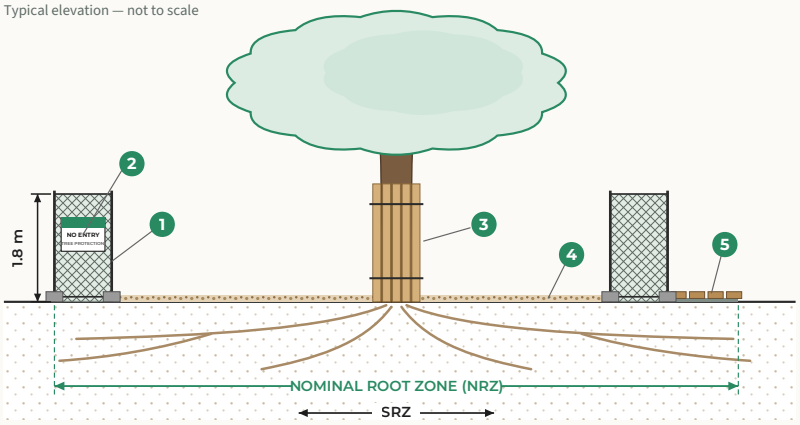
- Protective fencing, ground protection and trunk protection details
- Works permitted and prohibited within the NRZ
- Hold points and Project Arborist inspection schedule
- Marked-up plans showing protection measures

TYPICAL USE Construction Certificate requirements and contractor briefing.

AS 4970:2025 · PROTECTION OF TREES ON DEVELOPMENT SITES

Tree protection measures

Typical elevation — not to scale



1. **Protective fencing**
   1.8 m high chain mesh fencing with shade cloth, on concrete feet
2. **Signage**
   No-entry signage with the Project Arborist's contact details
3. **Trunk protection**
   2 m timber battens over hessian, strapped — not fixed to the tree
4. **Mulch**
   Composted organic mulch across the protected root zone
5. **Ground protection**
   Geotextile, mulch or crushed rock and rumble boards where access is required

Project Arborist Supervision & Certification

On-site supervision and staged inspections by the Project Arborist to confirm tree protection measures are in place and works within the NRZ are carried out appropriately.

REPORT INCLUDES

- Pre-construction inspection of tree protection measures
- Supervision of excavation, root investigation and works within the NRZ
- Monitoring & Certification (M&C) inspection reports with photographs
- Project Arborist certification

TYPICAL USE Conditions of consent, Occupation Certificate and practical completion.

Tree Surveys & Tree Management Plans

Site-wide surveys and audits of tree populations to establish condition, risk and management priorities across a property or portfolio.

REPORT INCLUDES

- Tree inventory with species, dimensions, health and structure
- Risk-prioritised works schedule
- Long-term management and replacement recommendations
- Data suitable for asset management systems

TYPICAL USE Schools, campuses, parks, council reserves, strata and commercial estates.

HOW WE DELIVER

01 Brief
Review of project documents, plans and relevant requirements to confirm scope.

02 Inspect
Site inspection and data collection.

03 Report
Clear, submission-ready report issued with recommendations.

04 Follow through
Project Arborist supervision and certification as required.

OUR PEOPLE

Alistair Wilson

Principal Consulting Arborist

Alistair brings over 16 years of arboricultural experience, spanning field operations, crew leadership, local government, and technical consulting. He advises residential, commercial, civil, and major infrastructure projects across Sydney and New South Wales, bridging practical tree management with complex development and construction requirements.

Years of hands-on field work, crew leadership and operations management give him a practical understanding of how trees are assessed, protected and managed on real sites, while his time in local government adds the perspective of the authorities who rely on arboricultural reports.

Every report he prepares is evidence-based, practical to implement on site and clearly justified against the relevant Australian Standards and council controls. Alistair works directly with clients, design teams, builders and council officers, from initial assessment through to construction supervision and final certification.

QUALIFICATION
Diploma of Arboriculture (AQF Level 5)

RISK ASSESSMENT
Quantified Tree Risk Assessment (QTRA)

EXPERIENCE
16+ years — field operations, crew leadership, local government and consulting

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

International Society of Arboriculture
Professional Member

Arboriculture Australia
General Member

STANDARDS & FRAMEWORKS

- AS 4970:2025 — Protection of Trees on Development Sites
- AS 4373 — Pruning of amenity trees
- Quantified Tree Risk Assessment (QTRA) methodology
- Visual Tree Assessment (VTA) methodology
- Local council Development Control Plans and tree management controls

COMPLIANCE

ABN
89 787 698 592

INSURANCE
Professional Indemnity and Public Liability insurance held.

WHY PINNACLE ARBOR

01
Independent advice
Objective, evidence-based findings and recommendations for every site.

02
Submission-ready reports
Prepared to meet council and government assessment requirements, with clear justification for every recommendation.

03
Start to finish
From initial assessment and DA reporting through to construction supervision and final certification.

04
Direct access
You deal directly with the arborist preparing your report, from first enquiry to final sign-off.

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