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SCHEDULE 1 TO CLAUSE 42.02 VEGETATION PROTECTION OVERLAY

Shown on the planning scheme map as **VPO1**.

SIGNIFICANT NATIVE AND EXOTIC VEGETATION

1.0 Statement of nature and significance of vegetation to be protected

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The *South Gippsland Shire Council Significant Tree Register 2002 (as amended)* identifies a range of exotic, native and indigenous trees on private and public land within the municipality which contribute substantially to the heritage, landscape and character of the municipality. The trees have been selected for inclusion in the Register based on the criteria used for the National Trust's Register of Significant Trees.

2.0 Vegetation protection objective to be achieved

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To protect vegetation that is significant for its natural beauty, interest, importance, or contribution to the heritage or landscape character of an area.

3.0 Permit requirement

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A permit is required to remove, destroy, or lop any vegetation, except to:

- Prune limbs for regeneration or ornamental shaping.
- Remove, destroy or lop vegetation that is dead or dying to the satisfaction of the responsible authority, unless the dead or dying vegetation is a habitat tree containing hollows.
- Remove, destroy or lop vegetation to the satisfaction of the responsible authority that is being maintained in accordance with a management program developed by a suitably qualified arborist and approved by the responsible authority.

4.0 Decision guidelines

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The following decision guidelines apply to an application for a permit under Clause 42.02, in addition to those specified in Clause 42.02, and elsewhere in the scheme which must be considered, as appropriate, by the responsible authority:

- The species of vegetation and its significance, age, health and growth characteristics.
- Whether any proposed lopping will adversely affect the significance, appearance, health or structure of the tree.
- The impact the vegetation removal will have on the cultural, heritage, aesthetic, landscape or other special significance of the land and surrounding area.
- The need for any replacement vegetation to be of an appropriate and specific species, having regard to the link between the species and the cultural, heritage or native significance of the vegetation,
- The impact of a tree on the structural integrity of existing building and foundation.
- The recommendations of a report by a suitably qualified arborist on the vegetation to be pruned, lopped, removed or destroyed which includes a statement of the reasons for removing the vegetation, the practicality of alternative options which do not require the removal of vegetation such as remedial or restorative action.
- Whether any proposed pruning is in accordance with the Australian Standard – Pruning of Amenity Trees, AS4373 (2007)