



# Hoop Pine

## *Araucaria cunninghamii*

### fact sheet

#### **Araucarias**

Araucarias are mainly used as large ornamental trees or as specimens in avenue planting. There are four species to be found in the Parklands, the two most common being Hoop pine and Norfolk Island pine (*Araucaria heterophylla*).

#### **In the Parklands**

A superb example of an established Hoop pine in the Parklands can be found near Musgrave Avenue. Also have a look in Frog Hollow near the open drain, and one is included in the Native Pine Grove.

#### **Hoop pines**

Hoop pines are native to Queensland, they were a favourite tree in Victorian times because they are such great specimen trees. The name Hoop refers to the scars that occur where the branches come off, leaving hoop type markings around the trunk on a background of ornate bark.

#### **Features**

Young Hoop pines have reddish-brown to coppery bark. In older trees the bark darkens to a brown-blackish colour before becoming hard and rough. The silhouette of a long spindly leader and whorls of branches with tufts of foliage at the end

