
GARDEN AT Claredon Eyre



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Location

6 Robb Close BULLEEN, Manningham City

Municipality

MANNINGHAM CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO147

Heritage Listing

Manningham City

Statement of Significance

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The garden attached to "Claredon Eyre" at 6 Robb Close, Bulleen is of local significance. It is significant for its connection to Manningham's cultural history. The original mature trees within and surrounding "Claredon Eyre" are significant for their association with the original property and for their age and impressive size. While much of the garden around the house has been lost, the remaining path layout and stone edging appear to be original elements.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Manningham - Heritage Garden & Significant Tree Study - Stage 2, John Patrick Pty Ltd, 2006;
Other Names	originally "Springbank",
Hermes Number	22915
Property Number	

Physical Conditions

Owner: Kieran & Dianne Dunleavey

History:

Original owner: Robert Laidlaw (1853); J.V.M Wood (1925); White (1946); Dunleavey (2000)

House - Designed By: Unknown

Built by: Unknown

Date: Original house (single storey section) in 1862

Additions (date) Double-storey, the main house, added in 1875.

This section was built by Robert Mitchell.

Property was subdivided in 1985.

Garden - Designed By: Unknown

Built by: Unknown

Date: c. 1875

Additions (date, designer & type):

Unknown

Notes - Much of original garden has been lost during sub-division of the land, however a small

section to the south of the double-storey section of the house, is believed to be original. This consists of a formal layout with garden beds edged with stone delineated by a number of gravel paths. An original Thread Palm (*Washingtonia robusta*) forms the central feature to the garden. A number of mature trees are located within the property with some in adjacent properties.

Garden Style:

Gardenesque (victorian)

Other: The original garden to the south of the house appears to be in the Gardenesque style.

Category of Significance:

Significant role in pattern of history

Demonstrating a class of

significant places

Level of Significance: Local

Main Elements:

Trees

Other

Other: Stone edging around quite formal garden beds, with a number of feature trees.

Other: None remaining; unknown whether original garden contained any features.

Garden Plantings: Original garden plantings are limited to mature trees. Trees include a Thread Palm (*Washingtonia robusta*) in the centre of the formal garden, a large English Elm (*Ulmus procera*) close to the eastern boundary, a Lombardy poplar (*Populus nigra* 'Italica') near the south-west corner of the house, and to the north of this a Persimmon (*Diospyros kaki*). A Canary Island Palm (*Phoenix canariensis*) which was originally positioned near another palm (now within an adjacent property) was shifted to the centre of the circular driveway prior to the subdivision of the property. With the exception of some sections of English Box hedging around garden beds, much of the early shrub and ground-cover plantings within the original garden appear to have been lost.

A number of mature trees, previously within the grounds of "Clarendon Eyre" are now located within surrounding properties. These include an English Elm and Karaka (*Corynocarpus laevigatus*) in the vacant lot to the east of the property, a remnant River Red Gum (*Eucalyptus camaldulensis*) and Moreton Bay fig (*Ficus macrophylla*) in the vacant lot on the corner of Robb Close and Ilma Court, and a Canary Island Palm (*Phoenix canariensis*) in the front garden of 4 Robb Close.

Condition & Integrity:

Deteriorated

Disturbed or damaged

Restoration possible

Notes: The stone edging and path layout of the original garden area to the south of the double-storey section of the house appear to be intact. However, much of the planting has been lost over the years, with the exception of some sections of English box hedging around the Thread palm.

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