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## Pepper trees, Railway Reserve



HO98 (1) - Peppercorn Trees,  
Railway Reserve,  
Seddon.JPG



HO98 (2) - Peppercorn Trees,  
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HO98 (3) - Peppercorn Trees,  
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### Location

off Bellairs Avenue SEDDON, Maribyrnong City

### Municipality

MARIBYRNONG CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO98

### Heritage Listing

Maribyrnong City

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### Statement of Significance

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These pepper tree avenues, on the Williamstown to Melbourne railway reserve, are significant to the City of Maribyrnong:

- for their maturity, genus and planting configuration, this combination being rare in the City (Criterion B2);
- as a reflection of the upgrade of the railway and the industrial expansion during the Edwardian era in the City and the role of the reserve as the major entry point to the area via the railway station (Criterion A4).

## Australian Heritage Commission (AHC) criteria

The Australian Heritage Commission criteria consist of a set of eight criteria which cover social, aesthetic, scientific, and historic values. Each criterion has sub-criteria written specifically for cultural or natural values. The relevant criteria are:

B.2 rarity

A.4 demonstrates well the course and pattern of history, important historic events

Heritage Study/Consultant	Maribyrnong - Maribyrnong Heritage Review, Jill Barnard, Graeme Butler, Francine Gilfedder & Gary Vines, 2000;
Construction dates	1900,
Other Names	`Schinus molle' var. `areira',
Hermes Number	29038
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

Small avenues of pepper trees are located within the railway reserve north of Seddon Railway Station. They are visible in surrounding streets.

`This fast-growing tree with graceful, drooping leaves and branchlets develops an attractive, gnarled trunk as it ages to a height of 30-50 ft (9-15 m). The dark green, shiny leaves are 6in (15 cm) long, composed of 10 to 18 pairs of small pointed leaflets; they are resinous and aromatic when crushed. Pendulous clusters of tiny cream flowers appear from late spring to early summer. Decorative sprays of tiny rose-pink berries follow-these have a peppery taste and have been used like pepper, but are somewhat toxic. In hot dry climates it naturalizes readily and may become a weed {Botanica}'.

## Physical Conditions

Good (partially disturbed, well preserved).

## Integrity

Substantially intact/some intrusions- specimens presumably removed

## Physical Description 2

Context

Set within the railway reserve as a typical planting for railway and other public reserves around 1900.

## Historical Australian Themes

**Thematic context**

**Australian Principal Theme** Developing cultural institutions and ways of life

**PAHT Subtheme** Creating public landscape

**Local Theme(s)** Railways

**Physical Description 3**

**Map (Melway)** 42B7

**Boundary description** The trees and sufficient land around each to allow for root zone and canopy protection, nominally 1m beyond the drip line, root zone or canopy perimeter which ever is the greatest.

**Heritage Significance** City

**Creation date(s)** 1900-1910c

**Local Government Area** City of Maribyrnong

**Ownership Type** Public

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