
Kurrajong street trees



HO105(1) - Kurrajong Street Trees, Bloomfield Avenue, Maribyrnong.JPG



HO105(2) - Kurrajong Street Trees, Bloomfield Avenue, Maribyrnong.JPG

Location

Bloomfield Ave MARIBYRNONG, Maribyrnong City

Municipality

MARIBYRNONG CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO105

Heritage Listing

Maribyrnong City

Statement of Significance

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`Brachychiton populneus' street trees are significant to the City of Maribyrnong:

- as uncommon trees in a mature street tree context within the City (Criterion B2); and
- as indicative of street tree choice in the post WW2 period where hardy native species were favoured, although not typically this species (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:

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

B.2 rarity

Heritage Study/Consultant	Maribyrnong - Maribyrnong Heritage Review, Jill Barnard, Graeme Butler, Francine Gilfedder & Gary Vines, 2000;
Construction dates	1950,
Other Names	`Brachychiton populneus',
Hermes Number	29044
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

An incomplete row of `Brachychiton populneus' street trees, most semi mature, along the north side and part of the south side of the street, with some lily pily planting intermixed. The use of the Kurrajong as a street tree is uncommon in the City. There are 19 `Brachychiton populneus' on the north and 6 on the south, plus a total of 8 lily pily on the north and south.

The Brachychiton genus `consists of around 30 species of warm-climate, evergreen or dry season deciduous trees and shrubs, all Australian except one or two found in New Guinea. Some brachychitons are noted for their spectacular flowers, which are bell-shaped, the apparent petals actually being coloured calyces, and in most species appearing just before the new leaves of summer. The leaves are diverse in shape but are commonly lobed, though lobing tends to disappear on adult trees. The fruits consist of 5 stalked, boat-shaped carpels, rather woody when mature and splitting to release nut-like seeds that are edible but are surrounded by irritant hairs {Botanica}'.

The Kurrajong (`Brachychiton populneus') is `widely distributed on rocky hillsides in eastern Australia, this bushy headed evergreen tree is grown chiefly for shade or on farms for its fodder value in times of scarcity. The glossy olive green leaves are variably lobed. During summer it produces, among the foliage, masses of greenish cream bell-shaped flowers, spotted inside with purple or yellow to attract bees. It will tolerate a limestone soil {Botanica}'.

Physical Conditions

Good (partially disturbed, well preserved)

Integrity

Substantially intact/some intrusions

Physical Description 2

Context

Adjoins 1920s weatherboard development in street (21, 51, 55) with later development also very evident.

Historical Australian Themes

Thematic context

Australian Principal Theme Developing cultural institutions and ways of life

PAHT Subtheme Creating public landscape

Local Theme(s) Developing Local Government

Physical Description 3

Map (Melway) 28B8

Boundary description The trees and 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) 1950s

Local Government Area City of Maribyrnong

Ownership Type Public

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