
English oaks at The Oaks



HO132 - English Oaks at The Oaks, 99 Gordon Street, Footscray.JPG

Location

99 Gordon Street, FOOTSCRAY VIC 3011 - Property No 2038009300

Municipality

MARIBYRNONG CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO132

Heritage Listing

Maribyrnong City

Statement of Significance

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Two English oaks at The Oaks, are significant to the City of Maribyrnong:

- for the rare combination of maturity and distinctive symmetrical placement with in a small Victorian-era villa front garden (Criterion B2)

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

Heritage Study/Consultant	Maribyrnong - Maribyrnong Heritage Review, Jill Barnard, Graeme Butler, Francine Gilfedder & Gary Vines, 2000;
Construction dates	1890,
Other Names	`Quercus robur',
Hermes Number	29102
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

Two large, mature `Quercus robur' are set symmetrically either side of the front gate of a notable but altered coloured brick Victorian-era house. The trees appear to have been truncated and pruned to maintain their size within the confines of the front yard. The rear of the allotment has been developed as two storey cream brick flats.

The English oak is arguably the most famous of all the oaks and with a life span of 600 to 700 years, this species has spreading, heavily leafed branches providing good shade. Its 4 in (10 cm) long leaves are deciduous and remain dark green through fall (autumn). It eventually reaches a height of 120 ft (36 m) and trunks with a circumference of more than 70 ft (21 m) have been recorded. It is one of Europe's most valuable timber trees. 'Fastigiata' is grown for its narrow, upright habit, while 'Concordia' is a rounded tree to 30 ft (9 m) {Botanica}.'

Physical Conditions

good (partially disturbed, well preserved) - tops taken out?

Integrity

substantially intact/some intrusions

Physical Description 2

Context

Set in front of a notable 19th century stone and brick house, in a streetscape of weatherboard houses of a similar period.

Historical Australian Themes

Thematic context**Australian Principal Theme** Developing cultural institutions and ways of life**PAHT Subtheme** Creating landscape**Local Theme(s)** Cultural development**Physical Description 3****Map (Melway)** 42A2**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)** 1890-1900c**Local Government Area** City of Maribyrnong**Ownership Type** Private

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