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## Elm & plane street trees



HO157 (1) - Elm and Plane Trees, near 80, 82 and 83-93 Stephen Street, Yarraville.JPG



HO157 (2) - Elm and Plane Trees, near 80, 82 and 83-93 Stephen Street, Yarraville.JPG

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### Location

80-98 nr Stephen Street, YARRAVILLE VIC 3013 - Property No 4088002797

### Municipality

MARIBYRNONG CITY

### Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO157

### Heritage Listing

Maribyrnong City

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### Statement of Significance

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These seven elm and plane street trees are significant to the City of Maribyrnong:

- as remnants of the early 20th century street tree planting regime, parallel with the renewed prosperity of the area in the Edwardian-era (Criterion A4); and
- as remnants of a street tree planting program which was once widespread but has been severely reduced over

time within the City (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:

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	1890,
Other Names	'Ulmus sp.', 'Platanus orientalis',
Hermes Number	29448
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

Seven street trees in Stephen Street, south of Somerville Road which appear contemporary with much of the Victorian-era and Edwardian-era housing fronting the street. Mature but poorly pruned elm ('Ulmus sp.') street trees near numbers 80, 82, 83, 84, 93, 98 Stephen Street and a plane ('Platanus orientalis') street tree near number 87.

The 20 or so species in the Elm ('Ulmus sp.') genus of trees and shrubs 'occur naturally in temperate regions of the northern hemisphere. During the 1920s and 1930s, and again in the 1960s and 1970s, elm trees in Europe and North America were devastated by Dutch elm disease, caused by the fungus *Ophiostoma ulmi*, which is transmitted by the elm bark beetle.

Except for a few East Asian species, they are deciduous, turning yellow in fall (autumn). The leaves are usually alternate, one-sided at the base, with prominent, parallel, lateral veins and regularly toothed margins; the small, disc-like fruits have a membranous wing and are carried in clusters. Most elms are large limbed with furrowed grey bark and high, domed crowns {Botanica}'.

The *Platanus* genus of 6 species of 'large, vigorous, wide-crowned, deciduous trees from Eurasia, North America and Mexico contains some of the world's largest deciduous shade trees for dry-summer climates, many of which are widely used as street trees. The trees are called planes or plane trees in some countries, sycamores in others. The most conspicuous feature is the flaking, mottled bark, which is shed in winter. The 5 lobed leaves are large and maple-like, and the brown seed balls hang in clusters on the trees in winter. The flowers are insignificant {Botanica}.

## Physical Conditions

good (partially disturbed, well preserved)

## Integrity

substantially intact/some intrusions

## Physical Description 2

### Context

Late Victorian-era and mainly Edwardian-era housing front the street.

## 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)** 42B8

**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)** 1890-1912c

**Local Government Area** City of Maribyrnong

**Ownership Type** Public

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