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# TREE PLANTATION (CANARY ISLAND PALMS)



Row of trees viewed from the south

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## Location

Duffy Street ESSENDON NORTH, Moonee Valley City

## Municipality

MOONEE VALLEY CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO331

## Heritage Listing

Moonee Valley City

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## Statement of Significance

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*What is significant?*

The tree plantation in the centre of Duffy Street comprise a row of eleven regularly-spaced Canary Island date palm trees, alternating at one end with a row of five mature eucalypt trees.

*How is it significant?*

The tree plantation is of historical and aesthetic significance to the City of Moonee Valley.

#### *Why is it significant?*

Historically, the Canary Island date palms provide evidence of the extreme popularity of palm trees, and particularly this species, in Melbourne during the inter-war period. Of comparable date to the subdivision on which they stand, the row of palms is a fine example of formalised avenue of street trees. With eleven trees in a line, it is of the most substantial plantings of Canary Island palms in the municipality, although falls far short of the more celebrated row of 143 trees along Mt Alexander Road.

Aesthetically, the trees combine to form a minor landmark in this suburban streetscape. The condition of the trees themselves, their uniform size, regular spacing and formal planting arrangement all contribute to these landmark qualities. The trees also provide an appropriate setting and backdrop for the contemporaneous inter-war housing that proliferates in Duffy Street. The row of palm trees is enhanced by the lesser number of alternating eucalypts.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moonee Valley - City of Moonee Valley Gap Heritage Study, Heritage Alliance, 2005;
Construction dates	1920,
Other Names	Phoenix canariensis,
Hermes Number	29712
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

Located at the northern end of Duffy Street are two broad median strips, each approximately three metres wide, that contain various mature street trees. The shorter of the two, to the south, is about 75 metres long and contains five Canary Island date palms, located at approximately 7 metre centres. The plantation to the north is about 90 metres long, and contains six palm trees, similarly spaced. The trees in this second plantation alternate with five mature specimens of eucalyptus. The palm trees in both sections are about seven metres tall, while the eucalypts are around twice that height.

## Historical Australian Themes

### THEMATIC CONTEXT

#### 8.13 Living in cities and suburbs

## Physical Conditions

### CONDITION

The trees are in excellent condition.

## Integrity

### INTEGRITY

The trees are substantially intact.

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