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# Phytolacca dioica

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## Location

8447 Goulburn Valley Highway,, TRAWOOL VIC 3660 - Property No T11114

## Municipality

MITCHELL SHIRE

## Level of significance

Regional

## Heritage Listing

National Trust

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 7, 2004

Contribution to landscape  
Rare or localised

An unusual group planting (another small specimen occurs west of the house) in the garden that was part of "Rosehill" built in 1886, now demolished. Original garden trees still survive to the west, and although reputed to have been planted by Von Mueller, there is no evidence to support this claim. *Phytolacca dioica* is an evergreen tree native to the pampas grasslands of South America that receives little rainfall, so the tree has developed a unique way of storing water by forming a large fleshy base.

The Ombu tree is rarely cultivated within Australia with only a few known specimens in the country

Measurements: 01/02/1989

Spread (m): 14.5

Girth (m): 3.25

Height (m): 10.6

Estimated Age (yrs): 100+

Condition: Good

Access: Restricted

Classified: 16/02/1989

Other Names Bella Sombra (Beautiful Shade Tree), Ombu,

Hermes Number 70617

Property Number

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