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Location

60 Victoria Street WILLIAMSTOWN, Hobsons Bay City

Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO311

Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The Kauri Pine and Ginkgo, established c.1930, at 60 Victoria Street, Williamstown.

How is it Significant?

The Kauri Pine and Ginkgo at 60 Victoria Street, Williamstown are of local historic, aesthetic and scientific (horticultural) significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

Why is it Significant?

Historically, the trees are significant for their ability to illustrate Edwardian era planting in a suburban context. (AHC criterion D2)

Aesthetically, they provide a related setting, which enhances the setting of the Edwardian era house and contribute to the historic cultural landscape of Victoria Street. (AHC criterion E1)

Scientifically, the trees are significant as rare examples at this size and maturity of these trees in a regional context. (AHC criterion B2)

Heritage Study/Consultant Hobsons Bay - Hobsons Bay Heritage Study, Hobsons Bay City Council, 2006;

Hermes Number 22292

Property Number

Physical Description 1

The Kauri pine is located to the front of the Edwardian era house on this property, while the Ginkgo is located to the rear. Both trees are rare mature examples of their type within the municipality and the wider western region. Botanica (1997) provides the following general descriptions:

Kauri Pine (Agathis sp.)

This remarkable genus of large conifers consists of 20 or so species scattered all through the southwest Pacific region from New Zealand to the Malay Peninsula. Nearly all are tall trees with massive straight trunks and broad leathery leaves quite unlike the needles leaves of more familiar conifers. Their cones are curious, nearly spherical with a criss-cross pattern of scales - Agathis is Greek for 'ball of twine', which the cones were thought to resemble. Kauri (or kaori) is their Polynesian name. They give very fine timber and also exude resin from the trunks which was used for varnishes and paints.

Ginkgo (Ginkgo biloba)

The ginkgo grows at least 24 metres tall, upright when young and eventually spreading to 9 metres or more. Deciduous, the 10cm long, matt green, fan-shaped leaves turn golden yellow in autumn. A fleshy, plum-like orange-brown fruit with an edible kernel appears in late summer and fall if male and female trees are grown together. 'Fastigiata' is a slender, erect cultivar that reaches 9m. 'Princeton Sentry' has a narrow, upright habit and is male.

Integrity

Condition

Good. The Kauri is not well formed.

Physical Description 2

Context

The trees provide a related setting for the Edwardian era house on this site and also contribute to the historic cultural landscape of Victoria Street.

Historical Australian Themes

Creating private landscapes

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