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# Morrison's Orchard



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## Location

3 Henry St DONCASTER, Manningham City

## Municipality

MANNINGHAM CITY

## Level of significance

Not Recommended

## Heritage Listing

Manningham City

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## Statement of Significance

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The Morrison's Brothers Orchard at 3 Henry Street Doncaster is of local significance for demonstrating an endangered practice of cultural significance to the council (in the form of commercial orcharding), as well as for its scientific value in the collection of old fruit trees. The significant element of the landscape is the commercial Peach and Nectarine orchard.

Heritage  
Study/Consultant

Manningham - Heritage Garden & Significant Tree Study - Stage 2, John  
Patrick Pty Ltd, 2006;

Hermes Number 22893

Property Number

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## Physical Conditions

**Owner:** Mr. Robin Morrison

History:

**Original owner:** Unknown

**House -Designed By:** N/A

**Built by:** N/A

**Date:** N/A

**Additions (date)** N/A

**Garden -Designed By:** N/A

**Built by:** Current owner's father

**Date:** c.1945

**Additions (date, designer & type):** Ongoing replacement of trees over time as required in farming the land.

**Notes** - While not strictly a "garden" this site is a significant landscape. This second generation orchard is thought to be the last commercial orchard in the suburb of Doncaster, an area with a strong orcharding history.

Garden Style:

Other

**Other:** Commercial Orchard

Category of Significance:

Demonstrating a rare/endangered aspect of history

Demonstrating a class of  
significant places

**Level of Significance:** Local

**Other:** Current commercial fruit trees as well as a number of old varieties now not commercially grown.

**Other:** A *Pinus radiata* windbreak is present but is not significant. There is also a non-significant house garden.

**Garden Plantings:** The orchard mainly grows Peaches with some Nectarines, all of which are sold in the adjacent Morrison's Brothers Nursery. Peach varieties include "Wiggans" an old variety, "Zerbe" bred by the Doncaster orchardists of same name, "Elberta", "O'Ryan", "Harry Smith" and "Beal" also bred by and named for Doncaster Orchardists. Newer varieties include "Loring" and "Fragar". Also of interest was the variety "Anzac", a breed by a Doncaster farmer around WW1. The naming of this variety is of historical interest as the Doncaster region had a high concentration of German settlers. The naming of the variety was a show of Australian nationalism by the German farmers while Australia was at war with their country of origin. Streets with German

names in the area were also renamed due to the war (e.g. Bismarck Street was renamed Victoria.)

**Condition & Integrity:**

Good

Intact

**Notes:** The majority of the fruit trees currently on the property are not the original ones planted when the orchard was set out around 60 years ago, but replacements. Peaches and Nectarines are relatively short lived and commercial trees are replaced at frequent intervals. Due to the commercial nature of the property, with a continuing and unchanging use, the site may still be considered to be intact and old varieties have still been maintained.

**Recorded by:** Andrea Proctor

**Date:** 08-08-05

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