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# Monterey Cypress



Manningham Heritage  
Garden & Significant  
Tree Study 2006

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## Location

333, 339, 344, 351 and 360 High Street DONCASTER, Manningham City

## Municipality

MANNINGHAM CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO212

## Heritage Listing

Manningham City

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on -

The Monterey Cypress windbreaks at 333, 339, 344, 351 & 360 High Street, Doncaster are of local significance for their connection with the areas orcharding history, their prominent position and number of remnant windbreaks in the group.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Manningham - Heritage Garden & Significant Tree Study - Stage 2, John Patrick Pty Ltd, 2006;
Other Names	Cupressus macrocarpa,
Hermes Number	22897
Property Number	

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## Physical Conditions

Private land

**Melway Ref:** 33 C6

**Setting/Position:** A number of windbreaks along the road frontages, as well as along the southern boundary of 333 High St.

**No. of trees:** 333 High St - 35 along southern boundary and 18 along road frontage

339 High St - 6 trees

341 High St - 2 trees

344 High St - 9 trees

351 High St - 10 trees

360 High St - 6 trees

**Height:** 22.7m (typ)

**Canopy Spread (m) E-W:** 5.5m (typ)

**N-S:** c.7m (typ)

**DBH:** 3 limbs @ c.500mm (typ)

**Approx. Age of Tree:** 60 + years

**TPZ:** 13.5m **CRZ:** 3.0m

Category of Significance:

Location or context

Aesthetic value

Historic value

**Level of Significance:** Local

**History:** The original property was 120 acres, which was subdivided and sold by the Williams. After this the property at 333-341 High Street was known as the "Alpines". A lemon orchard covered the area to the west of High Street with the trees originally being an orchard windbreak, with some cypress hedges also present. The properties to the east of High Street were reputed to be Apple orchards, however this has not been confirmed. The windbreak appears to date from about 1940.

Source: 1945 - aerial photograph

Conversation with owner of 333 High Street

**Other/Notes:** The lower canopy of the trees on 333 High St was removed at the time of the Ash Wednesday Bushfires to try and reduce fire risk. Trees at 351 High Street have some internal canopy dieback, those at 360 have some inner canopy deadwood. A large drain was dug along the western side of the road around 1997 and would have damaged the root system of these trees leading to stress and possible structural

instability. A retaining wall has also been built around the base of the trees at 344 High St, which may have the same result. Some trees on the western side of the road have suffered from disease infestation.

**Threats/Risks to Tree:** The driveway is cut close to the trees along the southern boundary of 333 High Street, with some filling having occurred around the base of the western most trees. A retaining wall has also been cut near some of the trees.

Road work and associated trenching for services etc. is a threat to all trees. Power lines run along the western side of the street with lopping to clear them being a threat to trees on this side of the road.

Hazards/Risks:

Co-dominant branches

**Other/Notes:** 333 High St - Trees are branching from the base with many being multi-leadered with extended branches. Trees also lose the occasional branch during windy weather. Many of the trunks/leaders are on an angle and appear to be branches that would not naturally be the main leader. The construction of a drain along the road may also have stressed and destabilised the trees.

339 High St - Trees have been lopped to clear power lines and have poor structure, branching from the base away from the road. The construction of a drain along the road may also have stressed and destabilised the trees. These trees were assessed from the road.

344 High St - Trees generally have poor structure and are branching from low and have been lopped. The construction of a retaining wall near the base of the trees may have stressed and destabilised them. These trees were assessed from the road.

351 High St - Trees have poor structure with irregular branching and co-dominant leaders. The trees have been lopped to clear power lines. The construction of a drain along the road may also have stressed and destabilised the trees. The far tree to the south of the property is v-crotched and starting to split and break apart. One leader has been removed.

360 High St - The trees formed a hedge in the 1960's but were pruned to grow upwards after a similar hedge over the road was destroyed by "hedge burners". The trees are now poorly structured with many large epicormics.

**Recorded by:** Andrea Proctor

**Date:** 11-03-05

**ID Confirmed:** Andrea Proctor

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