
Carramar



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Location

57 O'Briens Lane TEMPLESTOWE, Manningham City

Municipality

MANNINGHAM CITY

Level of significance

Not Recommended

Heritage Listing

Manningham City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on -

The Australian Bush garden "Carramar" at 75 O'Briens Lane, Templestowe is of regional significance. It is significant for maintaining natural ecosystems, being a clear demonstration of a class of gardens, its high aesthetic qualities and its high level of design merit. Significant features of the garden are the decking and glass pool fence which allows views over the garden; the entire area encompassing the rammed earth wetland system, including the timber bridge, rockwork and planting; the drainage system for the entire site; the granite seating and barbeque area and the entirely Australian native planting scheme.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Manningham - Heritage Garden & Significant Tree Study - Stage 2, John Patrick Pty Ltd, 2006;
Hermes Number	22906
Property Number	

Physical Conditions

Owner: Colin & Liana Joyce

Original owner: Colin & Liana Joyce (House & Garden)

House -Designed By: Unknown

Built by: Ken Dean

Date: 1989

Additions (date) None

Garden -Designed By: Paul Thompson

Built by: Paul Thompson

Date: 1989 -

Additions (date, designer & type): Garden is gradually developing and maturing

Notes - The garden has won a number of awards including "landscape of the year" in 1990 and is a "Land for Wildlife" site. The garden has been written up in a number of publications including:

Landscape Australia, Volume 4, 1991

P. Thompson, *Australian Planting Design*, Lothian, 2002

D. Snape, *The Australian Garden*, Bloomings Books, 2002

Source: Conversation with property owners

Carramar - a haven for wildlife Australia's Open Garden Scheme information sheet, Date unknown

Garden Style:

Australian Native

Bush

Other

Other: The garden style is naturalistic, with the design brief being "to put the land back as it was".

Category of Significance:

Aesthetic value

High level of Creative/ Technical development representing a period

Associated with (or designed by) historical figure

Level of Significance: Regional

Main Elements:

Trees

Shrubberies

Lakes/ponds

Other

Other: Garden is comprised of naturalistic ponds, open lawns and shrub and tree masses, with rockwork also present. The site is designed to collect rainwater runoff and channel it into the pond system. The site supports an entire ecosystem including a variety of native animals, frogs and fish.

Features:

Statuary

Summer house/aviary

Pergola

Terraces

Other: The site features a large, freestanding bird feeder, bird aviary and hexagonal gazebo. Three metal bird sculptures by Michael Murphy are located on rustic wooden stands to the rear of the garden, with a metal Emu being in the front.

A feature of the site is the deck area off the back of the house, with its inground swimming pool and glass pool fence, which allows views over the rest of the garden. The garden is also lit at night using low voltage lighting.

The major focus of the rear garden is a naturalistic style rammed earth pond with a timber bridge and adjacent granite tables and BBQ area.

Garden Plantings: The garden is comprised of naturalistic native plantings with trees such as *Casuarina sp.*, *Acacia sp.*, *Eucalyptus sideroxylon*, *Corymbia maculata*, other *Eucalyptus sp.*, *Leptospermum sp.*, *Toona ciliata*, *Hymenosporum flavum* and *Albizia leprosa*. Shrubs include *Correas*, *Grevilleas*, *Banksias*, *Hakeas* (Fine leaved

and Pin-cushion) and Waratahs. Other plants such as Bird Nest and Tree Ferns, *Xanthorrhoea sp.* (Grass Tree) and native *Dendrobium speciosum* and *D. kingianum* orchids are also present.

Condition & Integrity:

Excellent

Intact

Altered/extended sympathetically

Notes: This relatively recent garden is still intact and in keeping with the original intention of the designer and owner. Due to its young age (the garden is 16 years old), it is still developing its full potential, which will not be realised for some time. The earliest development of the site included the wetland/lake system, its bridge and BBQ area. The rest of the site has been added to and continued over time and includes a drainage system which collects the water of the property.

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

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