ULMUS PROCERA

Location

7 Whyte Street and 3 Whyte Street and Picnic Reserve Glenelg Highway and Railway Reserve Pilleau Street COLERAINE, Southern Grampians Shire

Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - July 21, 2003

What is significant?
Six mature specimens of Ulmus procera, three located in Whyte Street and three located in the railway reserve abutting Pilleau Street, Coleraine. The three in Whyte Street are located in the picnic area 1.1km to the east of the township, in front of a residence at 3 Whtye Street and in the front garden of 7 Whyte Street. The trees were planted as a result of local Councillor, Cr. Eugene Silvester's desire to improve the appearance of Coleraine's Streets. In 1896, the trees were planted as semi-mature ten year old specimens. There were originally located along the whole stretch of Whyte Street, and the remainder were planted in Pilleau Street.

How is it significant?
The Ulmus procera street trees are of historical and aesthetic significance to the township of Coleraine.

Why is it significant?
The Ulmus procera street trees which remain in Coleraine represent a typical late nineteenth century street planting. They are important as they were planted as a result of community pressure and council support to beautify what was a relatively new and growing township. The trees are of aesthetic significance as they provide an representative sample of what the main Streetscape in Coleraine may have looked like upto the early 1960s. The remaining trees provide us with an example of the changing nature of trends with plants and with communities, as they represent a popular street tree for the late nineteenth century, when contrasted with the strong movement in the 1970s to plant native trees.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1896,
Hermes Number	23131
Property Number	

Physical Conditions

The Ulmus procera in Whyte Street are generally in fair to poor condition, those trees in the railway reserve are in good condition.

Physical Description 1

Six mature specimens of Ulmus procera, located in Whyte Street and the Pilleau Street side of the railway reserve. The trees are in varying condition, all of at least 110 years of age.

Historical Australian Themes

8.1.3 Developing public parks and gardens
8.1.4 Living in the country and rural settlements

Usage/Former Usage

none.

Integrity

Low degree of integrity, as they are all that survive of an extensive planting.

Physical Description 2

Cr. Eugene Silvester, responsible for the move to plant street trees
Cr. Denney, strongly opposed the removal of the street trees
Mr. Wright, Shire Engineer, cheifly responsible for the removal of the trees

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