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# Canary Island date palm row and Canary Island pines



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## Location

399-413 Barkly Street, FOOTSCRAY VIC 3011 - Property No 1008030630

## Municipality

MARIBYRNONG CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO94

## Heritage Listing

Maribyrnong City

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## Statement of Significance

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This Canary Island date palm avenue is significant to the City:

- for the combination of the type, maturity and number of trees which make them distinctive within the City and of interest within the region ( Criterion B2);
- as a reflection of an era of planting in the City, under the direction of the noted landscaper David Matthews, and the sequence of development of the reserve itself (Criterion A4, H1).

## Australian Heritage Commission (AHC) criteria

The Australian Heritage Commission criteria consist of a set of eight criteria which cover social, aesthetic, scientific, and historic values. Each criterion has sub-criteria written specifically for cultural or natural values. The relevant criteria are:

B.2 rarity

A.4 demonstrates well the course and pattern of history, important historic events

H.1 association with important person or group

Heritage Study/Consultant	Maribyrnong - Maribyrnong Heritage Review, Jill Barnard, Graeme Butler, Francine Gilfedder & Gary Vines, 2000;
Construction dates	1920, 1935,
Other Names	`Phoenix canariensis',
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## Physical Description 1

These 15 palms and 3 pines are located in the reserve on the south side of Barkly Street at the Whitten Oval. Planted near the footpath, they provide a distinctive border to the reserve and relate in period to the Drill Hall to the south. Carparking areas nearby inside the reserve are unrelated to this era of planting. There are 15 palms with major gaps at the west end. There are 3 mature Canary Island pines at the west end of the reserve.

The Canary Islands date palm is described as a massive palm from the Canary Islands [which] grows to 50 ft (15 m) tall with a spread of 30 ft (9 m), and has a sturdy trunk up to 3 ft (1 m) across and arching, deep green fronds up to 12 ft (3.5 m) long. Small yellow flowers in drooping clusters in summer are succeeded by inedible, orange-yellow, acorn-like fruit {Botanica}. Canary Islands pine ('Pinus canariensis'): this moderately fast-growing tree from the Canary Islands, though adaptable and tolerant of dry conditions, prefers an open, sunny spot where the soil is rich and moist yet well drained. It matures to a spreading tree, up to 80 ft (24 m) high. The upright trunk has reddish brown, fissured bark. The densely packed, shiny, grass-green needles are 12 in (30 cm) long and are carried in groups of three. The oval, brown cones are 8 in (20 cm) long {Botanica}.

## Physical Conditions

Good (partially disturbed, well preserved).

## Integrity

Substantially intact/some intrusions; palms removed for entry to the car park and possible sign locations.

## Physical Description 2

## Context

Located in a busy road with unrelated built character nearby plus large paved carparking areas

## Historical Australian Themes

### Thematic context

**Australian Principal Theme** Developing cultural institutions and ways of life

**PAHT Subtheme** Creating landscape

**Local Theme(s)** Reserves and parks

## Physical Description 3

**Map (Melway)** 42A4

**Boundary description** The trees and sufficient land around each to allow for root zone and canopy protection, nominally 1m beyond the drip line, root zone or canopy perimeter whichever is the greatest.

**Heritage Significance** City

**Creation date(s)** 1920c, 1935c

**Local Government Area** City of Maribyrnong

**Ownership Type** Public

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