



HUNTER'S HILL COUNCIL

SIGNIFICANT TREE REGISTER

TREE PROFILE SHEET

1. LOCATION OF PROPERTY

House No: 11
Street: Ady Street
Suburb: Hunters Hill
Post Code: 2110
GPS Co ordinates :



2. DETAILS

Listed Significant Trees:

Botanical Name	Common Name
<i>Dracaena draco</i>	Dragon Blood Tree

Public or Private Type: Private
Group or Individual: Individual
Date of Assessment/Inspection: 22.07.2014

3. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The *Dracaena draco* (Dragon Blood Tree) remains as an important cultural planting associated with the 'Innisfree' Estate (*historic value*).

The *Dracaena draco* (Dragon Blood Tree) is regarded as an excellent example of the species. The specimen tree has rarity value; a mature example of the species are unusual for the Hunters Hill area (*aesthetic value and botanic/scientific value*).

The *Dracaena draco* (Dragon Blood Tree) is considered to have individual local significance in terms of aesthetic, historic and botanic/scientific value.

4. IMAGES





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5. SIGNIFICANCE ATTRIBUTES

Cultural/Social/Commemorative Historic Botanical/Scientific Ecological Visual/Aesthetic

6. SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL

Local State National

7. BACKGROUND

The *Dracaena draco* (Dragon Blood Tree) is located along the northern boundary of 11 Ady Street, Hunters Hill. The site is adjacent to 11a Ady Street ('Innisfree', originally 'Ferncliffe'). The site and garden at 11a Ady Street are listed in the Hunters Hill Local Environment Plan (2012) Schedule 5 Items (I438) and (I12).

The site at 11A Ady Street stands on land originally granted to W.H Clarke in 1843 and was part of the c.1859 subdivision of this area. It is recorded that Jules Joubert built 'Ferncliffe' for captain Henry Brown, who lived there from 1861 until 1866 and from 1873 to 1825. In 1861, the proclamation of the Municipality of Hunters Hill was read to residents at a ceremony held in the house.

'Innisfree' is a sandstone residence with part iron, part concrete tiled roof. It exhibits several stages of additions and alteration. The street frontage features high carriage gates closing a stone arched wall.

Dracaena draco (Dragon Blood Tree) is a succulent native to the Canary Islands, Spain. A specimen was first planted at the Sydney Botanic Gardens during the Directorship of Joseph Maiden (1896-1924). Maiden was an enthusiast of Canary Islands flora and he made considerable effort to give the Gardens a tropical touch.

Dragon Blood Tree is very long lived and in its indigenous environment can live for up to 650 years and reach heights of around 10 to 12 metres. The species is regarded as having a slow growth rate.

The 'Innisfree' grounds have been extensively subdivided over time and, prior to the most recent subdivision of 1956, the Dragon Blood Tree would have formed part of the extensive gardens of the estate. Although isolated from its earlier cultural landscape context, this cultivated specimen remains an important part of the heritage significance of 'Innisfree'. Further investigation should be undertaken into the significance of the garden of 'Innisfree'.

Mature examples of this species are rare in the Hunters Hill Municipality. The exact planting date for the Dragon Blood Tree is difficult to determine. However, it is thought to date from the period between 1900-1930.

The property at 11 Ady Street was built in 1961 by the current owners. The current owner recalls the Dragon Blood Tree as a prominent tree in 1961.
