



HUNTER'S HILL COUNCIL

SIGNIFICANT TREE REGISTER

TREE PROFILE SHEET

1. LOCATION OF PROPERTY

House No: 12
Street: Ferdinand Street
Suburb: Hunters Hill
Post Code: 2110
GPS Co ordinates : northing 6254843.186, easting 328995.073



2. DETAILS

Listed Significant Trees:

Botanical Name	Common Name
<i>Waterhousia floribunda</i>	Weeping Lillypilly
<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i>	Bull Bay Magnolia

Public or Private Type: Private
Group or Individual: Individual x 2
Date of Assessment/Inspection: 06.08.2014

3. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The *Waterhousia floribunda* (Weeping Lillypilly) remains as an important remnant planting associated with the Federation period (c.1890 -1915) and with the former estate of 'Maruna'. The *Magnolia grandiflora* (Bull Bay Magnolia) is considered a more recent planting and indicative of the multi-laying and successive planting periods evident throughout the garden (*historic value*).

The Weeping Lillypilly and Bull Bay Magnolia are visually prominent in the Ferdinand Street streetscape and contribute to the garden character of Hunters Hill (*aesthetic value*).

The *Waterhousia floribunda* (Weeping Lilly Pilly) and *Magnolia grandiflora* (Bull Bay Magnolia) are considered to have group significance at a local level in terms of aesthetic and historic value.

4. IMAGES



Weeping Lilly Pilly (*Waterhousia floribunda*)



Bull Bay Magnolia (*Madnolia grandiflora*)



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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 *Waterhousia floribunda* (Weeping Lilly Pilly) and *Magnolia grandiflora* (Bull Bay Magnolia) are located in the front garden area of 12 Ferdinand Street, Hunters Hill. The subject site, known as 'Maruna', is listed in the Hunters Hill Local Environment Plan 2012 Schedule 5 (Item I117).

Henry C. Brookes, saddler's iron-monger, is recorded in the first Hunters Hill Council ratebook as the owner of 'Maruna'. Jules Joubert had built the nearby 'Walshale' for Brookes, and it is possible he built part of 'Maruna' as well for his client. Brookes lived here for four to five years, using the address Lane Cove River, as the land extended from the water to Madeline Street and from Ferdinand Street to Mount Street. In 1868 Brookes sold the house to Henry Prior Palser. In 1885, the property was subdivided and the house was sold to A.W.J. Anderson. In 1900-01 Ernest Joubert, Jules' son lived at 'Maruna'. A stone one-room dwelling, incorporated many years ago into the rear of 4 Madeline Street was once part of the former estate.¹

Waterhousia floribunda (Weeping Lillypilly) is a rainforest tree of eastern Australia. The species has been widely planted as an ornamental throughout Sydney. Planted Weeping Lillypilly's from 1827 may be seen at the Royal Botanic Garden, Sydney.

With a Diameter Breast Height (DBH) of 1400mm, the Weeping Lilly Pilly is thought to be one of the largest and oldest specimens in the Hunters Hill area. The Weeping Lillypilly is evident as a prominent tree in 1943 aerial images of 'Maruna'. The tree is considered an outstanding historic specimen believed to date from the Federation period (c.1890-1915).

The construction of the garage has compromised the visual quality of the Weeping Lillypilly. However, the tree remains as an important remnant of the former 'Maruna' estate.

The Bull Bay Magnolia, with its dense, evergreen foliage and large fragrant white flowers, has been a popular specimen planting since the early 19th century and remains as an important component of many early planting schemes.

The Bull Bay Magnolia located along the southern side boundary is believed to be a more recent cultural planting, possibly from the 1940's to 1950's. The Magnolia is not visible in images from 1943.

Both the Weeping Lillypilly and Bull Bay Magnolia are important contextual elements and supportive of the historic and aesthetic character of this garden. The garden contains numerous landscape layers that have been added over successive planting periods including mature *Cupressus sempervirens* (Pencil Pines).

As a group the Weeping Lillypilly and Bull Bay Magnolia are visually prominent in the Ferdinand Street streetscape.

References:

¹ Don Godden & Associates (1989) *Hunters Hill Heritage Properties*, NSW