



# HUNTER'S HILL COUNCIL

## SIGNIFICANT TREE REGISTER

### TREE PROFILE SHEET

#### 1. LOCATION OF PROPERTY

Street: 4 North Parade

Suburb: Hunters Hill

Post Code: 2110



#### 2. DETAILS

Listed Significant Trees:

Botanical Name	Common Name
<i>Araucaria cunninghamii</i>	Hoop Pine
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Public or Private Type: Private

Group or Individual: Group

Date of Assessment/Inspection: 14.03.2016

#### 3. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The pair of *Araucaria cunninghamii* (Hoop Pine) provide a dramatic sense of scale and vertical accent to the area and are considered outstanding examples of the species (*aesthetic value*).

The trees reflect the eclectic thematic plantings styles of the Victorian era, particularly the influences of Charles Moore (Director, Royal Botanic Gardens 1848-1896) and the Gardenesque style (*historic value*).

*The Araucaria cunninghamii* (Hoop Pine) are considered to have collective significance at a local level in terms of aesthetic and historic value.

#### 4. IMAGES





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### 5. SIGNIFICANT ATTRIBUTES

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

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### 6. SIGNIFICANT LEVELS

Local  State  National

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### 7. BACKGROUND

The scheduled trees are two (2) *Araucaria cunninghamii* (Hoop Pine) located within the grounds of 4 North Parade, Hunters Hill. The house, known as "Bulwarra", formerly "Blairgowrie", "Strathallan" and "Erigola", is listed in the Hunters Hill Local Environment Plan (2012) Schedule 5 Item I271.

Built in c.1877, "Bulwarra", Herbert Weynton, a manufacturer, owned the house in 1900. Biscuit manufacturer, Halse Rogers Arnott purchased the house in 1904.

*Araucaria cunninghamii* (Hoop Pine) is a species found in the dry rainforests of New South Wales and Queensland, and in New Guinea. The scientific name honours the botanist and explorer Allan Cunningham, who collected the first specimens in the 1820s. It is a slow-growing tree that can live for up to 450 years and grow to a height of 60 metres. <sup>1</sup>

Hoop Pine is a tall, emergent species that provides a dramatic sense of scale to the landscape. This species became a valuable timber tree during the colonial period up until World War II. Hoop Pine was also a highly valued collector's item in 19th century gardens and estates. The species is closely related to other native Australian rainforest pines, such as the *Araucaria heterophylla* (Norfolk Island Pine) and *Araucaria bidwillii* (Bunya Pine).

These highly ornamental trees, with their dramatic symmetry and scale, were frequently planted as feature or landmark trees within private garden estates and public parklands throughout the 19th century. They were often planted together with a range of other native rainforest and broadleaf evergreen species.

The scheduled trees are believed to date from the late 19th century to early 20th century. The trees reflect the eclectic thematic planting styles of the period, particularly the influences of Charles Moore (Director, Royal Botanic Gardens 1848-1896) and the Gardenesque style. The Hoop Pines are an important contextual element and supportive of the historic and aesthetic character of this garden.

#### References:

<sup>1</sup> Australian National Botanic Gardens, 2015, *Araucaria cunninghamii*, accessed 22.03.2016  
<https://www.anbg.gov.au/gnp/interns-2014/araucaria-cunninghamii.html>