



HUNTER'S HILL COUNCIL

SIGNIFICANT TREE REGISTER

TREE PROFILE SHEET

1. LOCATION OF PROPERTY

Number: 63-65
Street: Ryde Road
Suburb: Hunters Hill
Post Code: 2110
GPS: Co ordinates : Longitude 151.1407553 Latitude -33.82969391



2. DETAILS

Listed Significant Trees:

Botanical Name	Common Name
<i>Acmena smithii</i>	Lillypilly

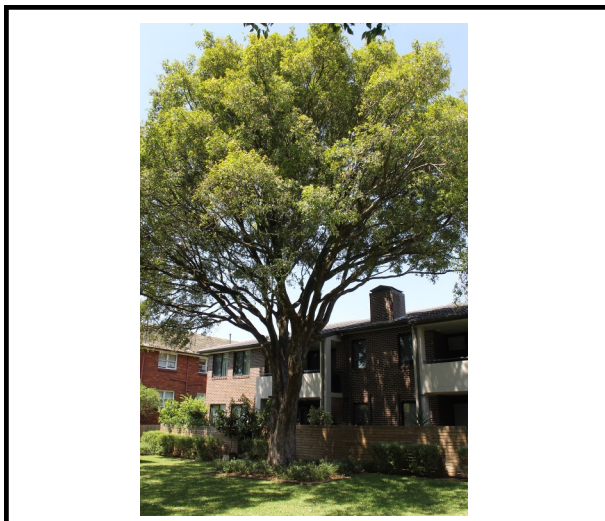
Public or Private Type: Private
Group or Individual: Individual
Date of Assessment/Inspection: 02.12.2015

3. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The *Acmena smithii* (Lilly Pilly) is considered an excellent example of the taxon for the Hunters Hill area. The *Acmena smithii* (Lilly Pilly) remains as an important cultivated landscape planting from the postwar period and within its contemporary setting contributes significantly to the establishment of local character (*aesthetic and historic value*).

The Acmena smithii (Lilly Pilly) is considered to have 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

6. SIGNIFICANT LEVELS

Local State National

7. BACKGROUND

The *Acmena smithii* (Lillypilly) is located in the rear garden area of 63-65 Ryde Road, Hunters Hill. The subject site includes a block of apartments constructed in 2012.

Acmena smithii is a medium-sized tree up to 15m, often multi trunked. Unpruned this tree grows in an upright oval shape with a thick tight canopy and reasonably low branching. It may occasionally achieve heights of 12 metres but is generally around 8 meters in cultivation. The species is an excellent bird and insect attracting tree.

Acmena smithii (Lillypilly) was first listed as a cultivated species in the catalogue of plants cultivated at Camden, New South Wales, in 1843. The species was at the time listed as *Acmena kingii*.¹

The Lillypilly is considered an excellent example of the species. Mature cultivated examples of the species are relatively uncommon throughout Hunters Hill.

The Lillypilly is not evident in aerial images from 1943. Images of the site in 1943 show two free-standing dwellings on the site, possible dating from the Federation era. The deep setback rear gardens show small plantings, possibly kitchen gardens. The current size of the Lillypilly suggests a planting date from the late 1940s to 1950s.

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References:

¹ Sydney Living Museums, 2014, *Colonial Plant Database*, accessed 20.02.2016