



# HUNTER'S HILL COUNCIL

## SIGNIFICANT TREE REGISTER

### TREE PROFILE SHEET

#### 1. LOCATION OF PROPERTY

House No: 65  
Street: Bonnefin Road  
Suburb: Hunters Hill  
Post Code: 2110  
GPS: Co ordinates : Longitude 151.1399377 Latitude -33.8273279



#### 2. DETAILS

Listed Significant Trees:

Botanical Name	Common Name
<i>Angophora costata</i>	Sydney Red Gum

Public or Private Type: Private

Group or Individual: Individual

Date of Assessment/Inspection: 19.11.2015

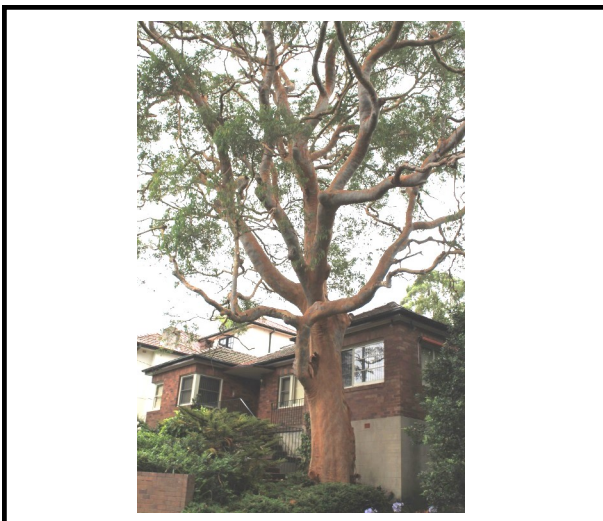
#### 3. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The *Angophora costata* (Sydney Red Gum) has representative value as a reflection of the areas bushland prior to the land clearing that occurred during the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century (*botanic/scientific and ecological value*).

The Sydney Red Gum is considered an outstanding individual specimen; one of the largest specimens found in a residential setting within the Hunters Hill area. The tree is located in a prominent location and contributes to the character of the streetscape (*aesthetic value*).

*The Angophora costata (Sydney Red Gum) is considered to have significance at a local level in terms of aesthetic, botanic/scientific and ecological value.*

#### 4. IMAGES





## 5. SIGNIFICANT ATTRIBUTES

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

## 6. SIGNIFICANT LEVELS

Local  State  National

## 7. BACKGROUND

The *Angophora costata* (Sydney Red Gum) is located within the front garden area of 65 Bonnefin Road, Hunters Hill.

The Hunters Hill Land Division Map (1831-1844)<sup>1</sup> shows this section of Bonnefin Road under the ownership of F.A. Hayne who purchased a 30 acre lot in 1835. From 1889-90 the 30 acres is recorded as under the ownership of mathematical instrument maker Angelo Torraghi under the title 'Italia' Estate.<sup>2</sup>

'Italia' Estate appears to be first offered for subdivision in 1886 with Bonnefin Road then being called Milano Street. The advertisement notice boasts of charming views of Lane Cove River and overlooking the Field of Mars Common. The subdivision appears to have been unsuccessful as the land was offered again for subdivision in 1906. Bonnefin Road appears on the notice unnamed and Boronia Avenue marked out as 'new government road'.

In 1804, Governor King set aside the Field of Mars Common for the use by the local community to run stock and for firewood collection. The 5050 acre Field of Mars Common remained as bushland until 1885 when it was subdivided. An area of sixty-two acres and two roads remained bushland, and in 1887, under the Public Parks Act was dedicated for public recreation, and to be known as Boronia Park. By the early 1890s, Saturday cricket and rugby were being played at Boronia Park, which soon became the focus for sport in the municipality. Boronia Park Reserve is now regarded as the best place in Hunters Hill to gain an idea of the pre-European landscape, as it has the largest intact stretch of bushland.

The dominant vegetation community of this area would have been Coastal Sandstone Foreshore Forest. Coastal Sandstone Foreshore Forest occurs on sheltered sandstone slopes along the foreshores of Sydney's major waterways and coastal escarpments. It is an open forest with a moist shrub layer and a ground cover of ferns, rushes and grasses. The canopy can be dominated by pure stands of *Angophora costata* (Sydney Red Gum), though more regularly this is found in combination with other tree species.<sup>3</sup> Sydney Red Gum seedlings naturally regenerate from seed-fall. The species also has a lignotuber which can aid in regeneration.

The Sydney Red Gum is considered an outstanding individual specimen; one of the largest specimens found in a residential setting within the Hunters Hill area. A review of 1943 aerial images shows residential development had not yet commenced along this stretch of Bonnefin Road. Suburban lots of land north of Bonnefin Road appear cleared of vegetation and awaiting development. A tree is visible within the location of the specimen Sydney Red Gum. Given the current size of the Sydney Red Gum it is considered likely to be the subject tree.

The Sydney Red Gum is located in a prominent location within the streetscape and makes a valuable contribution to Bonnefin Road. It is considered likely to be a surviving remnant, or regrowth specimen, from the once extensive Coastal Sandstone Foreshore Forest community. The Sydney Red Gum has representative and rarity values as a remaining vestige of the ecological community in Hunters Hill.

### References:

<sup>1</sup> Watkin & Watkin, 1886, *Italia Estate*, Hunters Hill, Lane Cove River [cartographic material]: MAP Folder 76, LFSP 1110. Part 2, National Library Australia, accessed 0.02.16 <http://nla.gov.au/nla.map-lfsp1110-s2>

<sup>2</sup> Meredith Walker, 1984, *Hunters Hill Heritage Study: Heritage & Character Report*, Hunters Hill Council

<sup>3</sup> NSW Government Environment and Heritage, 2014, *The Native Vegetation of the Sydney Metropolitan Area*, NSW Government, pg 137 <http://nla.gov.au/nla.map-lfsp1110-s2>

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## 8. ADDITIONAL IMAGES



IMAGE SOURCE: RTA, From the Skies, 1943