



# HUNTER'S HILL COUNCIL

## SIGNIFICANT TREE REGISTER

### TREE PROFILE SHEET

#### 1. LOCATION OF PROPERTY

Street: Gale Street  
Suburb: Woolwich  
Post Code: 2110  
GPS Co ordinates : northing 6254310.062, easting 330863.171  
Other: Located outside of 2 The Point Road



#### 2. DETAILS

Listed Significant Trees:

Botanical Name	Common Name
<i>Ficus macrophylla</i>	Moreton Bay Fig

Public or Private Type: Public—street tree

Group or Individual: Individual

Date of Assessment/Inspection: 14.08.2014

#### 3. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The *Ficus macrophylla* (Moreton Bay Fig) is considered significant in form and habit and is regarded as an excellent example of the species. The specimen tree is located in a prominent foreshore location and has landmark qualities (*aesthetic value*).

The specimen tree remains as an important remnant planting associated with 'Vailele' (*historic value*).

The *Ficus macrophylla* (Moreton Bay Fig) is considered to have individual local significance in terms of aesthetic and historic value.

#### 4. IMAGES

IMAGE SOURCE: (RTA, From the Skies, 1943)





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### 5. SIGNIFICANCE ATTRIBUTES

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

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### 6. SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL

Local  State  National

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### 7. BACKGROUND

The *Ficus macrophylla* (Moreton Bay Fig) is located on the Gale Street verge adjacent to the side entrance to 2 The Point Road, Woolwich. The site at 2 The Point Road, Woolwich, is listed in the Hunters Hill Local Environment Plan (2012) Schedule 5 Item (I305).

The sandstone Federation residence at 2 The Point Road, Woolwich, known as 'Vaielele' (formerly 'Corinda'), dates from c.1892. 'Vaielele' remains within its original setting and although altered over time, the established garden, including many remnant trees, remains an important setting for the house. The house and gardens have a significant visual connection with Lane Cove River.

*Ficus macrophylla* (Moreton Bay Fig) is a large evergreen broadleaf species that is native to most of the east coast of Australia. The species was an early ornamental introduction to colonial gardens and became a major landscape element throughout much of the 19th century. This species remains as a significant historic and cultural element from Victorian-era planting schemes. The impressive scale and broad dense canopies of these evergreens were ideally suited to grand garden schemes. Charles Moore (Director, Sydney Botanic Gardens 1848-1896) promoted the use of Moreton Bay Figs and many other rainforest specimens throughout the mid - to late 19th century.

The subject tree is a prominent specimen being highly visible from the Lane Cove River. With a height of 17 metres and a spread of 18 metres the tree is considered an excellent example of the species.

Whilst now under the management of Council, the subject tree is sited within the curtilage of 'Vaielele' having once stood within the grounds of the former estate.

Photographic material from c.1913 shows what appears to be a small Fig tree within the approximate location of the subject tree. The Moreton Bay Fig is also visible as a prominent tree in 1943 aerial photos of the area, which would support a planting date of c.1900.

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