



# 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 6254285.098, easting 330839.649  
Other: Located outside of 26 Gale Street.



#### 2. DETAILS

**TREE ID:**

Listed Significant Trees:

Botanical Name	Common Name
<i>Eucalyptus tereticornis</i> x 2	Forest Red Gum

**Public or Private Type:** Public—street tree

**Group or Individual:** Individual x 2

**Date of Assessment/Inspection:** 22.08.2014

#### 3. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The *Eucalyptus tereticornis* (Forest Red Gum) are collectively regarded as an important remnant from the Coastal Sandstone Foreshore Forest community (*botanic/scientific and ecological value*).

The *Eucalyptus tereticornis* (Forest Red Gum) are regarded as significant in terms of their size, and collectively the trees make an important visual contribution to the urban landscape. They have been able to mature without the impact of excessive urban constraints. The trees are located in a prominent foreshore location and have landmark qualities (*aesthetic value*).

The *Eucalyptus tereticornis* (Forest Red Gum) are considered to have group significance at a local level in terms of aesthetic, botanic/scientific and ecological value.

#### 4. IMAGES





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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 two *Eucalyptus tereticornis* (Forest Red Gum) are located on the road reserve outside of 26 Gale Street, Woolwich.

This distribution range for *Eucalyptus tereticornis* (Forest Red Gum) extends over much of eastern Australia, from southern coastal and sub-coastal parts of New South Wales to the wet tropics of north Queensland. The species can grow up to a height of 20 to 50 metres with a Diameter Breast Height (DBH) up to 2 metres. The trunk is straight and is usually un-branched for more than half of the total height of the tree. Thereafter, branches are unusually steeply inclined for a *Eucalyptus* species. The bark is shed in irregular sheets, resulting in a smooth trunk surface coloured in patches of white, grey and blue, corresponding to areas that shed their bark at different times.<sup>1</sup>

The Forest Red Gum is one of the key canopy species of Coastal Sandstone Foreshore Forest. Remnant trees are scattered through Hunters Hill, with stands at Ferdinand Street Reserve and Clarke's Point Reserve.

Analysis of 1943 aerial images of the area indicates a cluster of trees in the location of the two *Eucalyptus tereticornis* (Forest Red Gum). Small street trees, possibly *Lophostemon confertus* (Brush Box), are shown at the The Point Road end of Gale Street and along The Point Road. The use of Forest Red Gum as a street tree rarely occurred prior to the 1970's so it is unlikely the trees were ever planted for this purpose.

A public wharf was constructed at the end of Gale Street c.1882 for the rapidly expanding ferry service. Interpretation of historical images indicates that trees and vegetation were frequently retained or planted in areas close to public wharfs in Hunters Hill. Their location, close to the Lane Cove River and the former Gale Street Wharf, size and species, suggests they may be remnant specimens rather than cultural plantings. The Forest Red Gums are considered to have group significance as outstanding examples of the species for the Hunters Hill area. The trees have been able to mature and grow within limited urban constraints.

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#### References:

Boland, D. J. *et al* (1984). *Forest Trees of Australia* (4th Edition ed.), CSIRO Publishing, Australia.