



HUNTER'S HILL COUNCIL

SIGNIFICANT TREE REGISTER

TREE PROFILE SHEET

1. LOCATION OF PROPERTY

Number:

Street: Gladesville Reserve

Suburb: Henley

Post Code: 2111

GPS: Co ordinates : Longitude 151.136514°E Latitude 33.840285°S



2. DETAILS

Listed Significant Trees:

Botanical Name	Common Name
<i>Ficus obliqua</i>	Small Leafed Fig

Public or Private Type: Public

Group or Individual: Individual

Date of Assessment/Inspection: November 23

3. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The *Ficus obliqua* (Small Leafed Fig) is regarded as an outstanding example of the taxon with significant scale and exceptional proportions. Located in a prominent position along Victoria Road, the *Ficus obliqua* (Small Leafed Fig) makes an important contribution to the landscape quality of Victoria Road and is considered to have landmark value (*aesthetic value*).

The *Ficus obliqua* (Small Leafed Fig) has rarity value; mature examples of the species are unusual for the Hunters Hill Municipality (*botanic value*).

The *Ficus obliqua* (Small Leafed Fig) is considered to have significance at a local level in terms of aesthetic and botanic 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 *Ficus obliqua* (Small Leafed Fig) is located within Gladesville Reserve, on the corner of Victoria Road and Crown Street. The Small Leafed Fig is located in a prominent position, marking the entrance to Gladesville along Victoria Road.

Aerial images from the early 1940's show what is considered to be the subject tree as an established specimen, suggesting a planting date from the early 20th century. Historic imagery suggests that the subject tree may have originally formed part of a row plantation along Victoria Road.

In 1908, the tramway was extended from Drummoyne to Ryde along Victoria Road. A tram stop was located at the corner of Victoria Road and Crown Street. The trees along Victoria Road shown in the 1940s aerial may have been planted in association with the extension of the tramway. In 1949, the tramway service was discontinued; the Government having decided on the removal of the tramway service from the Sydney Metropolitan area. Buses then took over the Public Transport System of Sydney.

The *Ficus obliqua* (Small Leafed Fig) is a native of the east coast rainforests. The Small Leafed Fig is considerably less common than the Moreton Bay Fig and Port Jackson Fig found throughout Hunters Hill. Mature examples of this species are rare in the Hunters Hill Municipality. It is believed to be one of the largest and oldest specimens of this taxon in the area.



Aerial image 1943

Image Source: NSW Government Historical Imagery