



# HUNTER'S HILL COUNCIL

## SIGNIFICANT TREE REGISTER

### TREE PROFILE SHEET

#### 1. LOCATION OF PROPERTY

Street: Pittwater Road

Suburb: Hunters Hill

Post Code: 2110

GPS Co ordinates :

northing 6255727.827, easting 327195.905

northing 6255742.911, easting 327203.826

northing 6255773.927, easting 327227.823

northing 6255342.134, easting 326976.112



Other: 3 x trees located at Pittwater Road & Ryde Road junction. 1 x tree located at Pittwater Road and Auburn Street junction

#### 2. DETAILS

Listed Significant Trees:

Botanical Name	Common Name
<i>Ficus macrocarpa</i> var. <i>hillii</i> x 4	Hill's Weeping Fig

Public or Private Type: Public

Group or Individual: Individual x 4

Date of Assessment/Inspection: 30.09.2014

#### 3. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The *Ficus microcarpa* var. *hillii* (Hills Weeping Fig) makes a dramatic visual statement and significantly enhance the quality of the Pittwater Road streetscape (*aesthetic value*).

With a planting date from the late post-World War period (1950s to 1960s), the Hill Weeping Figs are indicative of the popularity of the species for public and civic planting scheme during this period (*historic value*).

The four *Ficus microcarpa* var. *hillii* (Hills Weeping Fig) are considered to have individual local significance in terms of aesthetic and historic 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 scheduled trees are *Ficus microcarpa* var. *hillii* (Hills Weeping Fig); three trees are located on the corner of Pittwater Road and Ryde Road, and a fourth tree is located on the corner of Pittwater Road and Auburn Street. An additional listed specimen was located adjacent to the Pittwater Road and Auburn Street tree, however the tree was removed in 2012 due to failure of a co-dominant bark inclusion.

The Hills Weeping Figs measure approximately 20 metres height, with a canopy spread of 17-20 metres and trunk diameter of 1600-1700 mm.

The four mature *Ficus microcarpa* var. *hillii* (Hills Weeping Fig) are substantial individual specimens with large spreading canopies. The canopies extend over the roadway and footpaths and occupy prominent corner locations, providing dramatic form and impact at busy intersections.

The single specimen at the corner of Pittwater and Ryde Road is located within a wide setback, allowing the tree to fully occupy the location.

Whilst regarded as individual specimens, the Hill Weeping Figs make a dramatic visual statement and significantly enhance the quality of the Pittwater Road streetscape.

These trees have attained substantial proportions in a relatively short period, typical of this species.

Hills Weeping Fig were a popular species during the 1940s and 1950s and were used extensively in public and civic landscapes.

The four Hills Weeping Figs are believed to date from the same planting period; possibly from the late post-World War period (1950s to 1960s). They are not evident in a 1943 aerial of the area.

It is recorded that Hills Weeping Figs on Farnell Street were planted in the 1950s.<sup>1</sup> The Hill Weeping Figs in Farnell Street have all been removed and replaced with *Lophostemon confertus* (Brush Box) and *Phontinia robusta* (Phontinia). It is thought possible that the Pittwater Road Figs may be from the same Council planting phase (c.1950s).

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#### References:

<sup>1</sup>Meredith Walker (1984) *Hunters Hill Heritage Study: Heritage & Character Report*, Hunters Hill Council