



HUNTER'S HILL COUNCIL

SIGNIFICANT TREE REGISTER

TREE PROFILE SHEET

1. LOCATION OF PROPERTY

Street: Prince Edward Parade
Suburb: Hunters Hill
Post Code: 2110
GPS Co ordinates : northings, 6254016.841, eastings 330065.377
Other: Located outside of the rear entry of 26 Tیره Road



2. DETAILS

Listed Significant Trees:

Botanical Name	Common Name
<i>Eucalyptus microcorys</i>	Tallowwood

Public or Private Type: Public-street tree
Group or Individual: Individual
Date of Assessment/Inspection: 31.07.2014

3. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The *Eucalyptus microcorys* (Tallowwood) is a dominant landscape element in this streetscape and makes an important contribution to the visual and aesthetic character of Prince Edward Parade and local environs (*aesthetic value*).

The Tallowwood is considered outstanding in terms of its size and habit. The tree exhibits an unusual growth habit with its broad spreading canopy (*aesthetic and botanic/scientific value*).

The Tallowwood is thought to have a planting date from the mid to late 19th century and is regarded as one of the oldest specimens in the Hunters Hill area. Although unconfirmed, it is possible the Tallowwood may be associated with Mayor Jeanneret's tree planting initiative from 1870 (*historic value*).

This specimen is considered to have individual local significance in terms of aesthetic, botanic/scientific 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

6. SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL

Local State National

7. BACKGROUND

Prince Edward Parade and the adjacent Prince George Parade were part of the 'Sunnyside' Estate, subdivided in 1880-81. The subdivision was notable for its provision of a reserve in the middle, a recreation area for tennis courts and open-park, which gave the area a cohesive identity. Houses around Prince Edward and Prince George Parades were built on a one-storey scale, with low-key fencing. Henry Budden (1871-1944) designed and built several of them from 1901. Hunters Hill was from its beginnings a garden suburb however this style of residential development, with its uniform architecture, trees along the footpaths, and houses arranged around a green reserve, shows the hallmarks of the specific Garden Suburb Movement of the Federation period.¹

At the bend in Tiree Avenue is the greatly altered house, 'Tiree' (c. 1872). Built as an Anglican rectory, it was owned by Captain Archibald McLean a ship owner from Tiree in Scotland from 1884 to 1902. The house's land in his time ran down to Fern Bay near Pulpit Point. The house was divided into units c.1914.

Eucalyptus microcorys (Tallowwood) is a native Eucalypt species common in dry rainforest and moist/dry Eucalypt forest. Found along the coastal areas from Queensland down to Newcastle in New South Wales. Tallowwood produces a denser canopy than most Eucalypts and can attain a height of 30 metres in cultivation.

The Tallowwood is clearly evident as a prominent tree in aerial images from 1943. The trees size in 1943 is commensurate with a planting date from mid to late 19th century and it is thought to be one of the oldest specimens in the Hunters Hill area (see also listing for Abigail Street, Hunters Hill). The Tallowwood has a similar Diameter Breast Height (DBH) to the listing at Abigail Street and it is considered likely to date from the same period.

Mayor Jeanneret introduced a tree policy in Hunters Hill as early as 1870. As part of a wider policy, Jeanneret proposed that the Council purchase one hundred trees and give them to residents on the proviso that they look after them and plant them near street frontages.² Whilst it is unconfirmed, the size combined with the location of the Tallowwood, suggest the specimen tree may have been part of Council's earliest tree planting initiative.

With a broad spreading canopy the specimen tree has developed an unusual habit. The canopy of the Tallowwood extends over the roadway and adjoining properties.

References:

¹ Hunters Hill Historical Society (2011), *A Guide to the Footpath Plaques of Hunters Hill*, Hunters Hill Council

² Beverley Sherry, 1989, *Hunters Hill Australia's Oldest Garden Suburb*, David Ell Press, Sydney, pg 63.