



# HUNTER'S HILL COUNCIL

## SIGNIFICANT TREE REGISTER

### TREE PROFILE SHEET

#### 1. LOCATION OF PROPERTY

Street: Abigail Street  
Suburb: Hunters Hill  
Post Code: 2110  
GPS Co ordinates : northing 6255002.293, easting 328178.31  
Other: Located outside 20 Figtree Road



#### 2. DETAILS

Listed Significant Trees:

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

Private Type:  
street  
tree

Public or  
Public -

#### 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 the area (*aesthetic value*).

The Tallowwood is considered outstanding in terms of its size and habit. The tree has developed a distinctive trunk appearance as a result of past pruning practices (*aesthetic and botanic/scientific value*).

The Tallowwood is thought to have a planting date from the mid to late 19<sup>th</sup> century and is one of the oldest specimens in the Hunters Hill area. Although unconfirmed, it is possible the tree 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





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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 *Eucalyptus microcorys* (Tallowwood) is located on the nature strip near to the corner of Abigail Street and Figtree Street, Hunters Hill.

*Eucalyptus microcorys* (Tallowwood) is a native Eucalypt species common in dry rainforest and moist/dry Eucalypt forest. The species is 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 30m in cultivation. It is not endemic to the Hunters Hill area.

The Tallowwood is evident as a large tree in aerial images from 1943. The tree's size in 1943 is commensurate with a planting date from the mid to late 19<sup>th</sup> century. With a substantial DBH measurement of 1600 mm and a height of 23 metres, the Tallowwood is thought to be one of the largest specimens in the Hunters Hill area (see also listing for Prince Edward Parade, Woolwich). The trunk has developed a distinctive appearance as a result of occluded pruning wounds.

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.<sup>1</sup> The Tallowwood is located at a junction point on Figtree Road, which at the time was an access route to Joubert Street wharf and the Avenue Pleasure Grounds. 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.

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#### References:

<sup>1</sup> Beverley Sherry, (1989), *Hunters Hill Australia's Oldest Garden Suburb*, David Ell Press, Sydney, pg 63.