
Elm and ash street tree avenue



Bunbury St Elms & Ashs

Location

Bunbury Street FOOTSCRAY, Maribyrnong City

Municipality

MARIBYRNONG CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO108

Heritage Listing

Maribyrnong City

Statement of Significance

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This elm and ash avenue is significant to the City of Maribyrnong:

- for the combination of its maturity and extent, as compared to other street planting in the City (Criterion B2)
- as a reflection of the role of the Footscray Railway Station and the perception of Bunbury Street as one of the main entry points to the municipality (Criterion A4).

Australian Heritage Commission (AHC) criteria

The Australian Heritage Commission criteria consist of a set of eight criteria which cover social, aesthetic, scientific, and historic values. Each criterion has sub-criteria written specifically for cultural or natural values. The relevant criteria are:

B.2 rarity

A.4 demonstrates well the course and pattern of history, important historic events

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Maribyrnong - Maribyrnong Heritage Review, Jill Barnard, Graeme Butler, Francine Gilfedder & Gary Vines, 2000; |
| Construction dates | 1903, 1930, |
| Other Names | `Ulmus' sp., `Fraxinus' sp., |
| Hermes Number | 29047 |
| Property Number | |

Physical Description 1

Planted as combination of elms and ash in an avenue extending east of Hyde Street to Moreland Street where they join with an oak and elm avenue. Mature trees in the block Mooreland to Whitehall- 5 (2 ash, 3 elms) on the north side, 6 (5 elms, 1 ash) on the south; Whitehall to Cowper Street - 8 on the north (2 ash, 6 elms) and 7 (4 elms, 3 ash) on the south; and Cowper to Hyde Street - 3 (1 elm, 2 ash) on the north, 4 (2 ash, 2 elms) on the south. Intermixed are immature elm plantings, planted in recent years to fill in gaps. These trees are planted in a grassed median which has basalt kerbing as an addition to the original basalt kerb and channel. Similar medians are in Cowper and Whitehall Streets. These medians appear to be after the 1895 MMBW plans but echo the placement of trees in tree guards shown in those plans.

Elms `The 20 or so species in this genus of trees and shrubs occur naturally in temperate regions of the northern hemisphere. During the 1920s and 1930s, and again in the 1960s and 1970s, elm trees in Europe and North America were devastated by Dutch elm disease, caused by the fungus *Ophiostoma ulmi*, which is transmitted by the elm bark beetle. Except for a few East Asian species, they are deciduous, turning yellow in fall (autumn). The leaves are usually alternate, one sided at the base, with prominent, parallel, lateral veins and regularly toothed margins; the small, disc-like fruits have a membranous wing and are carried in clusters. Most elms are large limbed with furrowed grey bark and high, domed crowns {Botanica}'.

Ash `This genus consists of 65 species of mainly deciduous, fast-growing trees, ranging throughout the northern hemisphere except for the coldest regions and lowland tropics. It differs from other woody members of the olive family (Oleaceae) in having pinnate leaves consisting of several leaflets, small insignificant flowers that in most species lack petals, and single-seeded, winged fruits botanically called samaras. One group of species known as the 'flowering ashes', typified by *Fraxinus ornus*, produces showier flowers with small petals in large terminal panicles at the tips of the branches. Several larger species are valued for their tough, pale timber {Botanica}'.

Physical Conditions

Good (partially disturbed, well preserved)

Integrity

substantially intact/some intrusions

Physical Description 2

Context

Set in a related Edwardian-era and Victorian-era residential streetscape with basalt kerb and channel, asphalt footpaths.

Historical Australian Themes

Thematic context

Australian Principal Theme Developing cultural institutions and ways of life

PAHT Subtheme Creating public landscape

Local Theme(s) Developing Local Government

Physical Description 3

Map (Melway) 42D5

Boundary description The trees and sufficient land around each to allow for root zone and canopy protection, nominally 1m beyond the tree centre line, root zone or canopy perimeter which ever is the greatest, plus the associated medians and stone kerbs.

Heritage Significance City

Creation date(s) 1903-8, 1930s

Local Government Area City of Maribyrnong

Ownership Type Public

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