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## Specimen trees at Yarraville Gardens



HO138 (1) - Yarraville Gardens, 139-147 Hyde Street, Yarraville.JPG



HO138 (2) - Yarraville Gardens, 139-147 Hyde Street, Yarraville.JPG



HO138 (3) - Yarraville Gardens, 139-147 Hyde Street, Yarraville.JPG

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### Location

off Hyde Street YARRAVILLE, Maribyrnong City

### Municipality

MARIBYRNONG CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO138

### Heritage Listing

Maribyrnong City

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### Statement of Significance

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Seen with the adjacent Hyde Street palm plantation, the reserve is a combination of the dominant 1920-1930s pergola and palm character and the residual but mature exotic ornamentals from the late 19th Century, and as such has some of the oldest surviving municipal reserve landscaping in the city (see also Thames Reserve). It is of high local importance and regional interest although it pales in comparison with Footscray Park or Essendon Queen's Park.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Maribyrnong - Maribyrnong Heritage Review, Jill Barnard, Graeme Butler, Francine Gilfedder & Gary Vines, 2000;
Construction dates	1913,
Other Names	`Phoenix canariensis',
Hermes Number	29122
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

Laid out like many 19th and early 20th Century suburban parks, the Yarraville Gardens has crossing serpentine asphalt pathways with basalt pitcher kerb and channelling. Records and the 1947 aerial photographs suggest that the pathways may have been once gravelled and later cindered. However, their layout is not all that it was with the south-eastern section of the ornamental garden having been disbanded for another playing field.

Vesiculated basalt rockeries and perimeter fencing survive, indicating some reinstatement subsequent to the road-widening and (more importantly) a similar landscape style practised by Matthews in the resplendent Footscray Park (q.v.). Existing bedding shrubs include the pittosporum, fire bush and coprosma, but it is the palms (Canary Island) which dominate, interspersed with the probable 19th Century core of the garden described in 1913 viz. Hoop, Canary island and Aleppo Pines, mature Elms, and Pepper Trees. Intrusions to the established character include new red brick planter-walls (see existing rubble stone borders), new toilets, use of basalt pitchers as walling or bubbler-bases, rather than rubble (see perimeter walls) and new playground equipment.

## Physical Description 2

Specimen trees in the Yarraville Gardens include the dominant Canary Island palms, conifers, pittosporum and coprosma, interspersed with what is likely to be a 19th Century garden core as described in 1913 viz. hoop, Canary Island and Aleppo Pines, mature elms, and pepper trees.

### Context

Part of notable Yarraville Gardens & Cuming Reserve garden precinct, with industry and the river to the east.

## Historical Australian Themes

### Thematic context

**Australian Principal Theme** Developing cultural institutions and ways of life

**PAHT Subtheme** Creating landscape

**Local Theme(s)** Reserves and parks

## Physical Description 3

**Map (Melway)** 42C7

**Boundary description** These trees are being assessed as part of a separate project being managed by City

of Maribyrnong.

**Heritage Significance** Regional

**Creation date(s)** 1913-1915c

**Local Government Area** City of Maribyrnong

**Ownership Type** Public

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