
Sugar gum (1) and pepper trees (6) Sandford Grove Reserve



HO154 (1) - Sugar Gum and Pepper Trees, Sandford Grove, Yarraville.JPG



HO154 (2) - Sugar Gum and Pepper Trees, Sandford Grove, Yarraville.JPG

Location

off Sandford Grove YARRAVILLE, Maribyrnong City

Municipality

MARIBYRNONG CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO154

Heritage Listing

Maribyrnong City

Statement of Significance

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Sugar gum (1) and pepper trees (6) at Sandford Grove Reserve are significant to the City of Maribyrnong:

- for their relative maturity among the other trees in the City's public reserves (Criterion B2);
- for their representation of an era in the City's public landscape before the loss of favour for the planting of this

type of tree species in public areas and their substitution with smaller or more compact species (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:

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

B.2 rarity

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Maribyrnong - Maribyrnong Heritage Review, Jill Barnard, Graeme Butler, Francine Gilfedder & Gary Vines, 2000; |
| Construction dates | 1900, |
| Other Names | 'Eucalyptus cladocalyx' 'Schinus molle' var. 'areira', |
| Hermes Number | 29432 |
| Property Number | |

Physical Description 1

There are three mature pepper trees ('Schinus molle' var. 'areira') in the reserve near the fence line and one very large and old sugar gum ('Eucalyptus cladocalyx') in the centre of the reserve.

There are another three mature pepper trees ('Schinus molle' var. 'areira') as street trees near 11 Sandford Grove. A scar tree is thought to survive in this reserve but this appears to be based on the belief that the sugar gum was a red gum {Lee, 1999}.

Sugar gum 'Often branching quite low, this fast-growing eucalypt from South Australia reaches 50-100 ft (15-30 m) and usually forms a wide, dense crown. The rough, reddish brown outer bark is shed in patches to reveal the smooth, chalky white new bark. The leaves are dark green and glossy, and the new growth is bronze-pink. The individual white flowers, smaller than many in the group, are borne in large clusters to make a pleasing display in summer. The small, brown fruit are goblet-shaped. The tree should never be lopped as the new branches are notoriously unstable.' {Botanica} Pepper tree 'Schinus molle' var. 'areira'. 'This fast-growing tree with graceful, drooping leaves and branchlets develops an attractive, gnarled trunk as it ages to a height of 30-50 ft (9-15 m). The dark green, shiny leaves are 6 in (15 cm) long, composed of 10 to 18 pairs of small pointed leaflets; they are resinous and aromatic when crushed. Pendulous clusters of tiny cream flowers appear from late spring to early summer. Decorative sprays of tiny rose-pink berries follow-these have a peppery taste and have been used like pepper, but are somewhat toxic. In hot dry climates it naturalizes readily and may become a weed {Botanica}'.

Physical Conditions

good (partially disturbed, well preserved)

Integrity

substantially intact/some intrusions

Physical Description 2

Context

Close to significant Edwardian and Victorian-era residential precincts.

Historical Australian Themes

Thematic context

Australian Principal Theme Developing cultural institutions and ways of life

PAHT Subtheme Creating landscape

Local Theme(s) Developing Local Government

Physical Description 3

Map (Melway) 42B9

Boundary description The trees and sufficient land around them to allow for root zone and canopy protection, nominally 1m beyond the drip line, root zone or canopy perimeter whichever is the greatest.

Heritage Significance City

Creation date(s) 1900-35c

Local Government Area City of Maribyrnong

Ownership Type Public

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

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