
Canadian Poplar



Poplar

Location

100 MOUNT PLEASANT ROAD ELTHAM, NILLUMBIK SHIRE

Municipality

NILLUMBIK SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1

Heritage Listing

Nillumbik Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 5, 2010

REVISED STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE, CONTEXT, 2010

What is significant?

The Poplar tree (*Populus sp*) planted at the corner of Colquhoun Court and Kent Hughes Road and associated land to a radius of 5m, the root ball or the canopy drip line of the tree, whichever is the greatest.

How is it significant?

The Poplar is historically and aesthetically significant to the Shire of Nillumbik.

Why is it significant?

The Poplar tree is historically significant for its associations with a number of local families who owned the land near where it grows, including the Denniston, Jones, Hughes and Moore families (Criterion H). And because poplars are now rare within the Shire as native trees have been planted in the Shire since the 1960s (Criterion B). It is of aesthetic significance due to its fine shape and large size, which make it an important element in the streetscape (Criterion E).

ELTHAM STUDY STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: This tree is a fine and now rare example in Eltham, the near universal move to native planting in the Shire since the 1960s giving it added significance. In addition the size of this tree gives it a not insignificant role in the streetscape

REVISED STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (with AHC criteria)

This poplar is significant to Nillumbik Shire:

- as a fine and now rare example in Eltham of a mature exotic planting, from before the near universal move to native planting in the Shire from the 1960s (Criterion 02, B2) ;
- uncommon tree type in the locality and Shire (Criterion-B2)
- for the comparatively large size of this tree and its consequent significant role in the streetscape (Criterion E1);
- for its associations with owners, Denniston and Kent Hughes, both prominent in a State context (Criterion H1).

Heritage Study/Consultant	Nillumbik - Nillumbik Shire Heritage Study 2001, Graeme Butler & Assoc, 2001;
Other Names	Colquhoun Court,
Hermes Number	64208
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

REVISED OR EXTENDED DESCRIPTION: A very large poplar specimen (Canadian?) located well into the block near a recently built house. The cross street, Kent Hughes Road, recalls the name of one of the major owners of the site .

Populus' sp.

This genus of some 35 species of fast-growing, majestic, deciduous trees is from the northern hemisphere. Many blaze with spectacular colors in fall (autumn). Poplars are widely cultivated in parks and large gardens and as avenue trees, windbreaks and screens. Their soft white timber is used for making matches and packing cases. Male and female flowers, borne on separate tree's, are hanging catkins and appear in late winter and early spring before the leaves, which are set on long, flexible stalks. The fruit are capsules containing seeds covered with fine hairs. Most species are short lived of years or so { Botanica}.

Physical Conditions

Good (partially disturbed, well preserved)

Integrity

SUBstantially intact/some intrusions

Historical Australian Themes

3.11 Altering the environment

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