

Victorian Heritage Database Report
Lilydale Street Trees



Location:

Anderson St, Castella St, Cave Hill Rd, Clarke St, Recreation Reserve, Lilydale VIC 3140

Heritage Status / Level of Significance:

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number:

Listing Authority: HI

Heritage Overlay Number: HO401

Statement of Significance:

What is significant? The Lilydale Street Trees, specifically the extant mature English oak (*Quercus robur*), London plane (*Platanus x acerfolia*), English elm (*Ulmus procera*), Ash (*Fraxinus*), Sugar-gum (*Eucalyptus cladocalyx*), Mahogany-gum (*Eucalyptus botryoides*) and Flowering-gum (*Corybia ficifolia*) street trees are significant. Later replacement trees and other introduced tree species are not significant, along with the roads, pathways, kerbing and parking areas. How is it significant? The Lilydale Street Trees are of local historic and

aesthetic significance to the township of Lilydale and Yarra Ranges Council more broadly. Why is it significant? The mature street trees of Lilydale have high local significance as they are associated with the community 'Arbor days' that occurred from 1897-1920 (A4) and the efforts of prominent Lilydale community members to contribute to the townships creation (H1). The street trees are also significant for their aesthetic and landscape values to the Lilydale Township (E1). The Lilydale Street Trees are historically significant as an intact collection of street tree plantings established from 1897 to 1920, planted to beautify the town. The Street Trees are of further historical value as trees planted by many citizens of Lilydale on the annual 'Arbor Days'. They are a symbol of the cooperation and community spirit of the people of Lilydale in the late 19th century, and a living memory of many once prominent citizens of the Lilydale Shire. (Criterion A) The Lilydale Street Trees are of aesthetic significance as a collection of street plantings, including mature English oak (*Quercus robur*), London plane (*Platanus x acerfolia*), Ash (*Fraxinus*), English elm (*Ulmus procera*), Sugar-gum (*Eucalyptus cladocalyx*) and Mahogany-gum (*Eucalyptus botryoides*) and Flowering-gum (*Corymbia ficifolia*) street trees, which combine to give parts of Lilydale its green character. (Criterion E)

Description

The historic trees of Lilydale include the mature street plantings in the following streets: Clarke Street, Castella Street, Chapel Street, Anderson Street, Cave Hill Road, Maroondah Highway and the Eyrie.

The most intact tree avenues exist in Southern Cave Hill Road, Anderson Street, Castella Street and Maroondah Highway. The avenue existing in Maroondah Highway also known as the Queen Jubilee or Jansen memorial avenue is already protected by Heritage Overlay 77 (HO77).

The trees mainly consist of Elms, Oaks, Plane, Peppercorn and Ash with some eucalyptus species (Sugar and Mahogany Gums) of various ages with a majority being over 70 years old.

There are also remarkable mature rows of Elms within the boundary of the Railway reserve and Lilydale Recreation Reserve near Lilydale Station and the western end of Lilydale Lake near Olinda Creek.

High

Heritage Study / Consultant	Yarra Ranges - Shire of Yarra Ranges Heritage Study, Context Pty Ltd, 2000; Lilydale Heritage Gap Study - Citations 2023, Extent Heritage Pty Ltd, 2023
Construction Date Range	
Architect / Designer	
Municipality	YARRA RANGES SHIRE
Other names	
Hermes number	115837
Property number	

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