

Sugar gum

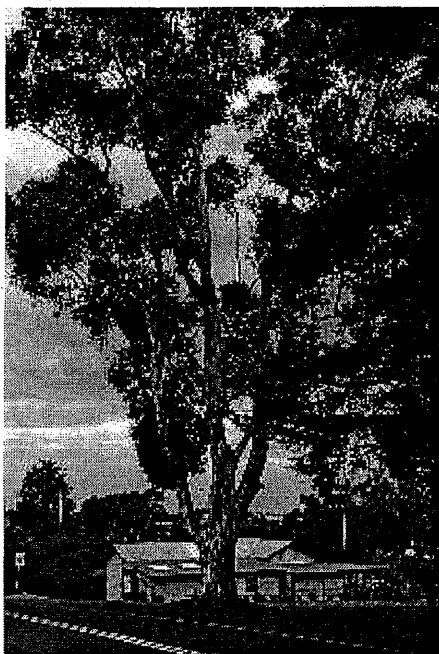
NAME: Sugar gum

TYPE: TREE

SITE NUMBER: 22

ADDRESS 319 ELTHAM-YARRA GLEN ROAD KANGAROO GROUND

MELWAY MAP: 271 E10 **DATE:** 1920s



PLANNING SCHEME OVERLAY RECOMMENDATIONS:

Planning scheme protection Recommended External paint controls
Tree control Outbuilding control Internal alteration control

HERITAGE VALUE Local

ELTHAM STUDY CRITERIA:

RARITY, HORTICULTURE, STREETScape, LANDSCAPE

ELTHAM STUDY THEMES:

PRIVATE/PUBLIC PLANTING

HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS:

Andrew Harkness White

REVISED ELTHAM STUDY EXTENT OF DESIGNATION:

TREE AND LAND WITHIN THE TITLE TO a RADIUS OF nominally 5 METRES, the root ball or the canopy drip line of THE tree whichever is the greatest.

ELTHAM STUDY HISTORY:

None

REVISED HISTORY:

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This trees are located on what was part of CA19 Nillumbik parish, locally termed the 'square mile'. The property was once called Cunis Nillen { Woiwod: 177}.

Andrew Harkness White, a Kangaroo Ground farmer (termed an 'extremely popular man, always in the thick of things' by Mick Woiwod), was the occupier of some 97 acres at this site from c1914. A house was first mentioned in the 1913-14 rate books with an annual valuation of £75 but with Thomas Kenny, a grazier from Hampton, as the owner-occupier. White held 105 acres there in 1918-19, with an increased annual valuation of £92. There was another increase by 1920-1 and a further increase in 1925-6 (£130) which may have been when the adjoining house was rebuilt or created (303). The development of this house may coincide wit the planting of this gum

Mick Woiwod states that the Kangaroo Ground Tennis Club was formed after meeting in 1920 with Colin Bell in the chair. They decided to build a court on Alex White's Wildfell property on the St Andrews Road: it was opened as an earthen court in 1921 by Councillor Alex White. Council made the present site available next to Stevensons Hall in the late 1940s. Title data confirms that Council purchased the site (V7233 F529) in 1948 { VTO}. The hall was demolished 1979 allowing expansion; the club expanded again onto the fire brigade site in 1980 { Woiwod: 250}.

ELTHAM STUDY DESCRIPTON:

A tall clean trunked tree with high spreading canopy. It is located in the centre of the township immediately adjacent to the road reserve.

REVISED OR EXTENDED DESCRIPTON:

A tall (about 30m) clean trunked tree with high spreading canopy. It is located (342550E, 5826814N) in the centre of the township in private property at the entrance to the car park for the Kangaroo Ground Tennis Club and just west of the road reserve.

EUCALYPTUS CLADOCALYX

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} .

Condition: Good

Integrity Good

ELTHAM STUDY STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

This tree is a species of Eucalyptus commonly planted in the late 1800s and early 1900s, but not within the Shire. This specimen is one of the few plantings from that time and is especially large and apparently in very good condition. It is located in the centre of the township and is also of streetscape and landscape importance.

REVISED STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (with AHC criteria)

SUGAR GUM - ('EUCALYPTUS CLADOCALYX') in ELTHAM-YARRA GLEN ROAD is significant to Kangaroo Ground:

- as a rare example of this species of Eucalyptus commonly planted elsewhere in the early 1900s, but not within the former Eltham Shire (Criterion B2);
- as an especially large specimen (Criterion B2, D2) ;
- for its probable link with Andrew White, a prominent local farmer (Criterion H1) ;
- as a landmark tree in the centre of the Kangaroo Ground township (Criterion E1) .

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ELTHAM STUDY REFERENCES:

None

FURTHER REFERENCES:

Woiwod, 1994: 177 plan of land tenure- near KG Hotel;
Municipal Rate Books, part CA19

QUERIES RESOLVED:

Age source?