

<b>Site:</b>	Street Trees	<b>Significance:</b>	B
<b>Address:</b>	Queens Parade, between Alexandra Parade & Delbridge Street, Clifton Hill	<b>Map Ref:</b>	44 B2
<b>Access:</b>	Unrestricted	<b>Survey Date:</b>	7/5/98



**Intactness:**  
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**Condition:**  
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**Existing Heritage Listings:**

Victorian Heritage Register   
 Register of the National Estate   
 Planning Scheme   
 National Trust

**Recommended Heritage Listings:**

Victorian Heritage Register   
 Register of the National Estate   
 HO Controls

#### **Description**

The street trees along Queens Parade, between Alexandra Parade and Delbridge Street, are prominent street tree planting on a major arterial road.

#### **Remnant Fabric (Man Made)**

Queens Parade is divided into two sections: a central major traffic flow, and narrow service lanes on each side of the road. The dividing medians are bordered with uncut basalt rocks which form a prominent and decorative feature. The outer curb is constructed of cut basalt blocks, and the drainage channel is lined with basalt pitchers.

#### **Remnant Fabric (Vegetation)**

The site features a double avenue of Plane Trees (*Platanus x acerifolius*) and Dutch Elms (*Ulmus x hollandica*). The Plane Trees are sited on the median separating the main traffic flow from the service land, and the Dutch Elms on the outer, footpath median. Both rows of trees are mature and relatively intact. Each shows signs of severe lopping over their life span, from which they have recovered well, and some interplanting with inappropriate species has occurred, principally Desert Ash (*Fraxinus oxycarpa*).

#### **Potential Threats**

Removal of basalt rock edge on central medians or basalt gutter and curbing on outer medians in favour of concrete. Further introduction of inappropriate species, which erodes the heritage character and general impact of the double avenue. Unnecessary pruning due to aerial cabling.

#### **Management Steps**

Installation of Aerial Bundle Cables (ABCs) to minimise the need for pruning of trees, particularly on the northern side of Queens Parade. Preparation of a detailed maintenance and replacement policy for the avenue which would outline regular maintenance procedures for the trees to ensure a long amenity life is attained. It should also outline appropriate measures for the replacement of senescent specimens with the same species to ensure the uniformity of the avenue is maintained. The policy should outline strategies for the replacement of the Dutch Elms in the event of the Dutch Elm Disease (*Ceratocystis ulmi*) becoming established in Australia. These should be included within an overall tree management policy for significant trees within the City of Yarra.

#### **Statement of Significance**

The double avenue of trees on Queens Parade is locally significant as an extensive and intact avenue planting in the City of Yarra. The trees provide a significant contribution to the heritage character of the precinct, and to the amenity of the local neighbourhood generally.