

Site:	Railway Reserve	Significance:	C
Address:	Between Rushall Station & Queens Pde, Fitzroy North	Map Ref:	30 D11
Access:	Unrestricted	Survey Date:	14/4/98



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Existing Heritage Listings:		Recommended Heritage Listings:	
Victorian Heritage Register	<input type="checkbox"/>	Victorian Heritage Register	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Planning Scheme	<input type="checkbox"/>	HO Controls	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
National Trust	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Description

The Railway Reserve , along the railway line between Rushall Station and Queens Parade, has an extensive planting of Pepper Trees. Pepper Trees were planted extensively throughout Victorian Railway lands in the late 19th/early 20th centuries.

Remnant Fabric (Man Made)

Railway Line.

Remnant Fabric (Vegetation):

The planting consists of Pepper Trees (*Schinus molle*) along both sides of the railway track. The plantation on the eastern side of the tracks is more extensive, and both sides appear to be in reasonable condition. The trees form an effective screen along the busy Upwey railway line.

Potential Threats

The location of the trees in close proximity to the Merri Creek may pose a minor weed threat to local indigenous plant communities. Senescent specimens may be replaced with an inappropriate species, or failure to maintain the trees may warrant their removal as a group.

Management Steps

Preparation of a maintenance and replacement policy for the trees, which would maximise their potential amenity life, and maintain the integrity of the row through replacement of individual trees as they senesce.

Statement of Significance

The railway reserve plantation is of local interest for the vegetation extant from the early history of the site. It contributes greatly to the heritage character of the area, and is representative of a ubiquitous planting style implemented on railway land throughout Victoria during the late 19th /early 20th century.