Site:	Curtain Square	Significance:	C
Address:	Bounded by Curtain, Newry, Rathdowne & Canning Streets, North Carlton.	Map Ref:	2B J2
Access:	Unrestricted	Survey Date:	20/4/98

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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	[x]

Description

Curtain Square is a suburban park surrounded by housing and shops.

Remnant Fabric (Man Made)

An imposing granite drinking fountain, erected in 1930, is located at the western entrance to the park,. Other structures, such as the two playground areas, are of fairly recent construction and of no conservation significance.

Remnant Fabric (Vegetation)

The site is dominated by mature trees, most notably Elms (*Ulmus x hollandica*) and Common Oaks (*Quercus robur*). A double row of Moreton Bay Figs (*Ficus macrophylla*) is located at the eastern end of the park, and appears to have been a formal avenue to an entry path at Canning Street, though this is now obscured. Two mature Camphor Laurels (*Cinnamomum camphora*) are located on the Canning Street frontage.

Potential Threats

Failure to replace senescent trees with the same species, eroding the heritage character of the place. Introduction of inappropriate trees or shrubberies with no heritage precedent. Further introduction of inappropriately detailed built structures, which are unsympathetic to the heritage character of the park.

Management Steps

Preparation of a detailed plan for the square that would attempt to unify the various disparate elements whilst reinforcing the heritage character of the place. It would outline measures for the replacement of senescent plant material, introduction of new species, and provide guidelines for constructed elements within the square.

Statement of Significance

Curtain Square is of local significance.