

Site:	Elim Rehabilitation Centre	Significance:	C
Address:	29 Erin Street, Richmond	Map Ref:	2G H5
Access:	Restricted	Survey Date:	24/4/98



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Existing Heritage Listings:		Recommended Heritage Listings:	
Victorian Heritage Register	[]	Victorian Heritage Register	[]
Register of the National Estate	[]	Register of the National Estate	[]
Planning Scheme	[]	HO Controls	[x]
National Trust	[]		

Description

29 Erin Street, Richmond, has remnant plantings associated with a substantial Victorian house, now part of a rehabilitation hospital. The site originally featured a pair of semi-detached houses built in the 1850s. These were demolished in 1889, and the mansion Yooralbyn was constructed on the site for William Harper.

Remnant Fabric (Man Made)

None noted.

Remnant Fabric (Vegetation)

The site features a number of mature trees and shrubs to the south east of the building. These include Canary Island Date Palm (*Phoenix canariensis*), Pin Oak (*Quercus palustris*), Pepper Tree (*Schinus molle*), Golden Poplar (*Populus deltoides*) and an overgrown Sweet Pittosporum (*Pittosporum undulatum*) hedge. Of particular note is an Ombu (*Phytolacca dioica*) which has completely rotted out in the centre, and a very old Wintersweet (*Chimonanthus praecox*) close to the southern entrance to the building.

Potential Threats

Removal of senescent specimens and failure to replace them with the same species, eroding the heritage character of the place. Failure to maintain the mature trees on the site to a level that would ensure a long amenity life.

Management Steps

Seek the assistance of the owners of the site in maintaining the trees to a high standard, ensuring a long amenity life.

Statement of Significance

The trees at the Elim Centre are significant as remnant specimens from the early history of the site. They represent some of the grandeur of the original mansion curtilage, and contribute significantly to the heritage value and general amenity of the surrounding area.