

# IRONBARK

Eucalyptus tricarpa

Place No. 251

**ADDRESS** 36 Dudley Road  
Wonga Park

**Last Update** 5/09/2005

**DESCRIPTION** This Ironbark tree has been removed (2005). The 1994 Study described it as follows:

Large Ironbark, at the southern extremity of its range, located on the edge of private property (Styles property) opposite a primary school. It is estimated to be at least 300 years old.[1]

**Condition** No evidence survives **Integrity** Demolished

**Threats** Removal **Key elements** Tree(s)

**Designer**

## HISTORY

This large Ironbark was located on a site in Crown Allotment 9S, once part of 640 acre Allotment 9, described in early maps as 'Stringy Bark Ranges' with 'Sandy Soil'. [2] The tree was the only one of its kind known in the district. [3]

After the 1890s subdivision of the allotment for the establishment of what became known as the Eight Hours Pioneers Settlement, Allotment 9S (a block of about 24 acres) was leased by Thomas Hewish, a Templestowe gardener and later, fruitgrower. [4] Hewish's block was bounded on the west by Dudley Road and on the north by Paynters Road. [5]

Despite the clearing policy required under the terms of these Lands Department leases, the Ironbark tree has survived. By the turn of the century Hewish had built a four-roomed weatherboard house and a three stall stable on his allotment. In addition he had "cleared and grubbed" seven acres which he planted with "fruit and raspberries". In 1901, owing to illness and the need to be near city doctors, Hewish converted his lease into a non-residential licence. He died in November 1901. The next owner, John Thomas Hewish, Croydon farmer, secured the Crown Grant in 1906. [6]

The property, now owned by the Styles family, is located opposite the Wonga Park Primary School.

Herbert Read's mother recalls this tree as a local landmark, remaining near the road when so many others had been cleared. [7]

Sources:

[1] S. Bedggood/Ecology Australia: "Preliminary findings, Sites of Biological Significance in the Wonga Park Area (in prep.)".

[2] Railway Line from Melbourne to Albury, 1866.

[3] Wonga Park and District Residents Association, Discover Wonga Park, 1984, Place No. 21.

[4] Land File 11436/49.

[5] Parish of Warrandyte. Parish Plan.

[6] Land File 11436/49.

[7] Herbert Read: Workshop Place 3.

**Creation Date** 1600 or earlier

**Change Dates**

**Associations**

**Local Themes**

1.05 - Landmark trees

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE** Of local significance as a large landmark tree. It is said to be at the southern extremity of the natural range of its species, and is the only one of its kind known in the district. Of high regional botanical significance. [1] (Criterion G1)

**LEVEL** Demolished

## RECOMMENDATIONS

**Heritage Register Listings**

<b>Register</b>	<b>Reference</b>	<b>Zoning</b>	<b>Status</b>
Manningham Planning Scheme	HO54		Listed

**Extent****Heritage Schedule**

External Paint Controls:	On VHR:	VHR Ref No:
Internal Alteration Controls:	Prohibited Uses:	
Tree Controls:	Aboriginal Heritage Place:	
Outbuildings or Fences:	Incorporated Plan:	Incorporated Plan Details
Description:		

**Conservation Management**

Remove from HO as the tree has been removed.

**Extra Research**

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**BIBLIOGRAPHY** Context Pty Ltd, (2005), Manningham Heritage Study Review, City of Manningham, Doncaster