

ELM & OAK TREES

Place No. 230

ADDRESS	257 Yarra Road (opp. Holloway Road) Wonga Park	Last Update 28/06/2005
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DESCRIPTION The property at 257 Yarra Road, Wonga Park contains three Dutch Elm trees (*Ulmus x hollandica*), which are located in a row along the front boundary of the property. The total canopy of trees is approximately 23 metres high and 24 wide. The property also contains a row of five trees, comprising four English oaks (*Quercus robur*) and one Dutch Elm, running perpendicular to the road. Within the garden to the north is a very large unidentified deciduous tree.

Condition	Poor	Integrity	Pruned
Threats	Disease	Key elements	Tree(s)
Designer			

HISTORY This exact date of these trees is not known. Nineteen acres of land on this corner was originally granted to J. Power.[1] A larger parcel of land totalling 39 acres was granted by the Crown to C. E. Rice in 1928, probably as part of a Closer Settlement Scheme. [2] J. Rice is shown on a plan of 1920 that was prepared in relation to the proposed amalgamation of the Yarra Road and Wonga Park schools.[3] The property may have been later associated with the Urquhart family.[4]

SOURCES

- [1] Workshop Place 16; Parish of Warrandyte, Parish Plan 1902.
- [2] Parish of Warrandyte, current Parish Plan.
- [3] Border Country, p. 46.
- [4] F & E Barr.

Creation Date	c.1920s	Change Dates	
Associations		Local Themes	
J. Power, Rice family		5.02 - Orchards & market gardens	

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE What is Significant?
The mature trees, comprising a row of three Dutch Elm trees (*Ulmus x hollandica*) and a row of five trees, comprising four English oaks (*Quercus robur*) and one Dutch Elm, situated on the property at 257 Yarra Road, Wonga Park.

How is it Significant?
The mature trees at 257 Yarra Road, Wonga Park are of local historic and aesthetic significance to Manningham City.

Why is it Significant?
The mature trees at 257 Yarra Road, Wonga Park have historic significance as evidence of the development of this area for farms as part of the Closer Settlement Scheme in the early part of the twentieth century. Most of the buildings associated with this early history have disappeared and these trees are among the few surviving elements associated with this important phase of Wonga Park's history. (RNE criteria A.4, B.2, and D.2)

The mature trees at 257 Yarra Road, Wonga Park have aesthetic significance as good examples of their type, which contribute to the cultural landscape character of the area. (RNE criterion E.1)

LEVEL Local significance

RECOMMENDATIONS

Heritage Register Listings

Register	Reference	Zoning	Status
Manningham Planning Scheme	HO		Recommended

Extent To the extent of the trees including the whole of their canopy and adjoining land to a minimum extent of 2m.

Heritage Schedule

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

Conservation Management

In order to conserve the heritage significance of this place, it is recommended that the following objectives be given priority in the future maintenance or development of the place:

1. Ensure that the tree/s survive in good condition according to their normally expected lifespan. Regular maintenance should include monitoring condition, pruning, and pest and disease management.
2. Develop a strategy for replacement when the tree/s becomes senescent or dangerous. Document the replacement process (photographs and written record before, during & after) for future record.
3. Replace 'like with like' species to maintain the significance and integrity of the vegetation fabric, unless an alternative planting scheme has been devised in accordance with an approved management plan.
4. Manage surrounding vegetation to maintain the integrity and condition of the tree/s. Remove weed vegetation species.
5. Ensure that any future development, or changes in immediate environmental conditions, adjacent to the tree/s does not have a detrimental impact upon the integrity and condition of the of the tree/s. Investigate ways in which adjacent development could include or coordinate with recovery and improvement of the tree/s integrity and condition.

Extra Research

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