

Manningham Heritage Garden & Significant Tree Study

Significant Tree Information Sheet

Tree Identification No.: 6
Botanical Name: *Ficus macrophylla*
Common Name: Moreton Bay Fig
Location: 1 Robb Close, Bulleen



Private land	X	Public land	
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Melway Ref: 32 D7
Setting/Position: Front centre of block
No. of trees: 1
Height: 13.5m
Canopy Spread (m) E-W: 16m
N-S: 14m
DBH: 920mm
Approx. Age of Tree: 100Years+
TPZ: 11.0m **CRZ:** 3.3m



Category of Significance:

Horticultural Value		Location or context	X	Rare or localised		Particularly old		Outstanding size	
Aesthetic value	X	Curious growth form		Historic value	X	Aboriginal culture		Outstanding eg. of species	

Level of Significance: Regional

History: Part of the original "Clarendon Eyre" (originally "Springbank") estate which was subdivided in 1985. The original house was built in 1862.

Health:

Pests/Diseases	X	Dead wood		Dieback	
Stunted growth		Stress		Rot	
Leaf necrosis		Low foliage density		Possum damage	

Other/Notes: Some disease infestation on the leaves.

Health Rating: 2

Threats/Risks to Tree: The possible future development of the block. Mulch and grass clippings have been placed against the trunk of the tree and may lead to rotting of the trunk. These clippings should be removed and the practice cease.

Hazards/Risks:

Co-dominant branches	X	V-crotched	
Irregular branch structure		Low-hanging branches (unsafe)	
Diseased limbs		Other	X

Other/Notes: There may be rot in the branch unions and the tree has one large, extended limb. Co-dominant branches are also present. The tree has shed large limbs in the past.

Structure Rating: 3

**Works Required
& Priority:**

A full canopy inspection should be carried out by a qualified arborist as soon as practically possible in order to determine safety and structural integrity of the tree. The tree has shed large limbs in the past and special note should be taken of the likelihood of this occurring again.

**Management
Prescriptions:**

Tree should be assessed by a qualified arborist every 1-2 years, identifying and carrying out works as required. Tree should be removed if considered dangerous by a qualified arborist. Special care must be taken to preserve and protect the tree as it is likely that the site will be developed in the future. This would include ensuring that no excavation takes place within the Tree Protection Zone and that any new crossover and driveway structures that are constructed within the TPZ be of suspended slab construction on fill rather than cut. General Tree Protection Guidelines during development should be adhered to.

**Existing
Overlay Controls:**

Heritage Overlay (HO146), Environmental Significance Overlay (ESO1)

**Statement
Significance:**

The Moreton Bay Fig at 1 Robb Close, Bulleen is of regional significance for its age, connection with the original "Clarendon Eyre" property and the significant contribution it makes to the aesthetic value of the streetscape. Although a common species through the general Melbourne region, this was the only Moreton Bay Fig viewed as part of this study.

Overall Tree Rating: 3-4

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