

## Manningham Heritage Garden & Significant Tree Study

### Heritage Garden Information Sheet

**Garden Identification No.:** 7

**Name of Property:** "Clarendon Eyre"  
(originally "Springbank")

**Location:** 6 Robb Close, Bulleen

**Owner:** Kieran & Dianne Dunleavy

**History:**  
**Original owner:** Robert Laidlaw (1853);  
J.V.M Wood (1925); White  
(1946); Dunleavy (2000)

**House – Designed By:** Unknown  
**Built by:** Unknown  
**Date:** Original house (single storey section) in 1862  
**Additions (date)** Double-storey, the main house, added in 1875.  
This section was built by Robert Mitchell.  
Property was subdivided in 1985.

**Garden - Designed By:** Unknown  
**Built by:** Unknown  
**Date:** c. 1875  
**Additions (date, designer & type):**  
Unknown

**Notes –** Much of original garden has been lost during sub-division of the land, however a small section to the south of the double-storey section of the house, is believed to be original. This consists of a formal layout with garden beds edged with stone delineated by a number of gravel paths. An original Thread Palm (*Washingtonia robusta*) forms the central feature to the garden. A number of mature trees are located within the property with some in adjacent properties.



#### Garden Style:

Geometric		Australian Native		English Landscape		Picturesque		Gardenesque (victorian)	X
Edwardian		Bush		Australian suburban		Plantsman's		Other	

**Other:** The original garden to the south of the house appears to be in the Gardenesque style.

#### Category of Significance:

Significant role in pattern of history	X	Demonstrating a rare/endangered aspect of history		May yield new historical information		Demonstrating a class of significant places	X
Aesthetic value		High level of Creative/ Technical development representing a period		Valued by community for cultural, social or spiritual reasons		Associated with (or designed by) historical figure	

**Level of Significance:** Local

#### Main Elements:

Trees	X	Shrubberies		Lakes/ponds		Other	
Walling		Steps		Paving		Other	X

**Other:** Stone edging around quite formal garden beds, with a number of feature trees.

**Features:**

Statuary		Fountain		Summer house/aviary		Gates		Pergola	
Terraces		Urns		Orchard		Kitchen Garden		Other	

**Other:** None remaining; unknown whether original garden contained any features.

**Garden Plantings:**

Original garden plantings are limited to mature trees. Trees include a Thread Palm (*Washingtonia robusta*) in the centre of the formal garden, a large English Elm (*Ulmus procera*) close to the eastern boundary, a Lombardy poplar (*Populus nigra* 'Italica') near the south-west corner of the house, and to the north of this a Persimmon (*Diospyros kaki*). A Canary Island Palm (*Phoenix canariensis*) which was originally positioned near another palm (now within an adjacent property) was shifted to the centre of the circular driveway prior to the subdivision of the property. With the exception of some sections of English Box hedging around garden beds, much of the early shrub and ground-cover plantings within the original garden appear to have been lost.

A number of mature trees, previously within the grounds of "Clarendon Eyre" are now located within surrounding properties. These include an English Elm and Karaka (*Corynocarpus laevigatus*) in the vacant lot to the east of the property, a remnant River Red Gum (*Eucalyptus camaldulensis*) and Moreton Bay fig (*Ficus macrophylla*) in the vacant lot on the corner of Robb Close and Ilma Court, and a Canary Island Palm (*Phoenix canariensis*) in the front garden of 4 Robb Close.

**Condition & Integrity:**

Excellent		Good		Fair		Deteriorated	X	Ruins	
Intact		Altered/extended sympathetically		Altered/extended unsympathetically		Disturbed or damaged	X	Restoration possible?	Y

**Notes:** The stone edging and path layout of the original garden area to the south of the double-storey section of the house appear to be intact. However, much of the planting has been lost over the years, with the exception of some sections of English box hedging around the Thread palm.

**Maintenance**

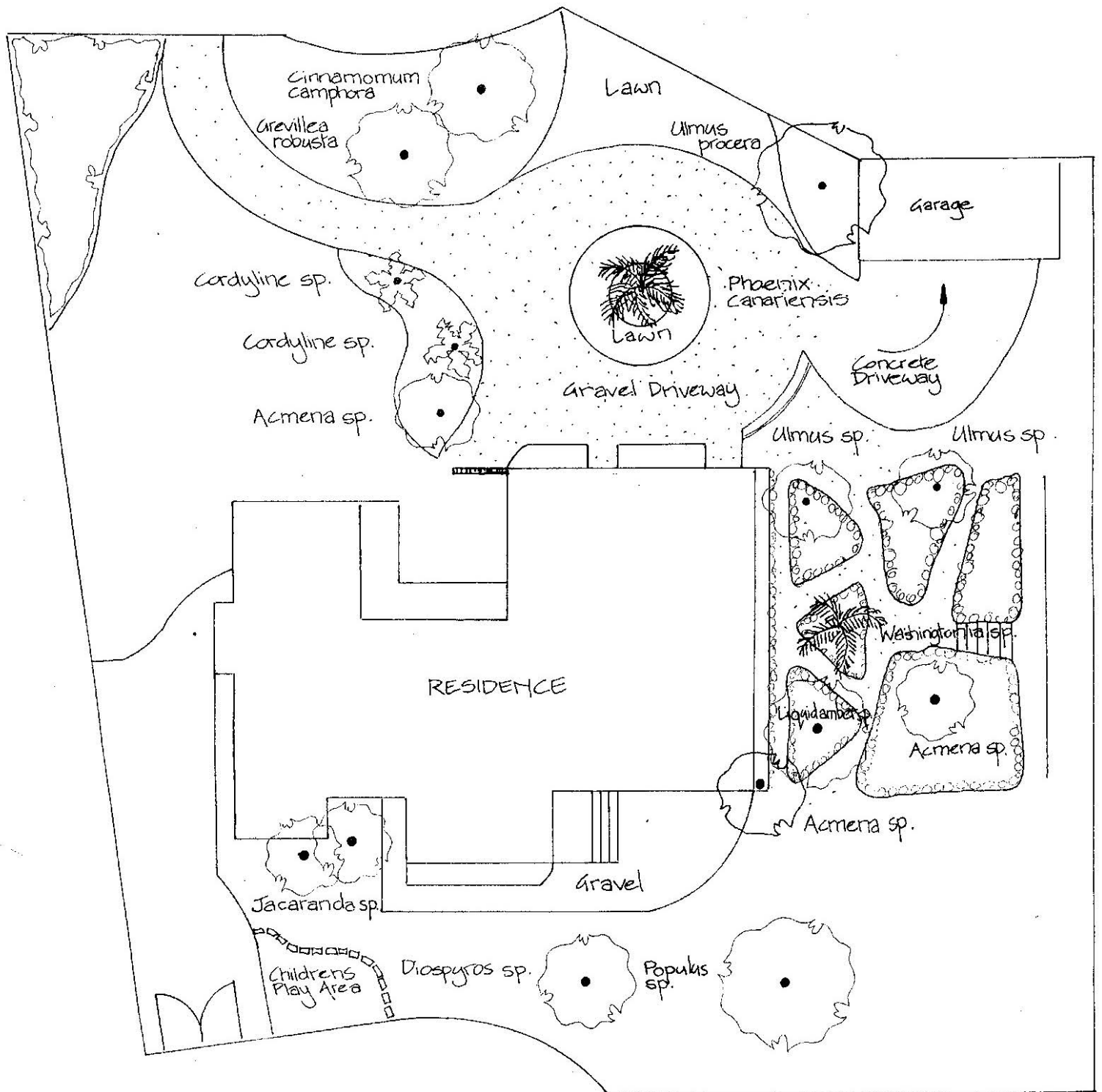
**Practices/Requirements:** The garden is currently managed by the owners. A number of elm suckers are scattered around the garden and lawn area, and these should be removed as they emerge. A number of these have been allowed to mature into trees, and where they are in inappropriate positions in the garden, should also be removed. Garden beds should be cleared of weed species and re-planted with species contemporary with the era of the house.

<b>Existing Overlay Controls:</b>	Heritage Overlay (HO147), Environmental Significance Overlay (ESO1)
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**Significant Elements:** The garden attached to "Clarendon Eyre" at 6 Robb Close, Bulleen is of local significance. It is significant for its connection to Manningham's cultural history. The original mature trees within and surrounding "Clarendon Eyre" are significant for their association with the original property and for their age and impressive size. While much of the garden around the house has been lost, the remaining path layout and stone edging appear to be original elements.

**Recorded by:** Susan Tallon

**Date:** 3-10-02



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6 Robb Close Bulleen

Not to Scale