

Manningham Heritage Garden & Significant Tree Study

Significant Tree Information Sheet

Tree Identification No.: 80

Botanical Name: *Quercus robur*

Common Name: English oak

Location: "Three Oaks", 77 Yarra St, Warrandyte

Private land	X	Public land	
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Melway Ref: 23 D12

Setting/Position: The two English Oaks are positioned opposite each other in the rear garden, close to the side boundaries. A third oak is located to the rear of the property, adjacent to the walking track, appears to have been planted at a later date and has a poor canopy form with significant dieback.



No. of trees: 3

Height: 15m (average)

Canopy Spread (m) E-W: 15-20m (average)

N-S: 15-20m (average)

DBH: 1008mm (west) & 961mm (east)

Approx. Age of Tree: 100+ years

TPZ: 12.1m (west) **CRZ:** 3.3m (west)
11.5m (east) 3.3m (east)

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: Local

History: The local Presbyterian congregation held church services in a loaned Marquee under the canopy of one of the trees (thought to be the western most tree, but this is not confirmed), following the 1939 "Black Friday" bush fires.

Source: Context Pty Ltd, *Manningham City Council Heritage Study*, 1991

Health:

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

Other/Notes: Evidence of possum damage to both trees, concentrated in the upper canopy. Deadwood and epicormic shoots were removed just prior to the inspection.

Health Rating: 2

Threats/Risks to Tree: No threats or risks evident at the time of inspection. House was extended in the last few years, coming quite close to the western tree, however care was taken not to damage roots during the construction process.

Hazards/Risks:

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

Other/Notes: Some extended limbs in the canopies of both trees. The eastern of the two trees is bifurcated, however both leaders are fairly upright and there was no evidence of included bark at the time of inspection.

Structure Rating: 3/4

Works Required & Priority: Monitor level of possum damage to both trees. Install possum guards to both trees if damage worsens.

Management Prescriptions: The tree should be assessed by a qualified arborist every 2-3 years identifying and carrying out works as required.

Existing Planning Controls: Heritage Overlay 191, Significant Landscape Overlay 3, Design and Development Overlay 3, Environmental Significance Overlay 1

Statement of Significance: The English Oaks within the rear garden of "Three Oaks", 77 Yarra Street, Warrandyte are considered to be of local significance for their aesthetic value and historical context, having Presbyterian services conducted under the canopy of one of the trees following the 1939 "Black Friday" bushfires.

Overall Tree Rating: 3

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