

City of Prahran
Significant Tree & Garden Study

TREE INVENTORY

Survey Date 08/12/92 Reporter ML | Map No 17 | Ref L3 | No 08

Property | | Address | 762 Orrong Road, Toorak

Title Details Zoning Ownership
Vol | | Fol | | Res C-Cons. Public | | Private | X

Name | Quercus robur, English Oak

Tree Size: DBH | 1.1m | Height | 18m | Spread | 23m |

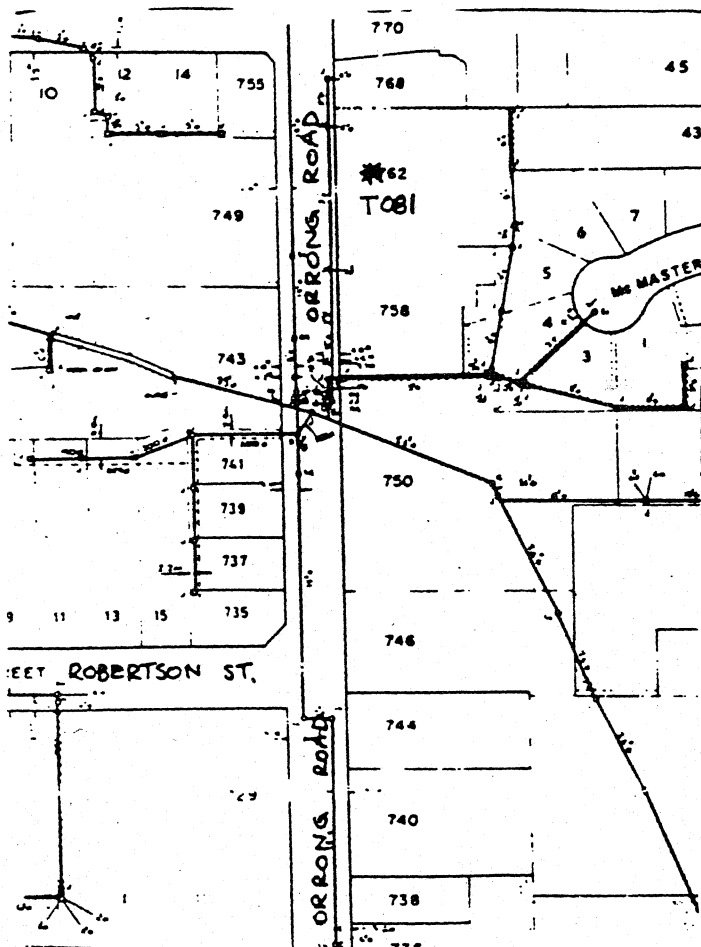
Status	Signif	Age	Condition	Life Expectanc
STR	Nat'al	0-10	Exc'ent	0
RNE	State	10-30	Good	<5
NTA	Reg'al	30-60	Fair	<20
PCC	Local	60-100	Poor	>20
		100+	Dead	>50

Significant Owner/Tenant

Designer/Gardener

Statement of Significance

This specimen of *Quercus robur* at 762 Orrong Road, Toorak is of local significance for its size, age and contribution to the streetscape. It survives from the late nineteenth century suburban garden of Villa Vera.



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Reasons for Significance

L	Landscape Value	X	Rc	Rare in Cultivation
S	Size	X	H	Historic/Commemorative
A	Age	X	F	Outstanding Form
Rw	Rare in the wild		V	Remnant Vegetation

History

Quercus robur has been widely cultivated in Victoria from the middle of the 19th century. It has been grown for its use as a specimen tree in large gardens and parks, in avenues and as a street tree. There are many fine specimens growing throughout the municipality of Prahran. This tree almost certainly remains from the original garden of Villa Vera which dated from the late nineteenth century. The garden had a strictly geometric layout with straight paths, a diamond and two circles. The house was elevated with the land falling away to the straight drive along southern boundary and the former creek beyond.¹ The original street trees in this section of Orrong Road started outside Villa Vera and continued north.

Description

This specimen is located in the centre of a semi circular driveway as the main feature planting in the front garden.

Scope & Context

To the extent of the front garden and the streetscape of Orrong Road. It should be compared with other specimens recorded - (T008), (T028), (T077), (T101), (T108), (T117), (T119), (T120), (T121), (T122), (T140). Also in the garden at Toorak House, 21 St Georges Road, Toorak (G050).

Conservation Recommendations

Investigate possible causes of decline.

Potential Threats

Fence alteration, pruning around powerlines, overhanging house.

Action

A	Tree Removal		I	Cable/Rod Bracing
B	Dead Wood/Stub Removal	X	J	Adjust Existing Cable
C	Crown Thinning		K	Disease Control
D	Crown Shaping		L	Sucker/Shoot Removal
E	Crown Reduction		M	Soil Treatment
F	Crown Lifting		N	Fertilise
G	Crown Separation		O	Water
H	Bark/Cavity Treatment		P	Remove Twin Leader

Footnotes

1 See MMBW Detail Plan No 933, c1900.

762 Ormsby Rd. (14T)

(prev. 234)

Bk. 10 rooms. Spanish style. 2 story.
4 car garage + workshop
gymnasium
+ / court - floodlit.

10/53. James Sturrock Peters & Co
1/83 Zinalda P/L
5/84 Adele & Robert Palmer
10/92 Ronald Hall & Rita Brown.

(tenanted most of time).

Permit 8801 25-3-93. Fence addis. \$11,000.

Age 20-11-82.

"Judged to be a real family home."

"Architects Irwin and Stevens were commissioned by a judge in 1924 to design the house, which is probably one of the earliest in Melbourne to reflect the Spanish mission influence made popular in Southern California." (copy of article).
(drawing)

Judge's family lived in home until present owner bought in 1953. One of judge's daughters married to about Sir Russell Drysdale + the house was once full of dozens of his works as well as those of Nolan et.

(?)

Russell Drysdale m. Elizabeth Stephen.

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Judge?/

Date & entry no.	Owner	Occupier	Description	NAV
<u>1925-26 (Toorak Ward)</u>				
No. 1760	Albert Jones varnish	op	150 Orong Rd 11B (?)	£139(?)
<u>1950-51 (Toorak Ward)</u>				
No. 2258	Maurice Baillieu, Shardale	op	203 Orong Rd 16B	£900 (?)
<u>1928-29 (Toorak Ward)</u>				
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<u>1923-24 (Toorak Ward)</u>				
1234	Mrs Kekoy	op	V _L Orong Rd. lot 23 92' x 20'	£34
1241	William Watt Mth	"	"Kerawalla" Orong Rd B 10	£300
<u>1924-25 (Toorak Ward)</u>				
X No. 1298	Mrs Luby	no	254 Orong Rd. 10 W.	£400.
<u>1926-27 (Toorak Ward)</u>				
No 2079	.	Janet Appel	157 Orong Rd SY? 12B	£166

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<u>1926-27 (Toorak Ward)</u>				
1341	Kenneth Niell (Traveller)	of	240 Orroy Rd 14 B	£500
No. 1342	Ethel M. Larking.	of	234 Orroy Rd. 10 W (?)	£400 *
<u>1951-52 (Toorak Ward)</u>				
No. 2338	Ethel M. Larking (Died 5/3/52)			
*	Shirley Isabell Blackwell	of (Equity)	234 Orroy Rd. 10 (B?)	£500
234 2342	" "	of	V.L. Orroy Rd. 226 Orroy Rd. 14B	£625
<u>1925-26 (Toorak Ward)</u>				
* No. 1309	E.M. Larking	of	234 Orroy. 10 W	£400
1951-52	(Toorak Ward)			
	(as above)			