



# HUNTER'S HILL COUNCIL

## SIGNIFICANT TREE REGISTER

### TREE PROFILE SHEET

#### 1. LOCATION OF PROPERTY

Number: 17  
Street: Barons Crescent  
Suburb: Hunters Hill  
Post Code: 2110  
GPS: Co ordinates : Longitude 151.140862°E Latitude 33.820247°S



#### 2. DETAILS

Listed Significant Trees:

Botanical Name	Common Name
<i>Eucalyptus pilularis</i>	Blackbutt

Public or Private Type: Private  
Group or Individual: Individual  
Date of Assessment/Inspection: November 23

#### 3. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Located in a highly visible location and possessing excellent form, the specimen *Eucalyptus pilularis* (Blackbutt) is considered to have high visual significance (*aesthetic value*).

The *Eucalyptus pilularis* (Blackbutt) has representative and rarity value as a remaining vestige of the once extensive Coastal Sandstone Foreshore Forest community in Hunters Hill (*botanic/scientific and ecological value*).

The *Eucalyptus pilularis* (Blackbutt) is considered to have significance at a local level in terms of aesthetic, botanic, scientific and ecological value.

#### 4. IMAGES





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### 5. SIGNIFICANT ATTRIBUTES

Cultural/Social/Commemorative  Historic  Botanical/Scientific  Ecological  Visual/Aesthetic

### 6. SIGNIFICANT LEVELS

Local  State  National

### 7. BACKGROUND

The dominant vegetation community of the Barons Crescent area would have been Coastal Sandstone Foreshore Forest. Coastal Sandstone Foreshore Forest occurs on sheltered sandstone slopes along the foreshores of Sydney's major waterways and coastal escarpments. It is an open forest with a moist shrub layer and a ground cover of ferns, rushes and grasses. The canopy can be dominated by pure stands of *Angophora costata* (Sydney Red Gum), though more regularly this is found in combination with other tree species. Localised patches of *Eucalyptus piperita* (Sydney Peppermint) and *Eucalyptus pilularis* (Blackbutt) prefer more protected locations and in the case of the latter some minor shale enrichment in the soil.

*Eucalyptus pilularis* (Blackbutt) is a common and dominant tree of the Myrtaceae family native to southeastern Australia. It is identified by the stocking of rough bark to about halfway up the trunk, above this is smooth cream bark.

The subject site is located on the south-side of Barons Crescent, Hunters Hill. The Blackbutt is located within the rear garden area of the site.

The 1920s post-war housing boom had its greatest effect on the western end of the Hunters Hill Municipality, including Barons Crescent. By 1930 about half the lots in the area had small cottages built on them. The subject lot was built upon c.1950. The original dwelling remains with modifications and extensions.

Aerial images from 1943 of the subject site shows the site and surrounding area on the south side of Barons Crescent had not been developed. By 1955, widespread land clearing had occurred, and the subject lot supported a small dwelling. Analysis of the 1955 aerial shows trees close to the rear boundary had been retained. The Blackbutt is considered likely to be a remnant or regrowth specimen rather than a cultural planting. With a construction date of c.1950 for the dwelling, it is possible the Blackbutt was intentionally retained as part of the development.

The specimen tree is considered to be a surviving remnant, or regrowth specimen, from the once extensive Coastal Sandstone Foreshore Forest community. The Blackbutt has representative and rarity values as a remaining vestige of the ecological community in Hunters Hill.

The Blackbutt is located in a prominent, elevated location and makes a valuable contribution to the Barons Crescent streetscape. The specimen Blackbutt is regarded as an excellent example of the taxon and is highly visible with the streetscape.



Aerial image 1943  
Image Source: Historical Imagery



Aerial image 1955  
Image Source: Historical Imagery