



HUNTER'S HILL COUNCIL

SIGNIFICANT TREE REGISTER

TREE PROFILE SHEET

1. LOCATION OF PROPERTY

Number:

Street: Buffalo Creek Reserve, Pittwater Road

Suburb: Hunters Hill

Post Code: 2110

GPS: Co ordinates : Longitude 151.137550°E Latitude 33.817116°S



2. DETAILS

Listed Significant Trees:

Botanical Name	Common Name
<i>Eucalyptus microcorys</i>	Tallowwood

Public or Private Type: Public

Group or Individual: Individual

Date of Assessment/Inspection: November 23

3. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The *Eucalyptus microcorys* (Tallowwood) makes an important contribution to the aesthetic character of Pittwater Road and local environs. Measuring approximately 28 metres tall, the specimen is considered outstanding in terms of height (*aesthetic value*).

The Tallowwood is thought to have been planted during late 19th century and is one of the oldest specimens in the Hunters Hill area. Although unconfirmed, it is possible the tree may be associated with Mayor Jeanneret's tree planting initiative from 1870 (*historic value*).

The *Eucalyptus microcorys* (Tallowwood) is considered to have significance at a local level in terms of aesthetic and historic 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

Eucalyptus microcorys (Tallowwood) is a native Eucalypt species common in dry rainforest and moist/dry Eucalypt forest. The species is found along the coastal areas from Queensland down to Newcastle in New South Wales. Tallowwood produces a denser canopy than most Eucalypts and can attain a height of 30m in cultivation. It is not endemic to the Hunters Hill area.

The *Eucalyptus microcorys* (Tallowwood) is located to the north of 175 Pittwater Road and on the edge of Buffalo Creek Reserve.

Limited written documentation regarding the historical development of the area could not be sourced. Aerial images from the 1940s and 1950s provides evidence that, at that time, the area was largely undeveloped. Some building in the area known as Boronia, bordered by Ryde Road, Pittwater Road and High Street, began in the 1890s but it was not until the early part of the 20th century that subdivision began to impact the bushland.

With a substantial height of 28 metres, the Tallowwood is thought to be one of the tallest specimens in the Hunters Hill area (see also listing for Prince Edward Parade, Woolwich and Abigail Street, Hunters Hill). The tree's size is commensurate with a planting date from the late 19th century/ early 20th century.

Mayor Jeanneret introduced a tree policy in Hunters Hill as early as 1870. As part of a wider policy, Jeanneret proposed that the Council purchase one hundred trees and give them to residents on the proviso that they look after them and plant them near street frontages.¹ The Tallowwood is located adjacent to Pittwater Road, which was the primary access route to northern Sydney. Whilst it is unconfirmed, the size combined with the location of the Tallowwood, suggest the specimen tree may have been part of Council's earliest tree planting initiative.



Aerial image 1943

Image Source: NSW Government Historical Imagery

REFERENCES:

¹ Beverley Sherry, (1989), *Hunters Hill Australia's Oldest Garden Suburb*, David Ell Press, Sydney, pg 63