



HUNTER'S HILL COUNCIL

SIGNIFICANT TREE REGISTER

TREE PROFILE SHEET

1. LOCATION OF PROPERTY

Number: 93
Street: Pittwater Road
Suburb: Hunters Hill
Post Code: 2110
GPS: Co ordinates : Longitude 151.133892°E Latitude 33.822864°S



2. DETAILS

Listed Significant Trees:

Botanical Name	Common Name
<i>Ficus macrocarpa var. hillii</i>	Hills Weeping Fig

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

3. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

With a broad spreading canopy, the *Ficus microcarpa var. hillii* (Hills Weeping Fig) makes a dramatic visual statement and significantly enhances the quality of the Pittwater Road streetscape (*aesthetic value*).

With a planting date from the late post-World War period (1950s to 1960s), the *Ficus microcarpa var. hillii* (Hill Weeping Fig) is indicative of the popularity of the species for public and civic planting scheme during this period (*historic value*).

The *Ficus microcarpa var. hillii* (Hills Weeping Fig) is considered to have individual local significance 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

Ficus microcarpa var. *hillii* (Hills Weeping Fig) were a popular species during the 1940s and 1950s and were used extensively in public and civic landscapes.

It is recorded that Hills Weeping Figs on Farnell Street, were planted in the 1950s.¹ The Hill Weeping Figs in Farnell Street have since been removed and replaced with *Lophostemon confertus* (Brush Box) and *Phontinia robusta* (Phontinia).

The subject Hills Weeping Fig and Hills Weeping Figs further north along Pittwater Road and Earl Street are believed to date from the same planting period; the late post-World War period (1950s to 1960s). A review of an aerial image from 1965 shows the subject Hills Weeping Fig as a small tree.

The subject *Ficus microcarpa* var. *hillii* (Hills Weeping Fig) is a substantial individual specimen with a large spreading canopy. The specimen has attained substantial proportions in a relatively short period, typical of this species. With a broad spreading canopy, the specimen makes a dramatic visual statement and significantly enhances the quality of the Pittwater Road streetscape.



Aerial image 1965
Image Source: Historical Imagery

References:

¹ Meredith Walker (1984) Hunters Hill Heritage Study: Heritage & Character Report, Hunters Hill Council