



# HUNTER'S HILL COUNCIL

## SIGNIFICANT TREE REGISTER

### TREE PROFILE SHEET

#### 1. LOCATION OF PROPERTY

House No:

Street: Earl Street

Suburb: Hunters Hill

Post Code: 2110

GPS Co ordinates : Longitude 33.822975°S Latitude 33.822975°S



#### 2. DETAILS

Listed Significant Trees:

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

Public or Private Type: Public

Group or Individual: Group

Date of Assessment/Inspection: November 23

#### 3. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

With broad spreading canopies and sculptural form, the *Ficus microcarpa* var. *hillii* (Hills Weeping Fig) along Earl Street make a dramatic visual statement and significantly enhance the quality of the Earl Street 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) are 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) are considered to have collective local significance in terms of aesthetic and historic value.

#### 4. IMAGES





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### 5. SIGNIFICANCE ATTRIBUTES

Cultural/Social/Commemorative

Historic

Botanical/Scientific

Ecological

Visual/Aesthetic

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### 6. SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL

Local

State

National

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### 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.<sup>1</sup> The Hill Weeping Figs in Farnell Street have since been removed and replaced with *Lophostemon confertus* (Brush Box) and *Phontinia robusta* (Phontinia). The Hills Weeping Figs along Earl Street and Hills Weeping Figs along Pittwater Road 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 suggests that additional Hills Weeping Figs may have originally been planted along Earl Street and have since been removed.

The *Ficus microcarpa* var. *hillii* (Hills Weeping Fig) along Earl Street are substantial individual specimens with large spreading canopies. The specimens have attained substantial proportions in a relatively short period, typical of this species. With a broad spreading canopy, the specimens make a dramatic visual statement and significantly enhance the quality of the Earl Street streetscape.

#### References:

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