



# HUNTER'S HILL COUNCIL

## SIGNIFICANT TREE REGISTER

### TREE PROFILE SHEET

#### 1. LOCATION OF PROPERTY

House No:

Street: Mary Street

Suburb: Hunters Hill

Post Code: 2110

GPS Co ordinates : Longitude 151.137463°E Latitude 33.832100°S



#### 2. DETAILS

Listed Significant Trees:

Botanical Name	Common Name
<i>Lophostemon confertus</i>	Brush Box

Public or Private Type: Public

Group or Individual: Group

Date of Assessment/Inspection: November 23

#### 3. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The *Lophostemon confertus* (Brush Box) that dominate the mixed avenue along Mary Street collectively contribute to the landscape quality of the area (*aesthetic value*).

The *Lophostemon confertus* (Brush Box) are indicative of the popularity of the species for public and civic planting scheme during the Inter-war and Post-War periods (*historic value*).

The *Lophostemon confertus* (Brush Box) are considered to have group significant at a local level 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

## 6. SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL

Local     State     National

## 7. BACKGROUND

*Lophostemon confertus* (Brush Box) is a rainforest margin species that is highly adaptable under harsh urban conditions and will tolerate drought as well as regular pruning/alignment for overhead powerlines and other services. The Brush Box may achieve large proportions under optimum conditions but tends to be much smaller in a suburban setting.

During the Federation period, Brush Box became the preferred street tree of the new garden suburbs of Sydney. The popularity of Brush Box as a street tree continued throughout the Inter-war period (c.1919-1939) and much of the Post-War II. Brush Box have also frequently been used in commemorative plantings, particularly in association with war memorials.

It is documented that electric street lighting was introduced to Hunters Hill in 1920 and that the Norfolk Island Pines, which had formerly lined Woolwich Road, were cut down to make way for the wires and poles. The Norfolk Island Pines were replaced with Brush Box. Aerial imagery from the 1940s indicates that the Brush Box along Mary Street were planted at a similar time to the Brush Box along Woolwich Road.

Aerial photos from 1943 show the Brush Box along Mary Street as small trees. Between Ryde Road and Gladesville Road, the trees are planted on both sides of the road, but do not appear uniformly spaced. The section between Gladesville Road and Richmond Crescent shows the Brush Box only on the east side of Mary Street. Similar sized Brush Box are also noted along Gladesville Road, Martin Road and Ryde Road. The Brush Box street tree plantings throughout Mary Street, Gladesville Road, Martin Road, Ryde Road and Alexandra Street are considered likely to date from the same public planting phase that occurred throughout the Inter-war and Post-war periods.

The Brush Box extend sporadically along Mary Street, from Ryde Road in the north to Richmond Crescent in the south. The Brush Box along Mary Street have been interplanted over time with a variety of species. Whilst Brush Box remain as the dominant species, additional species have been incorporated over the years including *Ficus macrocarpa* var. *hillii* (Hills Weeping Fig) and *Cinnamomum camphora* (Camphor Laurel).



Aerial image 1943  
Image Source: NSW Government Historical Imagery