



HUNTER'S HILL COUNCIL

SIGNIFICANT TREE REGISTER

TREE PROFILE SHEET

1. LOCATION OF PROPERTY

Number:

Street: Mornington Reserve

Suburb: Hunters Hill

Post Code: 2110

GPS: Co ordinates : Longitude 151.163939°E Latitude 33.837688°S



2. DETAILS

Listed Significant Trees:

Botanical Name	Common Name
<i>Angophora costata</i>	Sydney Red Gum

Public or Private Type: Public

Group or Individual: Individual

Date of Assessment/Inspection: November 23

3. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The *Angophora costata* (Sydney Red Gum) located along the Lane Cove River foreshore forms part of a locally significant vegetation corridor. These remnant bushland pockets form important wildlife habitat links through the area, from the peninsula along the rivers and on to the Lane Cove National Park. The *Angophora costata* (Sydney Red Gum) is believed to be a remnant/regrowth of the original community rather than cultivated specimen (*ecological, botanical and scientific value*).

The *Angophora costata* (Sydney Red Gum) is a vital component of the visual quality of the Lane Cove River foreshore (*aesthetic value*).

The *Angophora costata* (Sydney Red Gum) makes an important contribution to the unique sense of place within Mornington Reserve and is associated with the increase in awareness surrounding bush regeneration from the 1970's onwards (*historic value*).

The *Angophora costata* (Sydney Red Gum) is considered to have significance at a local level in terms of ecological, botanical and scientific, 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

The dominant vegetation community of this 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. Sydney Red Gum seedlings naturally regenerate from seed-fall. The species also has a lignotuber which can aid in regeneration.

The *Angophora costata* (Sydney Red Gum) is located within Mornington Reserve, below 10 Vernon Street. The Mornington Reserve is named after 'Mornington' located to the rear of the Reserve at 16 Vernon Street. Mornington was built in 1906, with the original owners being Arthur and Ada Muddle. Steps leading down through Mornington Reserve to the now-demolished Mornington Wharf were part of a right-of-way granted in 1911 to the Balmain New Ferry Company.

The Sydney Red Gum is considered an outstanding individual specimen and is considered visually significant in the local context. The Sydney Red Gum is considered likely to be a surviving remnant, or regrowth specimen, from the once extensive Coastal Sandstone Foreshore Forest community. The Sydney Red Gum has representative and rarity values as a remaining vestige of the ecological community in Hunters Hill.

Mornington Reserve also includes a number of *Ficus* sp. extending along the area's sandstone slopes. The Figs are considered to be regrowth specimens. Due to the condition of the Figs, they are considered to have contributory value and are not individually significant.



Aerial image 1943

Image Source: NSW Government Historical Imagery