



HUNTER'S HILL COUNCIL

SIGNIFICANT TREE REGISTER

TREE PROFILE SHEET

1. LOCATION OF PROPERTY

House No:

Street: St Mark's Anglican Church, Figtree Road

Suburb: Hunters Hill

Post Code: 2110

GPS Co ordinates : Longitude 151.142499°E Latitude 33.831483°S



2. DETAILS

Listed Significant Trees:

Botanical Name	Common Name
<i>Corymbia maculata</i>	Spotted Gum

Public or Private Type: Private

Group or Individual: Group

Date of Assessment/Inspection: November 23

3. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The *Corymbia maculata* (Spotted Gum) collectively make an important visual contribution to the urban landscape (*aesthetic value*).

The *Corymbia maculata* (Spotted Gum) are associated with a specific period of landscape design and are indicative of the Australian native trend that started during the 1950's. In addition, the Spotted Gum are associated with the relocation of St Marks Anglican Church in 1962 (*historic value*).

The grove of Spotted Gums 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

6. SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL

Local

State

National

7. BACKGROUND

Corymbia maculata (Spotted Gum) is a tall species that can attain a height of 45–60m but is typically much smaller in cultivation. It has smooth mottled pinkish grey or bluish grey, often dimpled bark that is shed in small, irregular flakes. Whilst Spotted Gum is endemic to eastern Australia, the species is not endemic to the Hunters Hill area.

Australian native trees gained popularity during the 1940's to 1950's as gardeners began to embrace a new Australian garden style being promoted by local designers including Betty Maloney and Edna Walling. The new approach became part of a wider focus on environmental issues during the 1960's to 1970's. Since this time, numerous Eucalyptus and *Corymbia* species have combined with other Australian natives to create a new aesthetic layer in Hunters Hill.

The grove of *Corymbia maculata* (Spotted Gum) are located in the front western corner of St Mark's Anglican Church. In 1962, St Mark's Anglican church was moved to its current location (originally the tennis court of Kaoota, 26 Avenue Road, 26 Avenue Road, heritage item 69) to make way for the new Figtree Bridge and Expressway.

An analysis of aerial images from 1965 shows a cluster of trees within the location of the subject Spotted Gums. The larger specimens may have existed on the site for over 50 years.

The Spotted Gums are considered an unusual collection of a singular species composition. Collectively the trees make an important visual contribution to the urban landscape.



Aerial image 1965
Image Source: Historical Imagery