

NATIONAL TRUST OF AUSTRALIA (VICTORIA)

CLASSIFICATION REPORT

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- Labelled maps (sketches are fine) and photographs must be provided for the nomination to be considered for the National Trust Register. For identification high resolution jpeg files are preferred showing 1) the tree in context, 2) bark, 3) leaves and fruit if any.

FILE NUMBER: (Allocated by National Trust)

NAME :

Family: Myrtaceae

Botanical Name: Eucalyptus dunnii

Common name: Dunn's White Gum

Name of particular specimen if it has one (ie "The Big Tree"):

LOCATION:

Address & Locality: Median Strip, Edna Walling Lane, south end

If necessary, describe accurate distance and direction along a recognised road or from a recognised place.

Municipality (Shire/Council): Yarra Ranges Shire Council

Melway / Vicroads Reference: 52 A2

Longitude: 145°19'51.08"E

Latitude: 37°47'30.05"S

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

What is significant?

Growing in the Edna Walling Lane median strip is a striking white trunked Dunn's White Gum. This tree is the only known example of this species in Victoria. The tree is growing within (or beside an area that Walling had developed as a nursery. Walling in her later career developed an interest in Australian flora.

How is it significant?

The *Dunn's White Gum* is significant for aesthetic and rarity reasons at a State level.

CATEGORIES: (*Circle or highlight one or more*)
(See Overleaf for Sub-Categories)

1. Any tree which is of horticultural or genetic value and could be an important source of propagating stock, including specimens that are particularly resistant to disease or exposure.
2. Any tree which occurs in a unique location or context and so provides a contribution to the landscape, including remnant native vegetation, important landmarks, and trees which form part of an historic garden, park or town.
- 3. Any tree of a species or variety that is rare or of very localised distribution.**
4. Any tree that is particularly old or venerable.
5. Any tree outstanding for its large height, trunk circumference or canopy spread.
- 6. Any tree of outstanding aesthetic significance.**
7. Any tree which exhibits a curious growth form or physical feature such as abnormal outgrowths, natural fusion of branches, severe lightning damage or unusually pruned forms.
8. Any tree commemorating a particular occasion (including plantings by Royalty) or having associated with an important historical event.
9. Any tree associated with Aboriginal activities.
10. Any tree that is an outstanding example of the species.

SIGNIFICANT TREES : CATEGORIES AND SUB-CATEGORIES

Note: These should be clearly demonstrated in the Statement of Significance

Category 1 : Horticultural Value

1-Blank

Category 2 : Location or Context

1-Blank
2-Historic Garden or Park
3-Historic Cemetery
4-Important Landmark
5-Remnant Native Vegetation
6-End of Natural Range
7-Contribution to Landscape
8-Historic Town
9-Historic Planting Style

Category 3 : Rare or localised

1-Blank
2-Only Known Specimen
3-1 to 10 Known Specimens
4-10 to 50 Known Specimens
5-In the Wild
6-End of Natural Range
7-Disjunct Community

Category 4 : Particularly Old

1-Blank

Category 5 : Outstanding Size

1-Blank
2-Height
3-Circumference
4-Canopy Spread
5-Height x Circumference
6-Spread x Circumference
7-Height x Circumference x Spread

Category 6 : Aesthetic Value

1-Blank

Category 7 : Curious Growth Form

1-Blank
2-Abnormal Outgrowths
3- Fusion of Branches
4-Unusually Pruned
5-Unusually Damaged

Category 8 : Historical Value

1-Blank
2-Cultural Group
3-Public Feature
4-World War 1
5-World War 11
6-British Royalty
7-Non-British Royalty
8-Visiting Dignitary
9-Australian Public Figure
10-Victorian Public Figure

Category 9 : Aboriginal Culture

1-Scarred Tree
2-Corroboree Tree

Category 10 : Outstanding Example of Species

1-Blank

Why is it significant?

This tree is the only known example of this species in Victoria.

Dunn's White Gum has an impressive white trunk and the towering tree and high spreading canopy is a distinctive feature in the landscape.

EXTENT:

Number of trees (if more than one): 1

Access: Unrestricted

CATEGORY: Tree

HISTORY:

E. dunnii makes a striking specimen tree in parks and acreage plantings. It develops a spreading crown in open situations and provides good shade and shelter from wind.

E. dunnii has a restricted, natural occurrence in north-eastern NSW and far south-eastern QLD. It occurs mainly in two small, disjunct (separated) populations in the Moleton-Kangaroo River area of NSW to the north-west of Coffs Harbour, and in the Border Ranges of NSW and QLD. Several small isolated stands also occur just south of the Border Ranges in the Richmond Range area of NSW.

E. dunnii mainly occurs in valley bottoms and on the lower slopes of hills and escarpments, but can also be found high on ridges in basalt soils, growing around the edges of rainforest. It prefers moist, highly fertile soils, particularly those of basaltic origin, but will grow on soils derived from sedimentary rocks, especially the more freely drained shales.

Bickleigh Vale is a landscaped village of approximately 10ha created in the 1920s by leading Australian landscape gardener and designer Edna Walling (1895-1973). Bickleigh Vale was developed around Walling's own residence, 'Sonning' built in 1921 and her studio 'The Cabin'. Walling lived in the village for most of her working life, moving from 'Sonning' to 'The Barn' in 1951, before moving to Queensland in 1967. Bickleigh Vale was named after the village in Devon, England where Walling was raised.

The village was developed from the 1920s in a consistent style by Walling and a group of likeminded purchasers until the 1950s, whilst subsequent subdivision has created more than 30 properties. The design of all allotments in the first few decades was closely controlled by Walling, and part of the 'Sonning' garden was used by Walling as a nursery from which plants were supplied to purchasers.

DESCRIPTION:

A large single trunk tree growing in the medium strip in Edna Walling Lane between the driveway entrances to Devon Cottage and The Barn, Bickleigh Vale.

MEASUREMENTS

All measurements must be in metres. For information on measuring trees, refer to the National Trust website at www.natrust.com.au or telephone 9656 9800. If more than 1 tree, measure largest and describe exact location:

Circumference (of trunk at 1.4 metres above ground level): 3.51m

Spread N-S: 23m

Spread E-W: 26m

Height: 35m

Date Measured: 28/3/2014

Measured With: Instrument Clinometer

Measured By: John Hawker

Estimated Age: 80yrs
(Or date planted if known:)

Is the specimen: Cultivated ?

Planted by whom: (if known)

Identified by / Reference: Kevin Rule, Botanist

CONTEXT

Growing in the median strip in Edna Walling Lane amongst exotic trees and shrubs

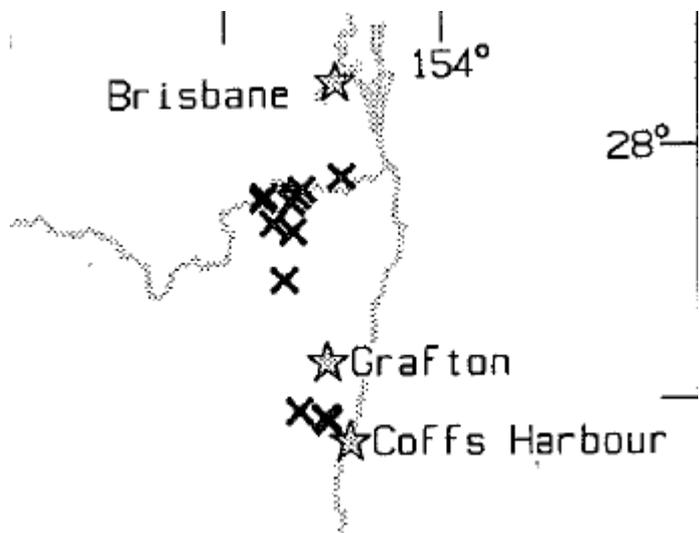
CONDITION:

Good

COMPARISON:

This tree is the only Dunn's White Gum (*Eucalyptus dunnii*) known in Victoria

APPENDICES:



OFFICE USE ONLY:

FILE NO.:
D.BASE NO.:
CLASSIFIED: (DATE)
STC:
CSC:
COUNCIL:
NEW CLASS. SHEET
COMPLETED: Y / N

**OWNERSHIP / CONTROLLING AUTHORITY
(CONFIDENTIAL)**

(name, address, phone number, also lessee/occupier/manager if relevant).

Shire of Yarra Ranges

LOCATION OF PLACE

Bickleigh Vale, Edna Walling Lane, Mooroolbark

MANAGEMENT ISSUES/THREATS

Future road works, high winds

DATE OF SUBMISSION

PHOTOGRAPHS (Include dates if known.) 82/3/2104

NAMES & ADDRESSES OF SENDER/RESEARCHERS/COMPILERS/CONTRIBUTORS

DATE AND EXTENT OF LAST INSPECTION

NAMES OF PEOPLE MAKING INSPECTIONS

EXISTING DESIGNATIONS

VHR No.H2053
Register of the National Estate
Local Overlay Control: (ask Planning Section of council)
Local Conservation Study Level

LEVEL/GRADING

ie. International, National, State, Regional. or Local