

Statement of Significance: Carnegie Railway Station Reserve (2018)

Address: 1-41 Woorayl Street and 11 Morton Avenue, Carnegie	Name: -
Place Type: Railway Reserve	Grading: Significant
PS ref no: HO123	Constructed: -



The Canary Island Date Palm



The central group of River Red Gums



Rosie', the larger specimen to the east



River Red Gums to the south

What is significant?

The significant trees in the Carnegie Railway Station Reserve include the following:

- A 19 metre high, River Red Gum ('Rosie') near the intersection of Woorayl, Chestnut and Blackwood streets,
- A group of approximately seven River Red Gums (*Eucalyptus camaldulensis*) opposite 24-32 Woorayl Street,
- A smaller group of River Red Gums adjacent to 9 Morton Avenue,
- A Canary Island Date Palm (*Phoenix canariensis*) at the south-east corner of Koornang Road and Woorayl Street.

Map 1: Extent of Heritage Overlay



Recommended extent of Heritage Overlay (solid red lines). The existing extent of HO123 (dashed yellow line)
(Source: [Nearmap](#) 19 October 2018)

How is it significant?

The Carnegie Railway Station Reserve is of local historical and aesthetic significance to the City of Glen Eira.

Why is it significant?

The Carnegie Railway Station Reserve is historically significant as a signifier of the earlier station now lost. For over a century, the Reserve has been an entry and departure point and was associated with the development of Carnegie since the opening of the railway in 1879 and particularly since the electrification of the line in 1922. The reserve is also historically significant for retaining some remnant indigenous vegetation, of which one key specimen dates to well before colonisation (pre-contact) and at least one specimen, from the early 20th century garden phase. (Criterion A)

The Carnegie Railway Station Reserve is aesthetically significant as a surviving suburban railway garden reserve, which notably includes a large remnant River Red Gum, 'Rosie', a number of likely remnant River Red Gums that date to the late 19th century or earlier, and a Canary Island Date Palm which dates from circa 1920s, and is indicative of the type of planting that was employed in railway reserves during the early 20th century (Criterion E).

Primary source

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