

Glen Eira Classified Tree Register

TREE REPORT

Tree number: 28/CTR/2020

Date of Assessment: 31/12/2020

Assessing Officer: Christian Renaud

Tree Owner: Private Tree

Address: 1 May St, Elsternwick

Location: Private Open Space

Record type: Single Specimen Tree

Number of trees: 01

Botanical name: *Cupressus sempervirens* var *Stricta*

Common name: Roman Cypress

Structural Root Zone (SRZ): 2.13m

Approximate age: 80+ years

Diameter at breast height: 32cm

Tree Protection Zone (TPZ): 3.84m

Tree height: 16m

Tree canopy width: 2m

Easting: 324305

Northing: 5805229

Glen Eira Asset ID: N/A



Photo 1: Roman Cypress in private open space

Statement of significance:

This tree fulfils the criteria of:

- Particularly Old Specimen
- Historical Significance

This tree has historical significance as the evidence indicates it is a remnant planting from the original Edna Walling landscape design and watercolour painting for the Carramar Estate.

The design dates from 1926, with the tree likely planted shortly thereafter, making the tree and old example of the species within Glen Eira. Very little of the original landscape design remains.

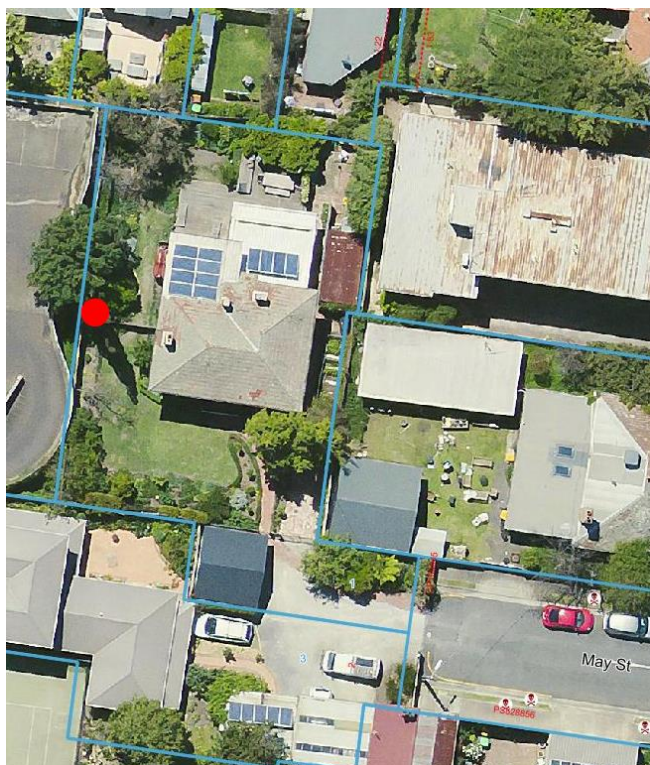
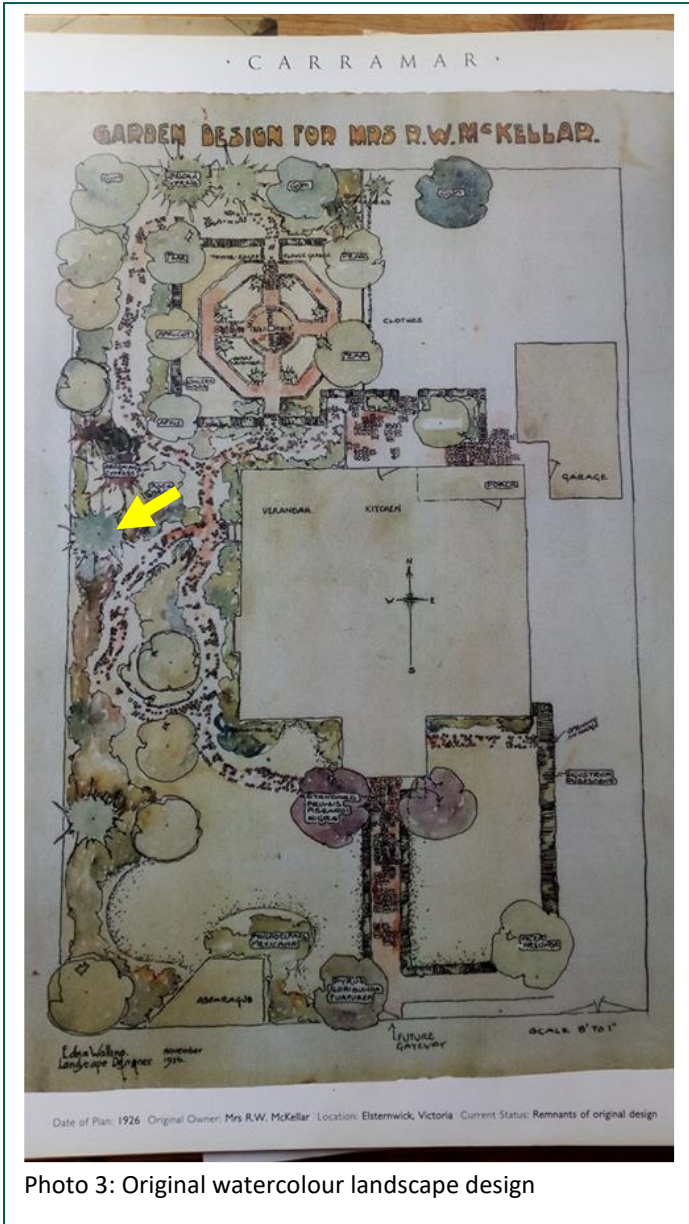


Photo 2: Red dot indicates location of Roman Cypress

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A sense of continuity and history is maintained at Carramar, where Mrs McKellar's granddaughter now lives. Mrs McKellar, Walling's original client, had grown up in Glenmore, the large estate next door. Her parents split this property when Mrs McKellar married, and Carramar was built for their daughter on the site of Glenmore's orchard. Edna Walling's 1926 plan for Carramar was never fully implemented, but the precious watercolour has been passed down, with the house and garden, for several generations of the McKellar family. The plan is still treasured and the dream remains that perhaps, one day, the garden could be as Edna Walling originally planned.