

Glen Eira Classified Tree Register

TREE REPORT

Tree number: 220/CTR/2021

Date of Assessment: 19/09/2021

Assessing Officer: Christian Renaud

Tree Owner: Council Tree

Address: Elster Creek Trail, Whitmuir Rd, Bentleigh

Location: Public Open Space

Record type: Single Specimen Tree

Number of trees: 01

Botanical name: *Eucalyptus camaldulensis*

Common name: River Red Gum

Structural Root Zone (SRZ): 3.7m

Approximate age: 150+ years

Diameter at breast height: 70.6cm

Tree Protection Zone (TPZ): 8.5m

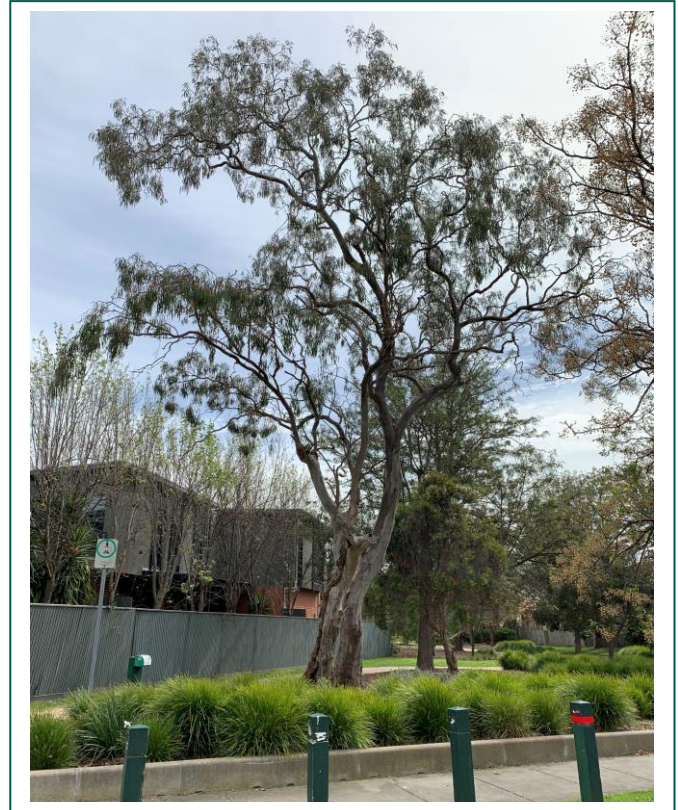
Tree height: 10m

Tree canopy width: 10m

Easting: 326742.3

Northing: 5802056.0

Glen Eira Asset ID: TP109797



Statement of significance:

This tree fulfils the criteria of:

- Horticultural or genetic value
- Unique location or context
- Particularly old specimen
- Curious growth habit
- Outstanding habitat and biodiversity value

Despite its diminished health, this tree is significant due to it being a potentially valuable source of propagating stock as an indigenous specimen that is either self-seeded or remnant from along the original Elster Creek watercourse which now forms part of the walking trail through Glen Eira and Bayside.

The health impacts have resulted in reduced growth and although smaller than other mature Red Gums, it is possible this tree is a remnant specimen. It is estimated at 150+ years old and is visible in aerial photographs from 1945. Additionally, the tree has a curious structure and growth habit with parallel trunk growing at a significant lean angle but is completely stable.

There are hollows in the tree that were observed to be a nesting site for rainbow lorikeets and the splits in the old, decayed heartwood are ideal shelter for indigenous microbats.



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The tree has parallel twin trunks



The tree has a significant leaning growth habit



The tree is identifiable from aerial photographs from 1945