

Glen Eira Classified Tree Register

TREE REPORT

Tree number: 346/CTR/2022

Date of Assessment: 04/02/2022

Assessing Officer: Christian Renaud

Tree Owner: Council Tree

Address: Hopetoun Gardens,
Glen Huntly Rd, Elsternwick

Location: Public Park

Record type: Single Specimen Tree

Number of trees: 01

Botanical name: *Combretum cafrum*

Common name: South African Bushwillow

Structural Root Zone (SRZ): 3.6m

Approximate age: 85+ years

Diameter at breast height: 111cm

Tree Protection Zone (TPZ): 13.3m

Tree height: 16m

Tree canopy width: 22m

Easting: 325061.8

Northing: 5804896.3

Glen Eira Asset ID: TP107735



Statement of significance:

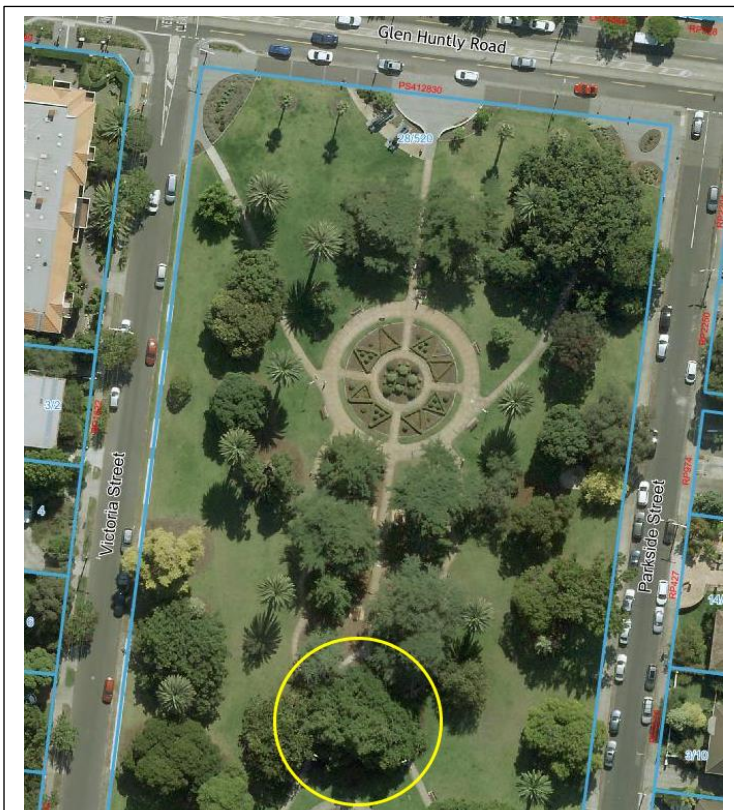
This tree fulfils the criteria of:

- Horticultural or genetic value
- Unique location or context
- Particularly old specimen
- Outstanding size (girth height spread)
- Aesthetic value
- Curious growth habit
- An outstanding example of the species

This tree is a very significant specimen of exceptional horticultural value. It is a large, mature and healthy example of the species which could represent an important source of propagating stock that is uniquely located in a prominent position within the historic Hopetoun Gardens.

It is a particularly old tree for an exotic species within Glen Eira, estimated over 85 years, with a significant canopy spread that has branches arching over public walking paths running through the gardens.

The tree provides significant aesthetic value and amenity to the park and is striking in the landscape. Although a natural feature of the tree, the branches reaching down to the ground are a curious and unusual growth habit for a Council tree within a popular public space. This tree is an outstanding example of the species at the regional level that has already been recognised by Heritage Victoria.



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Solid trunk with canopy shading



Aerial photograph from 1945



Significant canopy spread arching over walking paths in the Garden