

HERITAGE LISTED TREES**DISTRICT CENTRE LOCAL HERITAGE REGISTER****PALM TREE****Item No. 28****LOCATION**

Address	Coral Street Victor Harbor
Owners	City of Victor Harbor
Allotment No	Pt Lot 798
Section	-
CT	5434/741
Hundred	Encounter Bay

State Heritage Status	None
Other Assessments	SHR F/N 11730

Film/Neg No 3227/14

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DESCRIPTION A single Canary Island Palm (*Phoenix canariensis*) approximately seventy to eighty years old planted adjacent the railway level crossing gates in Coral Street.

HISTORY

Palm trees have a tradition of association with railways in South Australia. This may be attributed to a personal preference for exotic trees held by the Railway Chief Commissioner, William Alfred Webb who held this position between 1922-1927. Historic photographs indicate this tree was planted after the relaying of the rail lines and the construction of the railway station in 1925.

STATEMENT OF HERITAGE VALUE

An unusual example of the use of exotic species in public gardens/reserves, and the use of a palm tree, in particular in association with Railway Complexes.

RELEVANT CRITERIA

(a) it displays historical, and social themes that are of importance to the local area.

MORETON BAY FIG TREES (4)**Item No. 29****LOCATION**

Address	Railway Terrace Victor Harbor
Owners	Road Reserve
Allotment No	-
Section	-
CT	-
Hundred	Encounter Bay

State Heritage Status	None
Other Assessments	SHR F/N 11730

Film/Neg No 3227/22 & 23

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DESCRIPTION

A group of four (4) Moreton Bay Fig Trees (*Ficus Macrophylla*) from Queensland, planted on the former Railway Station reserve.

HISTORY

The Railway Station was constructed in 1925 when the rail lines were relaid, and historic photographs indicate that these trees were planted simultaneously. They are the only Moreton Bay fig trees in the township.

STATEMENT OF HERITAGE VALUE

An unusual example of the use of exotic species in public gardens/reserves, and the use of Moreton Bay Fig trees in particular in association with a Railway Station.

RELEVANT CRITERIA

- (a) they display historical, and social themes that are of importance to the local area, and
- (f) they are a notable landmark in the area.

References

Mortlock Library, the Victor Harbor Collection.

PHOTOGRAPHS



HERITAGE LISTED TREES

STATE HERITAGE REGISTER

SOLDIERS MEMORIAL GARDENS

NORFOLK ISLAND PINES

Extract from Soldiers Memorial Gardens Conservation Management Plan, 2010.

Places of State heritage value are measured against the criteria for registration included in the Part 4, Section 16 of the Heritage Places Act:

Criterion b: it has rare, uncommon or endangered qualities

The planting of Norfolk Island pines as memorial trees in South Australia was begun in Victor Harbor in 1917. These trees, now almost 100 years old, are the earliest, and a rare surviving, South Australian example of a World War 1 arboreal memorial.

Criterion f: it has strong cultural or spiritual associations for the community or a group within it

The Gardens were laid out around the Norfolk Island pine trees planted as memorials to commemorate local sacrifice in World War 1 and have been the community's principal point of focus for war service commemorations for WW1, WW2 and all subsequent conflicts.

Criterion g: it has a special association with the life or work of a person or organization or an event of historical importance

The Gardens have a special association with the work of the first South Australian Town Planner, Charles Reade, whose design for the Gardens and the whole of the Victor Harbor foreshore was in keeping with his philosophy of a coordinated and anticipatory development, evident in his work throughout the State. While there is limited physical evidence remaining of Reade's design, the general layout of the Gardens and the avenues of Norfolk Island pine trees in the Gardens and throughout the foreshore areas demonstrate the extent and intent of his involvement.

