

LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVENTORY

PLACE REFERENCE NO.: AC07

NAME LEMON SCENTED GUMS

OTHER NAME *Corymbia citriodora*

PIN NO. (Landgate) 1170597, 1185930

LAND DESCRIPTION: Lot 39 on diagram 017693 and Lot 9 on Diagram 6262. Certificates of Title; Volume 1185 Folio 584 and Volume 1285 Folio 845

LOCATION: 596 Canning Highway, Alfred Cove

CONSTRUCTION DATE: N/A

PLACE TYPE: Tree

USE: Original Use Park/Reserve
Current Use Park/Reserve

**HERITAGE LISTINGS:** -----**ARCHITECT:** N/A**BUILDER:** N/A**ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:** N/A**CONDITION:** Good**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:**

Lineal planting of Lemon Scented Gums along the driveway through Tompkins Park. Together with the Liquidamber trees on the opposite side of the driveway, they are a landmark feature along this stretch of Canning Highway, creating an element of interest in a vast open green space on the southern banks of the river.

HISTORICAL NOTES:

This planting of trees on both sides of the road adjoining the Tompkins on Swan complex and the Melville Bowling Club are first evident in an aerial photograph of the site taken in 1965. They are not seen in a photograph in 1953 therefore they were planted in the period between 1953 and 1965. This is consistent with the development of the sporting grounds at Tompkins Park and the bowling club.

Street trees in urban areas had been planted from early on in the colony's development with a preference for exotic trees in the 19th century. Over time, there was a general shift towards the propagation and planting of more native species. After WWI, the demand for Australian and native species increased, and the State Nursery at Hamel provided these and other species for rural and ornamental uses, with continued distribution to government bodies, including the Railways, Municipalities and Roads Boards, and the Zoological Gardens. This trend continued after WWII, and by the 1950-60s, eucalypts constituted the majority of trees distributed by the Hamel Nursery.

The choice of Lemon Scented Gums on the southern side of the access road and Liquidamber (*Liquidamber styraciflua*) on the northern side is therefore consistent with the practice of planting non-native trees in metropolitan Perth in this period. The Lemon scented gums although an Australian native tree, are not indigenous to Western Australia. The Liquidamber is native to Central America, Mexico and eastern USA.

Aerial photographs indicate that all the remaining trees are original from this period. In the past, a linear planting of four trees did exist from the access road across the playing fields to Canning Highway. These were removed in the period between 2001 and 2008.

HISTORIC THEME/S:

- Australian Historic Themes: 4.1.2 Making Suburbs
8.1.3 Developing Parks and gardens
- HCWA Themes: 405 Sport, recreation and entertainment

CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS: N/A

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The trees have aesthetic value as landmark features in a large green open space on the banks of the river and as good mature examples of the species.

The trees have historic value for their association with the development of Alfred Cove in the 1950s and 1960s and the commitment to the provision of public sporting facilities by the Local Government Authority .

SIGNIFICANT ITEMS: N/A

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Little

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: Category 4

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL CODE: Local

MAIN SOURCES:

- Landgate aerial photographs, 1953-2019

ASSESSMENT DATE: August 2019

ASSESSOR: Hocking Heritage + Architecture

