

1 - CLEVELAND: Street Tree

Street Address	Middle Street, Cleveland
GPS/RPD	Road reserve south of L10 RP234061
Place Type	Landscape



RCC, 2013.



Street Tree, Cleveland (RPS, 2012).

Condition	Good	Integrity	Good
Statutory Listings	Local Heritage Place		
Non-Statutory Listings	No current listing		
Inspection Date	24/04/2017		

Historical Context

The Moreton Bay fig tree is a well established tree located on a road reserve in front of 204 Middle Street, Cleveland. While the exact planting date is unknown, the tree's maturity suggests it is old, possibly planted around the same time as the Banyan Fig on North Street.

Redland Shire Council undertook a series of plantings throughout the shire in 1924 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the founding of European Settlement in the Brisbane region. While newspaper evidence suggests that there were Poinciana trees planted opposite the Cleveland police station for this initiative, it is known that fig trees were planted in Wellington Point.[1]

There were, however, known fig trees prior to the 1924 plantings in Cleveland. They were seen to be 'thriving' along the road between Cleveland point and West Cleveland, today's central business district. One observer noted that on "the reserve on the western side roots of several of these rise for nearly 2ft out of the ground." [2]

While the exact planting age of the tree is unknown, the tree represents an important aspect of the local area's scenic amenity, representative of older tree lined streets.

Physical Description

It is a mature Moreton Bay fig tree located on the northern nature strip at Middle Street, Cleveland (in the vicinity of Passage Street).

Statement of Significance

The mature fig tree on middle street has historic and aesthetic values for Cleveland and the Redlands.

Criteria A The place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of the region's history.

The Moreton Bay fig tree represents an early street tree planting in Cleveland.

Criteria E The place is important to the region because of its aesthetic significance.

The tree is aesthetically pleasing and makes a positive contribution to the streetscape.

Primary Themes

2.0 Exploiting, Utilising and Transforming the Land

2.09 Valuing and appreciating the environment and landscapes

References

[1] *Brisbane Courier*, 20 August, 1924, p. 11.

[2] *The Queenslander*, 20 December, 1924, p.11.