

## 2 - CLEVELAND: Banyan Tree

<b>Street Address</b>	45-47 North Street, Cleveland
<b>GPS/RPD</b>	Road reserve in front of L2 SP219556
<b>Place Type</b>	Landscape



*Red-e-map (RCC, 2016).*



*Banyan Tree, Cleveland (AHS, 2017).*

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

### Historical Context

The banyan tree on North Street, Cleveland is a mature tree situated to the west of the Grand View Hotel. While the exact planting date is unknown, the tree's maturity suggests it is old, possibly planted around the same time as the Street Tree on Middle 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. It has been suggested that this tree was planted as part of this program. Newspaper evidence suggests that there were Poinciana trees planted opposite the Cleveland police station for this, and it is known that fig trees were planted in Wellington Point.[1]

There is also newspaper evidence to suggest fig trees lined the main street to the point prior to the 1924 plantings. The same year, a commentator mentioned "Wonderful fig trees thrive along the track to West Cleveland, and in the reserve on the western side the roots of several of these rise for nearly 2ft out of the ground." [2] This suggests that this tree may have been a mature tree by the time of the 1924 plantings.

The tree was included in a Heritage Trail was commissioned by the proprietors of the Grand View Hotel in 1993.[3]

### Physical Description

The mature banyan tree is located adjacent to the Grand View Hotel on North Street, Cleveland. It is an excellent example of this species of fig, with an extensive aerial root system.

### Statement of Significance

The banyan tree is of local heritage significance and displays historical and aesthetic values. It is historically important as a relatively early planting (assumed pre-1924) with attractive and distinctive features which make a positive contribution to the streetscape.

<b>Criteria A</b>	The place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of the region's history.
	The fig tree at North Street is a mature tree which survives as evidence of a recognised early street tree planted at Cleveland.
<b>Criteria E</b>	The place is important to the region because of its aesthetic significance.
	The scale of the tree with its extensive root system creates a distinctive and attractive street feature of aesthetic value and promotes a positive amenity to North Street and to Cleveland.

### Primary Themes

2.0 Exploiting, Utilising and Transforming the Land	2.09 Valuing and appreciating the environment and landscapes
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### References

- [1] *Brisbane Courier*, 20 August, 1924, p.11; "Centenary Place," Australian e-Heritage Portal, 2014, <https://heritage-register.ehp.qld.gov.au/placeDetail.html?siteId=19564>.
- [2] *The Queenslander*, 20 December, 1924, p. 11.
- [3] RPS, Redland City Council – Heritage Citation, "Banyan Tree," 2012.