2.2 New Landscape Conservation Areas

2.2.1 Dickson Estate - (King, Ewell and Stephen Streets, Bondi)

History



The proposed LCA protects consistent streetscapes of *Ficus macrocarpa var 'Hillii'* (Fig) trees typical of those created along with the speculative subdivision of later 19th century estates in Waverley. The streetscapes of the short cross streets were established by the subdivision of the Dickson's family estate occupied by the residence of James Dickson and the associated timber yard. Dickson's Estate was subdivided for sale on December 3, 1892, with frontages to King, Stephen and Ewell streets. A further sale of unsold lots took place on November 10, 1907, in Ewell and Stephen streets.

Character



The plantings created distinctive secondary streets with avenues of street trees that now support built heritage streetscapes of Federation and Inter-War residences resulting from the subdivision of the Dickson family residence and timber mill.

Statement of Significance



Cohesive groupings of heritage fig street trees, most dating back to Great Depression unemployment relief tree planning programs of the 1930s. The Landscape Conservation Area has historic, aesthetic and social significance as a demonstration of the evolution of Waverley from isolated gentleman's residences to close-set suburban housing of the Federation and Inter-War periods. The streetscapes also have social significance as a demonstration of Depression-era work schemes. Aesthetic significance includes streetscapes of cohesive planting, type, scale form and alignment.

