Part C - Precinct Plans

10. Surry Hills South

The precinct of Surry Hills North is bound by Flinders Street to the north, Cleveland Street to the south, Flinders Street to the east and Chalmers Street to the west. The area contains a rich mix of residential and commercial properties that contribute to a dense inner city living centre.

10.1 Precinct objectives

General

- To enhance fine grain streetscapes with street trees of appropriate scale and form.
- To use ornamental species in residential streets and along activity strips.
- To reinforce the Victorian theme of mixed evergreen/ deciduous avenues for all year interest.

Special

 To maintain and reinforce the existing character of existing well established tree plantings.

10.2 Precinct conditions

Existing street trees

The Surry Hills precinct has mature and established street trees from various planting phases over the last 40 years. Cottonwood Poplars were planted in the 1950's in Devonshire Street and now form one of the largest uniform street tree group in the city, they are however very mature and will need gradual replacement. The mixed species avenue of deciduous Plane Trees and evergreen Brush Box are characteristic of Victorian Surry Hills planting. Paperbarks (Melaleuca quinquenervia) date from the 1970's.

Current dominant species

Populus deltoidesCottonwood PoplarLophostemon confertusBrush BoxMelaleuca quinquenerviaPaperbark

Built form and road widths

The Surry Hills precinct mainly comprises the narrow east-west streets that adjoin Elizabeth Street. The building stock consists of Victorian terrace houses contiguous with medium scale textile warehouses. The area has experienced recent urban renewal as warehouses are converted to mixed use developments and cafes activate the streets.

Microclimate

Generally, the area has good access to natural light and is protected from harsh winds. Some streets are impacted by wind tunneling from tall buildings located on the edge of the precinct.

Geological conditions

The main geology of the area is thin cappings of Wianamatta shale overlaying Hawkesbery sandstone, with areas of sand to the east.

Soil conditions

The area is located on the toe of the Surry Hills ridge line and has highly modified sandy soils.

10.3 Proposed Primary Tree Species Palette

Common Name	Species
Brush Box	Lophostemon confertus
Bottlebrush	Callistemon viminalis
Chinese Pistachio	Pistacia chinensis
Tulip Tree	Liriodendron tulipifera
Blueberry Ash	Elaeocarpus reticulatus
Spotted Gum	Corymbia maculata
Golden Rain Tree	Koelreutaria paniculata
Jacaranda	Jacaranda mimosifolia
Water Gum	Tristaniopsis laurina
Golden Robinia	Robinia pseudoacacia 'Frisia'
London Plane	Platanus acerifolia
Green Ash	Fraxinus pennsylvanica
Tuckeroo	Cupaniopsis anacardioides
Prickly Paperbark	Melaleuca styphelioides
Coast Banksia	Banksia integrifolia



Figure 59- Mature Cottonwood Poplars on Devonshire Street. (Photo Arterra)

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SPECIES LEGEND

Evergreen	
Bi	Banksia integrifolia (Coast Banksia)
Cv	Callistemon viminalis (Bottlebrush)
Cm	Corymbia maculata (Spotted Gum)
Ср	Cupaniopsis anacardioides (Tuckeroo)
Er	Elaeocarpus reticulatus (Blueberry Ash)
Lc	Lophostemon confertus (Brush Box)
Ms	Melaleuca styphelioides (Prickly Paperbark)
TI	Tristaniopsis laurina (Water Gum)







