

Part C - Precinct Plans

9. Surry Hills North

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

9.1 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 trees plantings.
- To develop opportunities for in-road or blister planting.

9.2 Precinct conditions

Existing street trees

The Surry Hills precinct has mature and established street trees from various planting phases over the last 40 years. 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

<i>Platanus acerifolia</i>	London Plane
<i>Lophostemon confertus</i>	Brush Box
<i>Melaleuca quinquenervia</i>	Paperbark

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. Other than the major arterial roads of Elizabeth Street, Crown Street and Foveaux Street, most of the streets are a fine grain scale with the road reserves being approximately 14 metres wide. Whilst footpaths are often less than 2 metres wide, street trees are planted with great success in this area.

Microclimate

Generally, the area has good access to natural light and is protected from harsh winds. There are localised examples of street trees being impacted by local wind tunneling and turbulence from tall buildings located on the edge of the precinct, along the base of the slope in Elizabeth Street.

Geological conditions

The main geology of the area is thin cappings of Wianamatta shale overlaying Hawkesbery sandstone.

Soil conditions

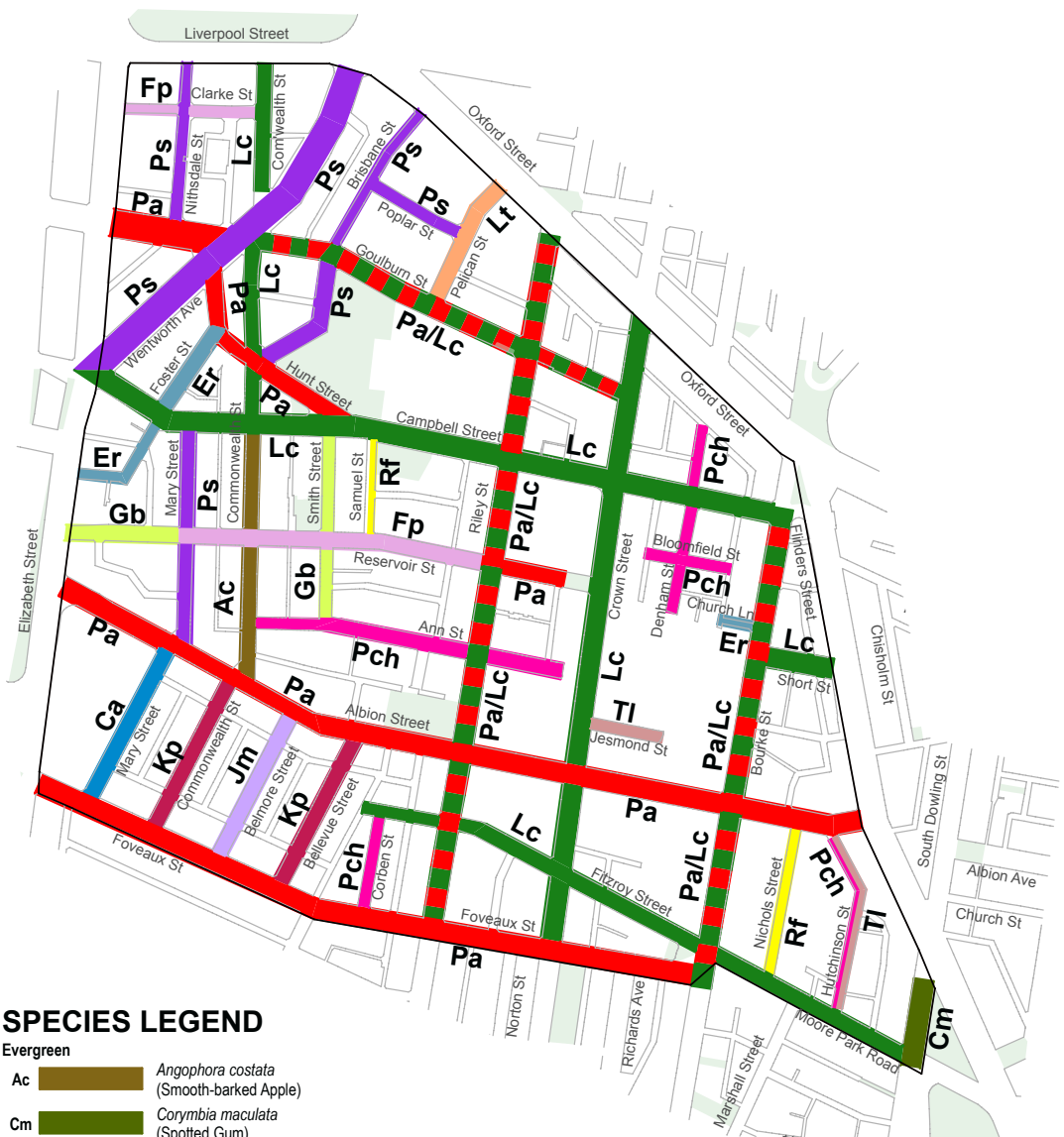
The area is located on the Surry Hills ridge line and has highly modified clay and sand soils.

9.3 Proposed Primary Tree Species Palette













Common Name	Species
Brush Box	<i>Lophostemon confertus</i>
Southern Hackberry	<i>Celtis australis</i>
London Plane	<i>Platanus acerifolia</i>
Green Ash	<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>
Water Gum	<i>Tristanopsis laurina</i>
Chinese Pistachio	<i>Pistacia chinensis</i>
Tulip Tree	<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>
Simon Poplar	<i>Populus simonii</i>
Maidenhair Tree	<i>Ginkgo biloba</i>
Golden Robinia	<i>Robinia pseudoacacia 'Frisia'</i>
Blueberry Ash	<i>Elaeocarpus reticulatus</i>
Smooth Barked Apple	<i>Angophora costata</i>
Spotted Gum	<i>Corymbia maculata</i>



Figure 58- Mixed residential and commercial streets. (Photo Arterra)



SPECIES LEGEND

- Evergreen**
- Ac  *Angophora costata* (Smooth-barked Apple)
 - Cm  *Corymbia maculata* (Spotted Gum)
 - Er  *Elaeocarpus reticulatus* (Blueberry Ash)
 - Lc  *Lophostemon confertus* (Brush Box)
 - Tl  *Tristania laurina* (Water Gum)
- Deciduous**
- Ca  *Celtis australis* (Southern Hackberry)
 - Fp  *Fraxinus pennsylvanica* (Green Ash)
 - Gb  *Ginkgo biloba* (Maidenhair Tree)
 - Jm  *Jacaranda mimosifolia* (Jacaranda)
 - Kp  *Koelreutaria paniculata* (Golden Rain Tree)
 - Lt  *Liriodendron tulipifera* (Tulip Tree)
 - Pch  *Pistacia chinensis* (Chinese Pistachio)
 - Pa  *Platanus acerifolia* (London Plane)
 - Ps  *Populus simonii* (Simons Poplar)
 - Rf  *Robinia pseudoacacia "Frisia"* (Golden Robinia)

LEGEND

 Public open space

