

The Hollies, 245 Main South Road, Drouin Interim Statement of Significance

Heritage Place:	The Hollies, 245 Main South Road, Drouin	PS ref no:	HO354
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Figure 1 - view to the residence from the Main South Road - looking up the hill



Figure 2- north-west elevation of residence (fronting Main South Road)

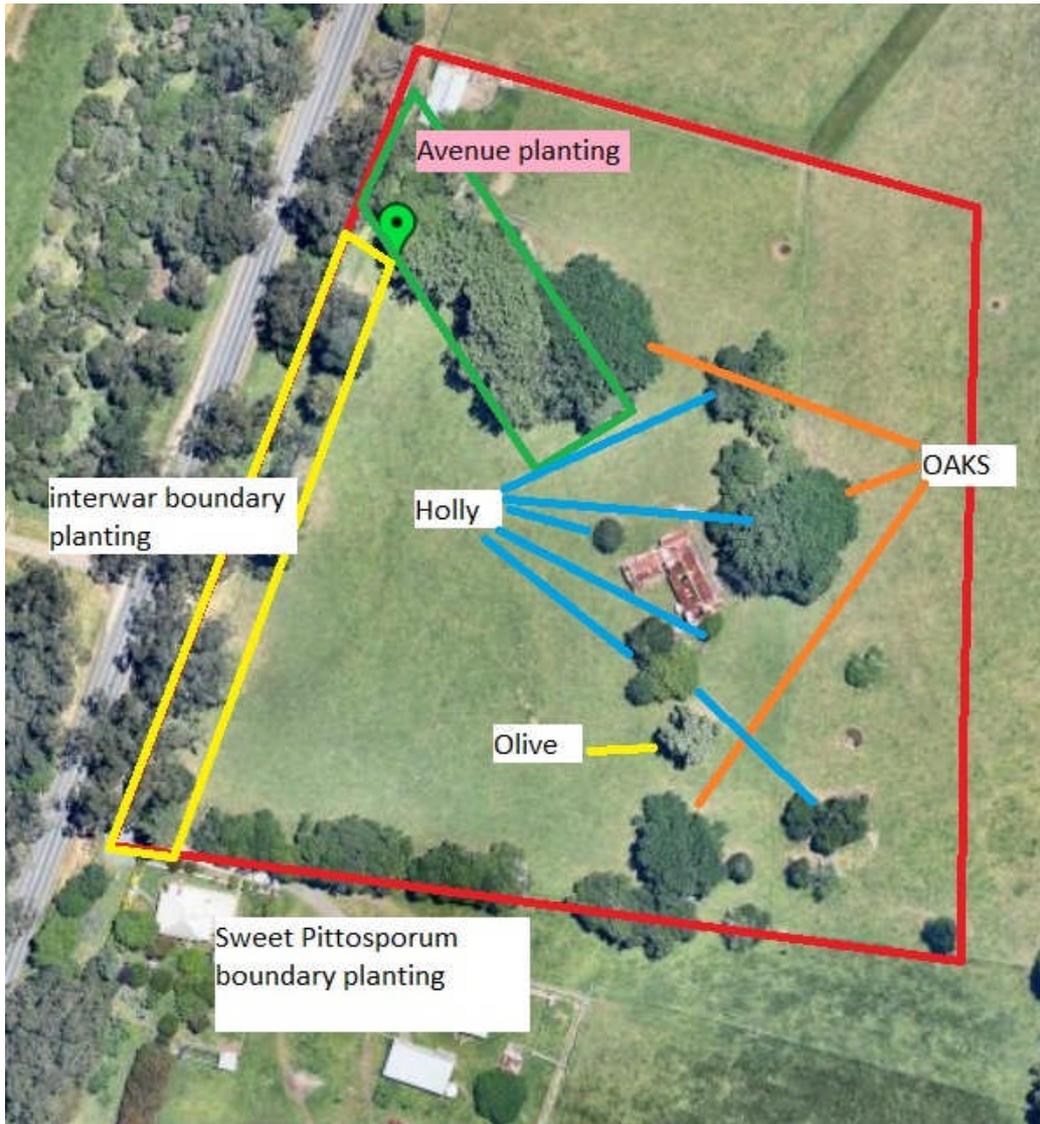


Figure 3 Plan showing location of principal elements of the site

What is significant?

The following features contribute to the significance of the precinct:

- The timber residence as shown in the picture including its three substantial and intact chimneys.
- All introduced trees on the site, including (but not limited to) plantings of English Holly, London Plane, Algerian x English Oak, English Elm, English Oak, Canary Island Pine, Silky Oak, Kurrajong, Olive, Loquat, Bull Bay Magnolia, Norfolk Island Pine, Redwood, Walnut, Plum and others.

How is it significant?

The Hollies, 245 Main South Road, Drouin is of local, historic and aesthetic significance to Baw Baw Shire.

Why is it significant?

The composition (an accumulated significance of the various contributory elements) of the farmhouse, evidence of outbuildings, tanks/wells, collection of plantings and aesthetic considerations demonstrates sufficient significance to meet the threshold of local significance.

The timber residence is enhanced by its treed setting. An unusual collection of trees survive on site, appearing to be planted in two distinct periods – likely c.1900 (or earlier) and a later planting from c.1920-1930s.

Some specimens of the same species have been planted in the early period, and then later plantings appear to have been undertaken at later periods (for instance, Olive trees and Holly trees appear to have been planted in c. 1900, and then again in the interwar period).

The plantings from the earliest period (estimated c. 1900) include specimens of:

Quercus canariensis x robur [hybrid] - Algerian Oak x English Oak

Quercus robur - English Oak

Prunus lusitanica - Portuguese Laurel (species to be confirmed)

Ilex aquifolium – English Holly

Olea europea - European Olive

Prunus species - plum (unidentified species)

Magnolia grandiflora - Bull Bay Magnolia

Prunus lusitanica - Portuguese Laurel (species to be confirmed)

Pinus canariensis - Canary Island Pine

Pinus muricata – Bishop Pine

Brachichiton acerfolium - Kurrajong

Grevillia robusta – Silky Oak

Ilex aquifolium - English Holly

Platanus x acerfolium – London Plane

Olea europea – European Olive

Ulmus procera – English Oak

Pittosporum undulatum – Sweet Pittosporum

Araucaria heterophylla - Norfolk Island Pine

Eriobotrya japonica – Loquat

It is the combination of all of the contributory elements of the site, its aspect and prospect, and the relationship between the various elements which tells the story of this property, and therefore provides it with the capacity to meet the threshold of local significance.

Primary source

Heritage Assessment of 'The Hollies', Drouin (April 2019), PLAN Heritage Consultants.