

Heritage



Camphor Laurels

Key details

Addresses	Along Laurel Avenue, Chelmer, Queensland 4068
Type of place	Tree/s
Period	Federation 1890-1914
Geolocation	-27.513501 152.969947
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2005 Date of Information — May 2011

The camphor laurel trees on Laurel Avenue were planted about the turn of the twentieth century. Planting is credited to either the Sherwood Divisional Board, or local resident Walter Morley, owner of 'Floraville' (115 Laurel Avenue). The name of the street was changed around the same time to 'Laurel Avenue', inextricably linking the street with the trees. Laurel Avenue has long been recognised as one of Brisbane's most picturesque streets, due in no small part to the distinctive camphor laurels which contribute significantly to its aesthetic.

References

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