

Alstonia actinophylla — Milkwood

Scientific Name:

Alstonia actinophylla

Common Name:

Milkwood

Register Number:

40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45 & 46

Location of Tree:

Smith Street Civic Park and
Uniting Church grounds, Smith
Street, Darwin NT

GPS:

-12.46641, 130.84518

Categories of Significance:

Historical
Unique Location
Group

Number of Trees:

7

Date Planted:

1915

Year Listed:

1986



These trees exist as an avenue of trees that extended from the Esplanade to Knuckey Street. They were planted around 1915, but most of them have since been removed to provide parking.

The name milkwood derives from their characteristic milky sap, which was used medicinally and in Aboriginal ceremonies. The timber is excellent for carving and used during World War II to make ammunition boxes.



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