

Ficus virens — Banyan

Scientific Name:

Ficus virens

Common Name:

Banyan

Register Number:

5

Location of Tree:

22 Esplanade, Liberty Square,
Darwin NT

GPS:

-12.46697, 130.8436

Categories of Significance:

Aesthetic

Age

Unique Location

Year Listed:

1986



NT News Wed. October 19, 1988 article titled 'Old Banyan Will Survive' states: "Conservationists can rest easy - a 200 year old banyan tree outside the Wells Building in Mitchell Street will survive to grace the State Square. Government officials said this week the tree would stay because it was part of Darwin's history. Law Department officials who were apparently concerned about the old bark giant's future were assured in a letter from the chief Minister, Mr. Marshall Perron, that the tree would indeed survive the new development. The banyan is listed on the Greening Australia Register of Significant Trees and is believed to pre-date European settlement of Australia. It has survived the construction of a major city, cyclones and the bombing of Darwin. Mr. Perron said it would become an important focal point in the State Square. He said other trees in the area also would be considered."

Unfortunately despite efforts this tree has now been removed.



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