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Cover photograph: Looking west from the mouth of the Werribee River, Werribee South. The You Yangs, visible in the distance, form a backdrop to the rolling plains of Wyndham.

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1.0 Introduction

The 'City of Wyndham Review of Heritage Sites of Local Interest' was commissioned by the Wyndham City Council in early 2004. The purpose of this study is to re-evaluate 90 sites identified as being of 'local interest' in the Context, 'Heritage of the City of Wyndham. City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997' (hereon referred to as the 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997'). The citations for these sites, which had been identified by members of the community at meetings, have been reviewed and their heritage significance re-assessed. The methodology involved re-surveying each site, undertaking further historical research and preparing revised data sheets. For those places found to be of a greater level of significance than 'local interest', this study has made recommendations for the conservation and management of them and prepared statements of significance that will form the basis for their inclusion in a Planning Scheme amendment and other methods of heritage protection.

2.0 Consultants

The 'City of Wyndham Review of Heritage Sites of Local Interest' was prepared by Peter Andrew Barrett, architectural historians and conservation consultants. The study team consisted of:

- Peter Andrew Barrett, Architectural Historian
- Sandra Pullman, Heritage Horticulturalist
- Tomomi Nakazawa, Research Assistant

3.0 Acknowledgements

The consultants wish to thank the heritage practitioners who undertook the earlier cultural heritage studies of Wyndham and of Melbourne's western region, whose work this study builds upon. These earlier studies include Context Pty Ltd, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997' and Andrew Ward, 'Werribee Growth Area Heritage Report'. A number of other heritage practitioners and the keepers of historical collections and records, and their respective organizations, provided invaluable assistance to the study. These individuals and organizations include George Phillips of Allom Lovell & Associates, Judy Scurfield of the Map Collection of the State Library of Victoria, and the Public Records Office of Victoria. Of immense value also was the information gathered and provided by various individuals and organizations including Frances Overmars and the Werribee District Historical Society. In addition to this, the consultants were greatly assisted by the owners and former owners of many of the sites who provided useful historical information.

4.0 Methodology

The 90 sites of local interest to be re-assessed in this study were situated throughout the municipality: a vast area extending from Little River in the south to Laverton in the north, and from Port Phillip Bay inland to Tarneit. An attempt was made to visit every site (see the 'Constraints' section of this report about sites not surveyed). Some sites were revisited when it was apparent that an assessment by a heritage horticulturalist was needed or when historical research uncovered new material that warranted another survey. Each survey included a photographic record of the site. Sites were visited after a preliminary review had been made of their citations in earlier studies. A map of the municipality provided by the Wyndham City Council was also used to help identify the exact location of the heritage places.

After completion of the site survey, historical research was undertaken to determine the historical significance of the site. A number of sources were researched, but wherever possible primary sources were used. In many cases this involved interviewing the owners, or former owners of sites, or others who had had associations with them. These people were able to provide useful information on the history of these places. Documentary sources researched include published and unpublished written histories, numerous maps - particularly army ordinance maps from the early twentieth century from the State Library of Victoria - and lands records and aerial photographs from the Department of Sustainability and Environment.

A data sheet has been prepared for each of the sites. From the analysis of the physical survey of the site and its history, which are outlined on the data sheet, a conclusion about the significance of the site and any recommendations about increasing or maintaining its level of significance has been made, in addition to other recommendations such as whether further historical research is required. The assessment of cultural heritage significance of these sites follows the guidelines set out in the Australia ICOMOS *Burra Charter*, 1999 (referred hereon as the *Burra Charter*), and where possible the format and procedure used to complete this study and report its findings in this document has followed the work of the Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997' to maintain consistency. It is recommended that this report should be used in conjunction with the earlier study. A *Melway* grid reference or a Crown allotment has been shown on the data sheet for sites that do not have a street number.

5.0 Constraints

Some constraints were experienced whilst undertaking this study. Difficulty was experienced in finding some of the sites because of unclear descriptions of their locations. A small number could not be located. Many of the sites were located on large private rural properties, sometimes quite a distance from the road. It was beyond the scope of this study to obtain permission from private owners to access these sites. In cases where the site could not be viewed at close range, the property was surveyed from the best vantage point available on public land.

A common practice in the past with rural municipalities was to enter rate book listings alphabetically under the owners name in each riding, rather than listing entries by address. This limited the use of rate books in this study, as the names of the occupants of places was unknown (in many cases that was the information being sought). In order to make use of a rate book of this type, a title search must usually be done to establish whom the owner was at a given point in time, in order to find the property in the rate book. Title searches were beyond the scope of this study and in most cases where a rate book search would have been useful, information on a site's history was found using other sources.

6.0 Findings

The City of Wyndham is an expansive municipality that contains a diverse population and range of topographical features and land uses. Few municipalities in Victoria have diversity that includes beaches, flat undulating rural landscape, a small rural township (Little River), large shopping and cultural facilities and expansive residential subdivisions. It is this last feature, housing developments, which poses the greatest threat to Wyndham's cultural heritage sites.

Some of the sites of local interest identified in the 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997' in Tarneit, Truganina and Hoppers Crossing have since been demolished or removed and replaced by residential subdivisions. This study found that many other heritage sites are close to the frontier of new residential subdivisions and are likely to be under threat in the foreseeable future. One example of this is the Skeleton Creek and Dry Creek water reserve and water holes, which is of Aboriginal and Post-contact cultural significance and of significance for its native flora. This culturally significant reserve is situated in farmland, but is only 500 metres from the edge of a residential subdivision.

Of the 90 sites of local interest, it was found that 16 should be increased in level of significance. These sites and their page number in this report are:

State Significance

- Melbourne-Geelong Railway Line (page 9)

A statement of significance and recommendations has been prepared for this site and these are outlined on its data sheets.

Local Significance

- Albert and Alfred Leakes houses site, Leakes Road, Truganina (page 130)
- Braemor, 630 Duncans Road, Werribee South (page 212)
- Bulban Reserve, Rothwell Road, Little River (page 47)
- Davis farm site, Davis Road, Tarneit (page 64)
- Dry stone walls, Greens Road, Wyndham Vale (page 232)
- Dry stone walls, Edgars Road, Little River (page 38)
- House and former Dukelow house site, Dukelows Road, Tarneit (page 88)
- Little River Reserve, You Yangs Road, Little River (page 49)
- McNaughton Reserve, You Yangs Road, Little River (page 53)
- Skeleton Creek water reserve and water holes, Leakes Road, Truganina (page 140)
- Smith's Dairy site, Sayers Road, Tarneit (page 97)
- Staughtons Bridge site, Dohertys Road, Tarneit (page 73)
- Sumiya, 6 Wattamolla Avenue, Werribee (page 182)
- Troup Park and Weighbridge No 328, Watton Street, Werribee (page 191)
- Werribee Guides Hall, Soldiers Reserve, College Road, Werribee (page 151)

Statements of significance and recommendations have been prepared for these sites and these are outlined on their respective data sheets.

Some sites were determined to be of little or no significance. These include recent buildings or where the place had been demolished or obliterated by later works. These sites and their page number in this report are:

- Barber's farmhouse site, Heaths Road, Hoppers Crossing (page 26)
- House site, 135 Robbs Road, Werribee South (page 228)
- House site, Tarneit Road, Tarneit (page 114)
- Skeleton Creek quarries, Skeleton Creek, Truganina (page 143)
- Werribee 10 Cinemas (page 28)

The level of significance of some sites could not be determined. In some cases the site was unable to be located, whilst others were not accessible. These sites and their page number in this report are:

- Carnboon site, Metropolitan Farm Road, Werribee (page 165)
- Farm and dairy site, McGraths Road, Wyndham Vale (page 234)
- House, 112 Cottrell Street, Werribee (page 154)
- House site, Metropolitan Farm Road, Werribee (page 163)
- Lee house site, Davis Road, Tarneit (page 118)
- Oakbank, Shanahans Road, Tarneit (page 105)
- Silk Dam, Davis Road, Tarneit (page 67)
- Siphons: Domestic and stock water channel, Skeleton Creek, north of Sayers Road, Truganina (page 138)
- Stock house site, Sewells Road, Tarneit (page 103)

Further research may increase the level of significance of these sites.

The remaining 60 sites, it was found, should be retained at local interest level. The physical analysis of these sites and research of primary and secondary sources determined that an increase in the level of significance was not required. However, sites that remain at local interest may in the future be found to be of greater significance when further information is discovered.

A full list of all of the sites, including their addresses and levels of significance are listed in the appendices at the end of this report.

7.0 Recommendations and Conclusions

From the findings of this study the following recommendations are made:

- Increase the level of significance for the 16 sites currently listed as local interest, but found to be of greater significance.
- Protect the 15 new sites of local significance under the City of Wyndham Planning Scheme.
- Nominate the Melbourne-Geelong Railway Line for inclusion in the *Victorian Heritage Register*
- Remove the citations for the five sites found to be of little or no significance and for the nine sites where the significance could not be determined.

- Retain the level of significance at local interest for the 60 remaining sites.
- Provide further information, undertake further research and/or arrange access to those sites where the level of significance could not be determined in this study, so that the sites can be assessed in a future study.

Whilst undertaking the review a number of observations were made concerning the municipality's cultural heritage and the protection and administration of these cultural resources. The following recommendations are made:

- There are inconsistencies in the current numbering system applied to heritage places in Wyndham. In one example two sites in Little River have the same place number (McNaughton Reserve and the Bulban Reserve - both listed under place No. 074), whilst other sites have no number allocated to them at all, or a number or letters, which is not consistent with the numbering of the remainder of the sites. The consultants recommend that the present numbering system be revised and each site, regardless of its level of significance, be given a place number, using a consistent numbering system.
- Identification and inclusion of more sites that reflect the multicultural history and diversity of the municipality. For example, whilst a number of sites listed of local interest in the municipality date from recent decades, there are very few in Werribee South that relate to the large Italian community that has lived in the district from the 1930s.
- Assessment of independent schools in Wyndham for their heritage value ie Werribee Islamic College, Westbourne & Williamstown Grammar Schools, Truganina.
- Other sites of possible heritage significance include
 - (a) A quarry near the former Mambourin railway station
 - (b) Mirage Jamal Farm, Tarneit.
 - (c) Bluestone abutments of an earlier bridge across Skeleton Creek at Sayers Road, Truganina

These should be assessed in a future study.

- Adequate buffer zones should be provided between sites of heritage significance and new residential and commercial developments.
- Undertake further research that includes in its scope a request for access to private properties that were unable to be accessed in this study and surveyed.

It is recommended that the Council consider these suggestions in future heritage studies and reviews.

MELBOURNE-GEELONG RAILWAY LINE

DATA SHEET



Site: Melbourne-Geelong Railway Line

Heritage Place No: 164

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date(s): 1853, 1857, c1860s

Ownership: Crown

Type of Significance: Aesthetic. Historical. Scientific. Social.

Recommended Level of Significance: State

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed: 3/4/04



Above: Melbourne-Geelong railway line's bridge across the Werribee River c1940 (reproduced from the Picture Collection, State Library of Victoria).

Visual Description

A number of features along the Melbourne-Geelong railway line are identified in the 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997' as being of local interest and worthy of further investigation. These sites were not surveyed in the previous study. The bulk of these sites are small railway bridges/overpasses across small tributaries of the municipality's waterways. Most of these tributaries were dry when the sites were visited. Recent works to the line have involved laying an additional track on the northwest side of the existing double lines as part of an upgrade to the national rail freight system. This new line has obscured most of the original railway embankment on its northwest side including bluestone abutments of early bridges and culverts, diminishing their aesthetic value considerably. In addition to these smaller structures are large bridges over the Werribee River and the Little River. These were also surveyed. The following section provides descriptions and images of each of these structures.

Site: Melbourne-Geelong Railway Line

The former Manor railway station, also listed in the previous study as being of local interest, has been destroyed and no evidence of it is visible. Similarly, the Werribee Racecourse railway station has been closed and apart from the remnants of its platform and some signage, there is very little evidence of this station remaining. Houses along the railway line that are believed to have been former residences of officers of the Victorian Railways could not be located during this survey.



Above: Railway Bridge over Little River, Little River

Railway Bridge across the Little River

A two-span iron girder bridge with rock-faced bluestone abutments and a central concrete pier. The bridge could only be surveyed from a distance and appears to have curved splayed abutments.

Railway Bridge 46.2 kilometres from Melbourne

A small rock-faced bluestone railway overpass with splayed bluestone abutments carrying the two earlier tracks. The recently built railway line has an overpass constructed of reinforced concrete and it obscures part of the bluestone abutments of the two earlier lines to its southeast. Reinforced concrete decks carry the three tracks above.

Site: Melbourne-Geelong Railway Line



Above: Railway bridge, 46.2 kilometres from Melbourne



Above: Railway bridge, 44.07 kilometres from Melbourne

Site: Melbourne-Geelong Railway Line

Railway Bridge, 44.07 kilometres from Melbourne

Rock-faced bluestone piers and abutments with concrete cappings supporting a low two-span railway bridge. The recently built railway line has an overpass constructed of reinforced concrete that obscures part of the bluestone abutments of the two earlier lines to its southeast. Reinforced concrete decks carry the three tracks above.

Railway Bridge, 42.92 kilometres from Melbourne

Rock-faced bluestone abutments supporting a bridge across a low narrow culvert. The recently built railway line has a culvert constructed of reinforced concrete that obscures part of the bluestone abutments of the two earlier lines to its southeast. Reinforced concrete decks carry the three tracks over.



Above: Abutments carrying the railway line over a low narrow culvert 42.92 kilometres from Melbourne.

Site: Melbourne-Geelong Railway Line



Railway bridge, 42.11 kilometres from Melbourne.

Railway Bridge, 42.11 kilometres from Melbourne

Splayed rock-faced bluestone abutments supporting a bridge across a narrow tunnel. The recently built railway line has a bridge constructed of reinforced concrete that obscures part of the bluestone abutments of the two earlier lines to its southeast. Reinforced concrete decks carry the three tracks above.

Railway Bridge, 41.47 kilometres from Melbourne

A low three-span bridge with rock-faced bluestone piers and abutments. The recently built railway line has a bridge constructed of reinforced concrete that obscures part of the bluestone piers and abutments of the two earlier lines to its southeast. Reinforced concrete decks carry the three tracks over the bridge.

Site: Melbourne-Geelong Railway Line



Railway bridge, 41.47 kilometres from Melbourne.

Railway Bridge, 40.19 kilometres from Melbourne

A rock-faced bluestone overpass with splayed abutments. The recently built railway line has a bridge constructed of reinforced concrete that obscures part of the bluestone piers and abutments of the two earlier lines to its southeast. Reinforced concrete decks carry the three tracks over the bridge. There are signs of movement on one of the abutments.

Railway Bridge, 38.74 kilometres from Melbourne

Not accessible.

Site: Melbourne-Geelong Railway Line



Above: Railway bridge, 40.19 kilometres from Melbourne.

Railway Bridge, 37.22 kilometres from Melbourne

A rock-faced bluestone bridge with splayed abutments. The recently built railway line has a bridge constructed of reinforced concrete, carrying two tracks that obscures part of the bluestone piers and abutments of the two earlier lines to its southeast. Reinforced concrete decks carry the four tracks over the bridge.

Railway Bridge, 34.93 kilometres from Melbourne

Not accessible. Railway line is enclosed by a steel chain link fence.

Former Werribee Racecourse railway station, 34.9 kilometres from Melbourne

Only some remnants of the platform and some VLine signage are visible.

Site: Melbourne-Geelong Railway Line



Above: Railway Bridge, 37.22 kilometres from Melbourne.



Above: Former Werribee Racecourse railway station.

Site: Melbourne-Geelong Railway Line

Railway Bridge, 34.7 kilometres from Melbourne

Not accessible

Railway Bridge, over Werribee River, Werribee

A two-span bridge with rock-faced bluestone abutments and a central reinforced concrete pier. The abutments have curved splayed ends. The bridge has a modern reinforced concrete deck. A reinforced concrete bridge has been built to the northwest to carry the new line across the Werribee River.



Above: Railway bridge across the Werribee River, Werribee

Site: Melbourne-Geelong Railway Line



Above: Pedestrian underpass, near Huntingfield Drive, Hoppers Crossing

Pedestrian Underpass, near Huntingfield Drive, Hoppers Crossing

A pedestrian underpass with bluestone rock-faced splayed abutments. The height of the abutments have been increased by the addition of large concrete capping. There is a modern concrete deck.

Railway Bridge, Skeleton Creek, Hoppers Crossing

A seven-span bridge with rock-faced bluestone abutments and two original bluestone piers and four are reinforced concrete piers of recent construction. The bridge has a steel girder deck. A new reinforced concrete railway bridge has been constructed to the north.

Site: Melbourne-Geelong Railway Line



Above: Railway bridge, Skeleton Creek, Hoppers Crossing



Above: Railway bridge, between Forsyth and Point Cook Roads, Laverton

Site: Melbourne-Geelong Railway Line

Railway Bridge, between Forsyth and Point Cook Roads, Laverton

A small rock-faced bluestone bridge with splayed abutments. Concrete capping has been built at the tops of the abutments to increase their height. There is a reinforced concrete deck. A new reinforced concrete railway bridge has been constructed to the north.

History

The Geelong & Melbourne Railway Company was incorporated on 8 February 1853 and work on the line commenced in September that year. The line was officially opened on 25 June 1857. Much of the early design of the line is attributed to the architect/engineer Edward Snell. At the time of the line's opening the railway stations in Wyndham were Werribee and Little River. The company made losses on the venture and sold the railway line to the Victorian Government in 1860.¹ At the time of its purchase the line was in such a poor condition it was necessary to rebuild most of it including the bridges and culverts. These works were carried out by the Public Works Department.² The numerous bluestone bridges and culverts along the line are probably part of these works to bring the line up to a satisfactory standard. In later years other stations were opened in Wyndham at Mambourin (1888), Werribee Racecourse (c1890), Manor (1911) and Aircraft (1925). During the Great Depression of the 1930s an upgrade of the line provided work for some of the state's unemployed.³ For a detailed history of the line refer to 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997' pp 315-316.

Themes

(1.2) Settling. (1.5) Impact of gold. (3.2) Working the stone. (6.1) Transport. (6.4) Economic Depressions. (7.6) Unemployment. (9.1) Overcoming physical isolation.

Extent of Significance

Melbourne-Geelong Railway Line.

Statement of Significance

The Melbourne-Geelong Railway Line is of state significance. It has historical value as the first country railway constructed in Victoria, predating the formation of the Victorian Railways. It is historically significant for the role it played in the growth of the colony from the mid nineteenth century, particularly Geelong and the western region of Melbourne, and the integral part it played in the development of the colony's country rail network. In recent years the line has served as an important link in the national rail freight network.

1 The Australian Railway Historical Society (Victorian Division) 'Historical Notes for The Celebration of the Centenary of the Geelong Railway', not paginated.

2 *Argus*, 2 November 1861, p 7.

3 Frank Shaw, *Little River. A place to remember*, p 65.

Site: Melbourne-Geelong Railway Line

The Melbourne-Geelong Railway Line is of aesthetic significance. In addition to its early station buildings at Werribee and Little River (included on the *Victorian Heritage Register* and identified as state significance in the 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997'), its many bluestone bridges and culverts built after the railway's sale to the Victorian Government in 1860 are demonstrative of railway infrastructure in Victoria in the mid-nineteenth century, the formative years of railway development in the colony. The railway line is also of scientific significance as it has research potential for investigation into railway and engineering works of the mid nineteenth century in Victoria. The Melbourne-Geelong Railway Line is of social significance as a transport facility used and valued by Victorians continuously for over a century.

Recommendations

Include the Melbourne-Geelong Railway Line on the *Victorian Heritage Register* as a site of state significance and provide heritage protection under the City of Wyndham Planning Scheme.

HOPPERS CROSSING DATA SHEETS



Site: Reserve

Address: Bindowan Drive (between No's 35-41), Hoppers Crossing

Heritage Place No: 004

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: Not Known

Ownership: Wyndham City Council

Type of Significance: Historical

Recommended Level of Significance: Local interest

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed: 1/5/04

Photo No: 0105-2



Visual Description

An open grassy reserve with a row of coppiced sugar gums (*Eucalyptus cladocalyx*) and large peppercorn trees (*Shinus Molle*). There is some landscaping along the east and west boundary of the reserve with more recent plantings of native shrubs and grasses. There is a tubular steel gate at the Bindowan Drive boundary, and a concrete path leads from the reserve's Virgilia Drive boundary to a picnic bench.

Site: Reserve

History

This site is believed to have been part of a farm owned by the Browne family.¹ A 1915 map of this locality shows two houses on, or near, this site. A drive leads from Derrimut Road to the houses.² A later map, dated 1933, shows the two houses and drive, and the farm is called Alstonmoor.³ It is unknown when these houses were demolished or removed from this site.

Themes

(2.2) Re-defining the subdivision of the Western Plains.

Extent of Significance

Reserve.

Statement of Significance

Of local interest as a site that is part of a former farm owned by the Browne family.

Recommendations

Retain the level of significance at local interest. Further research of the Browne family and their farm may increase the site's significance.

1 Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study', p 6.

2 Commonwealth Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria', Sheet South J 55, dated 1915.

3 Australian Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria, No 848 Zone 7, Sheet J 55, dated 1933.

Site: Former Barber's farmhouse site
Address: Northeast corner of Heaths Road and Barber Drive,
Hoppers Crossing

Heritage Place No: 005

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: Not Known

Ownership: Private

Type of Significance: Historical

Grid Ref: 206 C1

Recommended Level of Significance: Not significant

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed: 6/7/04

Photo No: 0607-1



Visual Description

A few sugar gums (*Eucalyptus cladocalyx*) are probably the only remnants of the former Barber's farm house site. A cypress and pine windbreak that marked the layout of the former house site, which was extant when the site was surveyed in the 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997' has now been removed and the site has been developed into part of the car park of the Werribee Plaza Shopping Centre.

Site: Former Barber's farmhouse site

History

Not researched.

Themes

Insufficient landscape features to determine.

Extent of Significance

Little or none of the site's former landscape features survive.

Statement of Significance

Insufficient evidence of the site remains to warrant a statement of significance.

Recommendations

Reduce the level of significance to not significant.

Site: Werribee 10 Cinemas
**Address: Northwest corner of Heaths and Derrimut Roads,
Hoppers Crossing**

Heritage Place No: 007

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: 1995

Ownership: Private

Type of Significance: -

Recommended Level of Significance: Not significant

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed: 15/5/04

Photo No: 1505-22



Visual Description

Contemporary multi-theatre cinema complex that adjoins the Werribee Plaza Shopping Centre. It is constructed of reinforced concrete panels and has a double-height central bow-front aluminium-framed window. Also there are metal awnings and other decorative elements.

Site: Site: Werribee 10 Cinemas

History

Designed by Tibor Hubay, who won an architectural award for his design of the Jam Factory cinemas in Chapel Street, South Yarra.¹ The building was constructed by Cinecon in 1995.

Themes

(10.3) Public entertainment.

Extent of Significance

Not significant.

Statement of Significance

Recently built, the Werribee 10 Cinemas are of little or no significance.

Recommendations

Reduce the level of significance to not significant.

1 Karen Jacobsen of G E Hubay Pty Ltd pers com to Peter Barrett on 30 June 2004. Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', p 254.

Site: Reserve

Address: Between 149 and 153 Morris Road, Hoppers Crossing

Heritage Place No: 001

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: c1925

Ownership: Wyndham City Council

Type of Significance: Historical

Recommended Level of Significance: Local interest

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed: 1/5/04

Photo No: 0105-4



Visual Description

A grassed reserve with eucalypts and other native vegetation and two Canary Island palms on a small mound. There is children's playground equipment, park benches and asphalt paths. There is access to the reserve from O'Neill Avenue via a steel gate.

Site: Reserve

History

During the inter-war years Werribee became a centre for poultry farming in Victoria. The district was well suited to the industry as its heavy soil allowed for production of green feed, and the area's irrigation system enabled a reliable supply of food and water throughout the year.¹

Themes

(4.3) New rural activities.

Extent of Significance

Reserve.

Statement of Significance

One of several remnants of farm plantings remaining within Hoppers Crossing. Of local interest as the site of one of this district's many poultry farms.

Recommendations

Retain the level of significance at local interest. Further research of the farm may increase the site's significance.

1 K N James, *Werribee. The First One Hundred Years*, pp 87 and 88.

Site: Reserves

Address: Corner of Nicklaus Drive and Morris Road, Hoppers Crossing

Heritage Place No: 002

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: Not Known

Ownership: Wyndham City Council

Type of Significance: Historical.

Recommended Level of Significance: Local interest

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed: 1/5/04

Photo No: 0105-7



Visual Description

Two reserves that flank Nicklaus Drive at its intersection with Morris Road. The reserve on the north side of Nicklaus Drive has a concrete path, mature eucalypts and other plantings. On the south reserve are a small cypress, mature eucalypts and a park bench. Two bluestone bases, described in the 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997' have now been removed. Many of the trees predate the surrounding residential subdivision.

Site: Reserves

History

This site is on Allotment G, Section 11 of the Parish of Tarneit and was part of Andrew Chirnside and Sons' Crown grant.¹ The Morris family later owned the land.² A map of the locality produced around World War I shows a house on, or near, this site. Another house was also situated a short distance from it on the other side of Morris Road at this time.³ In 1933, a house named Eldorado was on, or near, this site, however the house on the other side of Morris Road no longer existed by this time.⁴

Themes

(2.2) Re-defining the subdivision of the Western Plains. (2.3) The growth of Melbourne.

Extent of Significance

Reserves

Statement of Significance

Of local interest as one of several small remnants of farm plantings remaining in Hoppers Crossing.

Recommendations

Retain the level of significance at local interest.

1 'Parish of Tarneit' plan.

2 Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', p 13.

3 Commonwealth Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria', Sheet South J 55, dated 1915.

4 Australian Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria, No 848 Zone 7, Sheet J 55, dated 1933.

LAVERTON NORTH DATA SHEETS



Site: Well

Address: Boundary Road (south side, 300 metres west of Mt Derrimut Road), Laverton North

Heritage Place No: W93

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: 1930s

Ownership: Private

Type of Significance: Historical.

Grid Ref: 39 C8

Recommended Level of Significance: Local interest

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed: 1/7/04

Photo No: 0107-1



Visual Description

The site of this well was surveyed in the 1994 'Rural Heritage Study' and at that time it was thought it had been removed.¹ As part of the present study, the site was re-surveyed and the well was located on the south side of Boundary Road, 300 metres west of the Mt Derrimut Road intersection. The well is covered by a brick and partially rendered domed top. The site is adjacent

¹ Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', p 18.

Site: Well

to a construction site of a commercial development and many of the elements described in the 'Rural Heritage Study' have been removed, including remnants of a house that was here until the 1930s and a set of H V McKay farm gates. Other extant elements include two Monterey pines (*Pinus radiata*) and three sugar gums (*Eucalyptus cladocalyx*) set back from the road boundary. The site's dry stone wall fence along the street boundary also remains. It has a post and wire fence along its top, and part of the fence has been removed to provide access to the site. There is another dry stone wall fence at the rear of the site that extends in a north-south direction.

History

The site is located on Crown allotment 3, Section 24 of the Parish of Truganina. A house is shown on this site on a plan of this locality produced in 1915.² It is believed that around the time of the Great Depression the house was removed from the site to discourage vagrants from staying there.³

Themes

(2.3) The growth of Melbourne. (7.6) Unemployment.

Extent of Significance

Well, Monterey pines, sugar gums and dry stone wall fences.

Statement of Significance

Of local interest as a former farmhouse site.

Recommendations

Retain the level of significance of the site at local interest.

2 Commonwealth Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria', Sheet South J 55, dated 1915. Parish Plan, titled 'Parish of Truganina', (revised edition) dated 1974.

3 Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', p 18.

LITTLE RIVER DATA SHEETS



Site: Dry stone walls
Address: Edgars Road, Little River

Heritage Place No: 151

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: 1870s-

Ownership: Numerous private owners

Type of Significance: Aesthetic. Historical. Scientific.

Recommended Level of Significance: Local significance

Surveyed: PB & TN

Date Surveyed: 3/4/04 & 14/4/04 Photo No: 1404-2&3



Visual Description

Dry stone walls, between 200mm and 1200mm in height, line much of Edgars Road north of You Yangs Road. The walls are made of volcanic rocks of various sizes, and most have had post and barbed wire fences fixed to their tops. Many of the dry stone walls are old and in disrepair, but some sections on the west side of Edgars Road, north of Malcolm Road, have probably been built, or rebuilt, in recent years.

Site: Dry stone walls

History

Fences were required to separate livestock from crops and other livestock, and also delineated property boundaries. The materials most readily available determined the type of fence to be built. On the volcanic plains of Victoria, which extend west from Melbourne to the South Australian border, stone was often the cheapest and most readily available choice of fencing material, as large parts of this area were covered in loose surface stone. Around the Werribee Plains these basaltic stones range in size from pebbles to boulders and are vesicular in structure.¹ Many of these dry stone walls in Edgars Road probably date from the 1870s, when the Crown subdivided land in this locality and sold it to selectors.²



Above: A few of the dry stone walls in Edgars Road, like these south of Narraburra Road (north side of Edgars Road), do not have post and barbed wire fencing along the top.

1 Gary Vines, 'Built To Last. An historical and archaeological survey of Dry Stone Walls in Melbourne's Western Region', pp 17, 19, 25 & 26.

2 'Township of Little River parish of Bulban', parish plan, dated 1963.

Site: Dry stone walls

Themes

(2.2) Re-defining the subdivision of the Western Plains. (3.2) Working the stone. (13.1) Changing the land.

Extent of Significance

On the west side of Edgars Road the walls are extant for 8.3 kilometres north of You Yangs Road. On the east side of Edgars Road the dry stone walls are extant between You Yangs Road and the Kirks Bridge Road intersection.

Statement of Significance

The Edgars Road dry stone walls are of historical significance to the City of Wyndham. They are associated with the second phase of European settlement of the district (1860s-90s), where land was subdivided up under the Lands Acts and sold to selectors and to holders of pastoral leases, the walls delineating in many places the boundaries of these selections. The walls also demonstrate the resourcefulness of early settlers in the district, who used the locality's abundant volcanic rock to fence their properties. The dry stone walls are of aesthetic value, forming a distinctive landscape feature along Edgars Road and are a reminder of the character of the district in the early years of European settlement. The walls are also scientifically significant in demonstrating the use of this method of construction in Victoria and for their potential for future research.

Recommendations

Increase the walls' level of significance from 'local interest' to 'local significance'. Research by the Dry Stone Wall Association of Australia may reveal further significance.

Site: Former site of house (Morton house)

Address: Edgars Road (northeast corner of Kirks Bridge Road) Little River

Heritage Place No: 154

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: Not Known

Ownership: Private

Type of Significance: Historical

Crown Allotment: 35, Parish of Bulban

Recommended Level of Significance: Local interest

Surveyed: PB & TN

Date Surveyed: 3/3/04 & 14/4/04

Photo No: 1404-1



Visual Description

No evidence is visible from either Edgars Road or Kirks Bridge Road of a timber house that once stood near the northeast corner of this intersection. In the 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997' the house's timber frame was still visible from Kirks Bridge Road. Cypress trees, also noted in the previous study, which surrounded the former house, are still extant. Other Cypress trees on the property may have lined a former driveway from Edgars Road. East of Edgars Road, on the Kirks Bridge Road boundary, are the remnants of a small stockyard with hardwood post and rail fences. From Edgars Road a tank, a windpump stand and a small outbuilding (in poor condition) are visible.

Site: Former site of house (Morton house)

History

This property is believed to have been the site of a house occupied by a Dr Morton.¹ An army ordinance map of 1915 shows a house near the northeast corner of this intersection.² A 1933 ordinance map also shows a house in this location, as well as a wind pump to its north.³ Neither of these maps shows another house, believed to have been bluestone, which is thought to have existed further east along Kirks Bridge Road.⁴

Themes

(2.2) Redefining the subdivision of the Western Plains.

Extent of Significance

The site of a former house (Morton house), the tank, windpump stand and outbuilding. The extant Cypress trees that surrounded the house and other Cypress trees that may have lined the property's driveway that led from Edgars Road. The former stockyard remnants and its hardwood post and rail fences.

Statement of Significance

Of local interest to the City of Wyndham as the site of the former house of Dr Morton.

Recommendations

Retain level of significance as 'local interest'.

1 Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', vol 2, p 26.

2 Commonwealth Section Imperial General Staff (Commonwealth Department of Defence), map titled 'Melbourne Victoria' dated 1915, held in the Map Collection, State Library of Victoria.

3 Australian Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria' dated January 1933, held in the Map Collection, State Library of Victoria.

4 Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', vol 2, p 26.

Site: Little River Community Youth Club

Address: Possy Newland Park, Flinders Street, Little River

Heritage Place No: 161

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: c1942

Ownership: Wyndham City Council

Type of Significance: Social

Grid Ref: 200 C5

Recommended Level of Significance: Local interest

Surveyed: PB & TN

Date Surveyed: 3/4/04 & 14/4/04

Photo No: 1404-6



Visual Description

A former Defence Department of Australia 'P1' hut. It is a single storey building, rectangular in plan with a longitudinal gable roof clad in corrugated steel (not original). The walls of the hut are clad with broad gauge corrugated steel. The building is situated in a park setting with a basketball court surrounded by a chain link fence to its east and a children's playground to its west. At the rear of the hut, reached via a covered walkway, is a red brick toilet block.

Site: Little River Community Youth Club

History

Tens of thousands of 'P1' huts were erected by the Defence Department of Australia during World War II. They were a solution to the department's need for buildings that could be erected quickly and efficiently. Unlike the factory prefabricated Nissen or Quonset huts, 'P1' huts were built by civilian contractors, and used common Australian building techniques (timber stud framing, using standard sized members) and were clad in weatherboards or corrugated steel. The 'P1' hut was designed as a basic module to be used as sleeping accommodation, but it could also be modified to meet other Defence Department requirements including messes, canteens, shower and toilet blocks, classrooms and offices.¹

This hut at Little River was previously used by the Australian Army in Geelong and was relocated to this site after World War II for use as a youth club.²

Themes

(9.3) Establishing community services. (9.4) Learning in the community. (9.6) A sense of community and identity. (10.1) Sport and recreation.

Extent of Significance

Former P1 Hut.

Statement of Significance

Of local interest as an intact P1 hut and as a meeting place and recreational area for the community's youth.

Recommendations

Retain the level of significance at 'local interest'.

1 Allom Lovell & Associates, 'Ballarat Rangers Barracks. Conservation Management Plan', pp 41-2.

2 Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', vol 2, p 67.

Site: Former swimming pool

Address: Little River (end of McLeans Road), Little River

Heritage Place No: Not Numbered **Heritage Protection: None**

Significant Date: 1931 **Ownership: Crown**

Type of Significance: Social **Grid Ref: 200 E8**

Recommended Level of Significance: Local interest

Surveyed: PB & TN **Date Surveyed: 3/4/04 & 14/4/04** **Photo No: 1404-7**



Visual Description

A former swimming pool, built into the banks of the Little River. It is built of basalt rocks covered with a cement render (approximately 20mm thick). It is rectangular in plan and measures approximately 10 metres wide and 20 metres long, and is approximately 1.5 metres deep at its deepest end. At the pool's west end is a water inlet channel (disused) and at the east end are the pool's water outlets. The swimming pool is now disused, in disrepair and overgrown with weeds.

Site: Former swimming pool

History

This swimming pool was built by Dub Davis and other locals, and was opened in 1931. Davis is believed to have come from Werribee and worked in this district in trucking and doing hay thrashing. In later years he moved to Winchelsea.¹ It is believed that by the 1960s the pool was no longer in use by the local community. The nearby weir, built in 1951 to supply water for irrigation to nearby market gardens, is thought to have affected the supply of water to the pool, making it unusable.²

Themes

(3.2) Working the stone. (4.2) Boosting production (in relationship to the nearby weir). (10.1) Sport and recreation. (13.1) Changing the land.

Extent of Significance

Swimming pool and inlet channel.

Statement of Significance

Of local interest to the City of Wyndham as a former place of recreation built around the time of the Great Depression for use by the local community.

Recommendations

Retain the level of significance at local interest. Further research may establish a greater level of significance.

1 Ian Cowie pers com to Peter Barrett on 27 April 2004. Frank Shaw, *Little River, A place to remember*, pp 71-2.

2 Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', vol 2, p 42.

Site: Bulban Reserve

**Address: Rothwell Road (northwest corner of Old Melbourne Road)
Little River**

Heritage Place No: Not numbered

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Dates: 1890 & 1977

Ownership: Wyndham City Council

Type of Significance: Aesthetic. Social.

Grid Ref: 200 E8

Recommended Level of Significance: Local significance

Surveyed: PB, TN & SP

Date Surveyed: 14 & 26/04/04 Photo No: 1404-13



Visual Description

A recreation reserve on the east bank of the Little River, north of the Rothwell Bridge (incorporated with Place No 74 in the 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997'). The reserve extends along Rothwell Road, which forms its northern boundary, for about 300 metres, and along Old Melbourne Road, which forms its southern boundary, for about 200 metres. There is a car park (unsealed) in the reserve that is accessed from Rothwell Road. Most of the trees are mature sugar gums (*Eucalyptus cladocalyx*), many with epicormic growth, and there are some mature Monterey pines (*Pinus radiata*) close to the river and in the river are reeds

Site: Bulban Reserve

(*Phragmites australis*) and the trunks of some dead trees (probably eucalypts). On the riverbank is a disused steel water pump. The Rothwell Bridge is visible from the riverbank, and the reserve's mature trees help to frame this picturesque vista.

History

This reserve was gazetted a public park in 1890 and in 1977 was named the Bulban Reserve.¹

Themes

(9.6) A sense of community and identity. (10.1) Sport and recreation.

Extent of Significance

The extent of the reserve as gazetted and its landscape features.

Statement of Significance

Of local significance to Little River as an early recreational reserve in the township.

Recommendations

Increase the level of significance to local significance.

1 Victorian Government Gazette, 1890, p 3733 and 1977, p 1563.

Site: Little River Reserve
Address: You Yangs Road, Little River

Heritage Place No: 073

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Dates: c1864 & 1883

Ownership: Wyndham City Council

Type of Significance: Historical. Scientific. Social. Grid Ref: 200 C4

Recommended Level of Significance: Local significance

Surveyed: PB, TN & SP

Date Surveyed: 14 & 26/4/04

Photo No: 1404-8&9



Visual Description

The reserve consists of sporting and recreational facilities including an oval, surrounded by a steel post and rail fence, and two tennis courts, surrounded by a Cyclone wire fence. The reserve is accessed (vehicular and pedestrian) from You Yangs Road through entry gates that have four bluestone tapered piers with random coursed cement rendered caps and mild steel gates. The entry gates are a memorial to those who served in World War II (the plaque is not dated). There is a secondary vehicular and pedestrian entrance from a road (name unknown) along the western boundary of the reserve.

Site: Little River Reserve



Above: the concrete pavilion may be made from the precast concrete panel system developed by T W Fowler of Werribee.

A number of buildings and sheds are within the reserve boundary including a former clubroom, called the Frank Jones Memorial Pavilion, which is probably now used for the storage of sporting equipment. This building is single storey and has concrete walls and a corrugated galvanised steel gabled roof. It probably dates from the mid twentieth century and it may be made from the precast concrete panel system developed by T W Fowler of Werribee. There are later buildings in the reserve including a c1980 red brick pavilion and club rooms at its southern end, and a number of sundry structures including a small scoreboard, steel tray deck shed, toilet block, timber seats and bluestone barbecues. There are a number of Monterey pines (*Pinus radiata*) and cypresses (*Cupressus* - species unknown) that are situated around the reserve's perimeter.

Site: Little River Reserve

History

As early as 1864, this site was reserved for recreational purposes. In that year it is shown on a parish plan as a 'cricket ground'.¹ In 1883 it was gazetted a reserve for public recreation by the Victorian government.² The trees in the reserve are believed to be 100 years old, and were planted by Mick Hallinan and others.³

The concrete pavilion may be made of the precast concrete panel system developed by T W Fowler of Werribee. Fowler, a retired surveyor, manufactured precast concrete panelled houses and farm buildings using a system which cast 76mm thick wall sections,³ with door and window openings and pipes for electrical conduits, on an elevated flat metal table next to the place of erection. When the panels were dry, 36 hours later, they were lifted into a vertical position. After Fowler's death in 1942, the Housing Commission of Victoria purchased his plant and further developed this system, which resulted in the Commission's extensive concrete house and flat construction in the post-war years.⁵

Themes

(8.1) Setting up the townships. (9.6) A sense of community and identity. (10.1) Sport and recreation.

Extent of Significance

Reserve, including memorial entrance gates and the concrete pavilion.

Statement of Significance

The Little River Reserve is of local significance to Little River. It is of historical significance as the Little River's cricket ground, having functioned as this since at least the mid 1860s. It is of social significance as a recreational reserve for sporting activities and passive recreation, and is known, used and valued by the Little River community and other communities in the district. The reserve's gates are also of social significance, as a memorial to those in the community who served their country in World War II. The concrete pavilion in the Little River Reserve is of scientific significance, demonstrating an uncommon method of building construction for this district and having potential for research for understanding early concrete construction methods in Victoria.

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- 1 Department of Lands & Survey, map titled 'Special Lands. Parish of Bulban. County of Grant', dated 4 February, 1864.
 - 2 *Victorian Government Gazette* (1883) p 1821.
 - 3 Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', vol 2, p 80.
 - 4 Miles Lewis, 'Australian Building. A cultural investigation', section 7.08.15 titled 'Cement and Concrete: Forms and Systems'
 - 5 Renate Howe (ed.), *New Houses for Old. Fifty Years of Public Housing in Victoria 1938-1988*, pp 129 & 190.

Site: Little River Reserve

Recommendations

Increase the reserve's level of significance to 'local significance'. Further research to establish the significance and research potential of the concrete pavilion.

Site: McNaughton Reserve (formerly You Yangs Road Reserve)
Address: You Yangs Road (south side next to Little River), Little River

Heritage Place No: 074

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: 1890

Ownership: Wyndham City Council

Type of Significance: Aesthetic. Historical. Social. Grid Ref: 200 A4

Recommended Level of Significance: Local significance

Surveyed: PB & TN

Date Surveyed: 14/04/04

Photo No: 1404-12



Visual Description

A recreation reserve on the south side of You Yangs Road, east of the Grant Road Bridge that spans the Little River (Place No. 075, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997). The reserve extends along You Yangs Road for approximately 200 metres, with boulders lining this boundary, and the Little River forms the reserve's southern boundary. It is heavily wooded with mature sugar gums (*Eucalyptus cladocalyx*). Along the river are some mature Monterey pines (*Pinus radiata*) and at its edge are reeds (*Phragmites australis*). There is a car park that is accessed from You Yangs Road. With the former St Andrews Presbyterian Church on the west side of the Little River (outside the study area, in the City of Greater Geelong) and the Grant Road bridge, the McNaughton Reserve marks a distinct gateway to travellers entering Little River along You Yangs Road.

Site: McNaughton Reserve (formerly You Yangs Road Reserve)

History

The reserve was gazetted a public park in 1890.¹

Themes

(9.6) A sense of community and identity. (10.1) Sport and recreation.

Extent of Significance

The extent of the reserve as gazetted and its landscape features.

Statement of Significance

Of local significance to Little River as an early recreational reserve in the township.

Recommendations

Increase the level of significance to local significance.

1 *Victorian Government Gazette* (1890) p 4721.

MAMBOURIN DATA SHEETS



Site: Gunnery range and observers' huts

Address: Bulban Road (north side) between Live Bomb Range Road and Balls Road, Mambourin

Heritage Place No: NS

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: c1942

Ownership: Private

Type of Significance: Historical

Grid Ref: -

Recommended Level of Significance: Local interest

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed: 1/7/04

Photo No: 0107-4



Visual Description

This site, believed to have been used as a gunnery range during World War II, is on private property and could only be viewed from Bulban, Balls and Live Bomb Range Roads. Evidence of large craters, possibly from bombing, are visible from Live Bomb Range Road, but observers' huts and other structures associated with the gunnery range could not be seen from site's boundaries. There are the remnants of a timber frame of a railway carriage on the site near the corner of Balls and Bulban Roads.

Site: Gunnery range and observers' huts

History

A gunnery range is thought to have operated from this site during World War II. The complex included concrete buildings used by observers at the range and a 'concrete room on the track off Balls Road'.¹ In the years leading up to World War II, there were no buildings on this site,² and its relative isolation from populated areas and its close proximity to the former Manor Station would have made it a suitable and convenient place for a military facility. It was one of several areas in the environs of the RAAF bases at Point Cook and Laverton that was used by the air force.³

Themes

(2.4) Government land needs. (5.7) Munitions and Armaments.

Extent of Significance

Bomb craters, and any buildings remaining associated with the former gunnery range.

Statement of Significance

Of local interest as a site of a former RAAF gunnery range.

Recommendations

Access to the former gunnery range to assess the extent of evidence remaining of the facility.

1 Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study', p 84.

2 Australian Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria, No 848 Zone 7, Sheet J55, dated 1933.

3 Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study', p 84.

TARNEIT DATA SHEETS



Site: Former Pitson house site

**Address: Boundary Road (south side, between Davis and Tarneit Roads),
Tarneit**

Heritage Place No: NS (T128)

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: c1860

Ownership: Private

Type of Significance: Historical.

Crown Allotment: A & B, Sec' 23, Parish of Tarneit

Recommended Level of Significance: Local interest

Surveyed: PB & TN

Date Surveyed: 14/4/04

Photo No: 1404-20



Visual Description

The site of the former Pitson house is believed to be situated north of Boundary Road, east of Davis Road near Dry Creek. There are some mounds that may conceal the remains of an earlier house about 150 metres east of Davis Road. There is also a plantation of pines running in a north-south direction near these mounds. A dry stone wall extends along the site's street boundary between Davis Road and Dry Creek.

Site: Former Pitson house site

History

William Pitson ran a farm from the 1860s on Section XXIII, Crown allotment A, Parish Tarneit, on the southeast corner of Davis and Boundary Roads. Later, Pitson also owned the adjoining Crown allotment B (on the south side of Boundary Road, east of Crown allotment A). W Hall had originally owned this allotment, and it is thought that the Pitsons and Halls may have been related. From the 1870s Pitson let his farm, and in the 1890s Thomas Hobbs, a boundary rider, leased the farm homestead. From the early twentieth century, Edward H Pitson of Rockbank owned the house.¹ A house, probably Pitsons, is shown on a 1915 map of this locality close to the southeast corner of the Boundary and Davis Road intersection,² some distance up the rise from the creek.³ Pitson was still the owner of the house on this land in the 1930s.⁴ It is unknown when the house was demolished or if it was removed to another site.

Themes

(2.2) Re-defining the subdivision of the Western Plains.

Extent of Significance

If it can be determined, the site of the former house – see 'Recommendations' below

Statement of Significance

Of local interest as the site of the former farmhouse of the Pitson family, early farmers in the City of Wyndham, who were associated with the district for more than seventy years.

Recommendations

An archaeological investigation of the area where the house is believed to have been, to establish whether any physical evidence of the house or of any early farming activity remains. Until further investigation can be completed, retain the level of significance at local interest.

1 'Parish of Tarneit' map. Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', p 96.

2 Commonwealth Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria', Sheet South J 55, dated 1915.

3 It is also thought that this house may have been located near a small creek (Dry Creek) further east along Boundary Road. Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', p 96.

4 Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', p 96.

Site: Former Crinnigan house site

Address: Cobbledicks Ford Road (west of Cobbledicks Ford), Tarneit

Heritage Place No: NS

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: 1910

Ownership: Private

Type of Significance: Historical

Crown Allotment: D & E, Sec' 28, Parish of Tarneit

Recommended Level of Significance: Local interest

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed: 12/4/04

Photo No: 1204-5



Visual Description

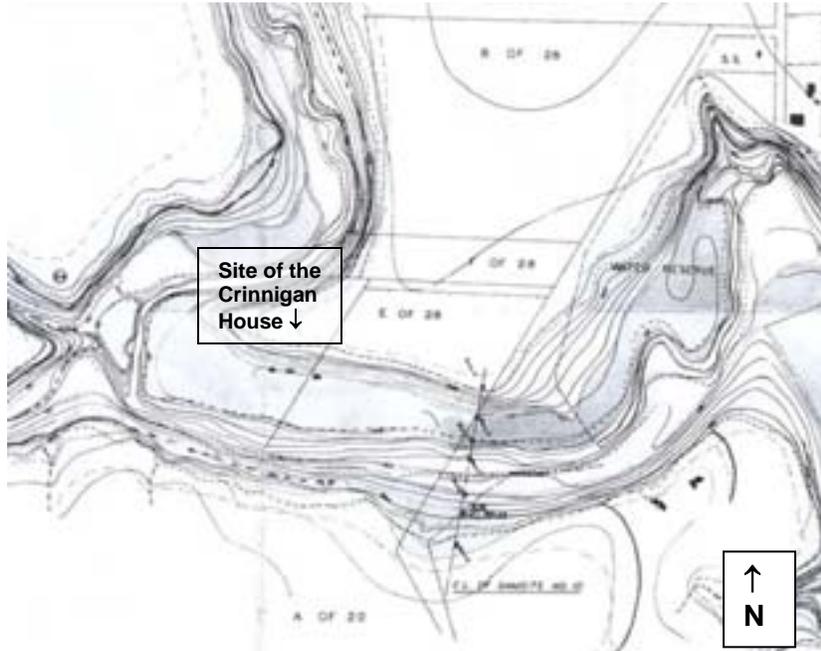
West of Cobbledicks Ford, on the north bank of the Werribee River, is the site of the former Crinnigan House. It is on part of the river flats and is overlooked by a steep rise of land to its north. A chain link fence, extending from the rise down to the river, divides the property. The area to the west of this fence was not accessible, but the area to its east was surveyed and had scattered debris, including stone, which may be from the house or other buildings that once occupied this site. Remnants of buildings may also be extant on the property west of the fence.

Site: Former Crinnigan house site

History

George Godfrey obtained a Crown grant in the nineteenth century for this site (allotments D and E, Section 28, Parish of Tarneit) and most of the remainder of the land between Dukelows Road and the Werribee River, south of Boundary Road.¹ By the early twentieth century this site was owned by Tassie Mary Staughton,² a descendent of Simon Staughton who was granted a licence in the 1840s for the pastoral run Exford.³

A house on this site was occupied around World War I by Thomas Crinnigan, a gardener at the Staughton's property Eynesbury.⁴ A map of the district from 1915 shows a house to the west of Cobbledicks Ford.⁵ By the mid 1930s the house was owned and occupied by James Phelan of Mount Cotterell.⁶ A map produced in 1948 of the environs of Cobbledicks Ford shows a complex of three buildings at this site.⁷ No buildings are now visible on the site.



Above: The Cobbledicks Ford area in 1948 (reproduced from State Rivers & Water Supply Commission map titled 'Werribee River. Geological Plan').

- 1 Department of Lands and Survey, map titled 'Parish of Tarneit'.
- 2 Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', p 123.
- 3 Bryce Raworth, 'Exford Homestead Conservation Management Plan', p 8.
- 4 Eynesbury is of State Significance (Victorian Heritage Register No H362). Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', pp 2 and 123.
- 5 Commonwealth Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria', Sheet South J 55, dated 1915.
- 6 Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', p 123.
- 7 State Rivers & Water Supply Commission, map titled 'Werribee River. Geological Plan – River Below Melton', in 'Lower Werribee Valley Geological Report' dated 1948.

Site: Former Crinnigan house site

Themes

(2.1) Pastoralists. (2.2) Redefining the subdivision of the Western Plains.

Extent of Significance

Site of the former Crinnigan house.

Statement of Significance

This site is of local interest for its association with the Staughton family, who owned a large pastoral run in the district from the 1840s and whose gardener, Thomas Crinnigan, lived in a house on this site.

Recommendations

Retain the site's level of significance as local interest.

Site: Former Davis farm site
Address: Davis Road, Tarneit

Heritage Place No: NS (W63)

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Dates: 1853 & 1858

Ownership: Private

Type of Significance: Historical. Scientific. Grid Ref: 350 D2

Recommended Level of Significance: Local significance

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed: 12/4/04

Photo No: 1204-10 &11



Visual Description

Some evidence of the former Davis farm and its farmhouse are visible on the east side of Davis Road, between Sayers and Leakes Road. Set back some distance from the road are remnants of a random coursed bluestone house. All that remains of this building is its bluestone footings and some of its walls (to a height of 1.2 metres). To the northwest of the former house, near the road, are three (dead) elms, probably part of the house's garden. Further back from the road are two mature eucalypts. North of these trees is an empty dam. The rural setting of the ruins and the site as a whole has been compromised by the two large water tanks in Tarneit Road, which are visible from the site.

Site: Former Davis farm site



Above: The dam (foreground), the eucalypts and the dead elm trees north of the house site.

History

This site is associated with the Davis family, who as early as the 1850s were farming in this district. By the mid 1860s the Davis brothers (George, Edmund and Arthur) were the owners of 104 hectares of land in Tarneit and by the 1880s their farm had increased in size to more than 243 hectares. Most of this land comprised their farm in Davis Road, between Dohertys and Sayers Roads. In later years Frederick, Henry and George Davis worked on this farm.¹

1 Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study', p 104.

Site: Former Davis farm site

The house was probably built in 1858.² In the early twentieth century the house is shown on maps of the locality. Between World War I and the 1930s a windmill was erected to the north of the house, in the vicinity of the site's dam.³ The house had become vacant by the middle of last century, when stone from it was removed and used to build the Silk Dam in Davis Road (see Silk Dam in this study).⁴ Another house associated with the Davis family was built nearby in 1899 on the west side of Tarneit Road.⁵

Themes

(2.2) Re-defining the subdivision of the Western Plains.

Extent of Significance

The remains of the house, the site's trees, which are probably part of the house's garden, and the dam.

Statement of Significance

The remnants of the house, trees and dam are of local significance to the City of Wyndham as physical evidence of a farm that dates back to the 1850s, which marks the beginning of the shift away from large pastoral runs to this type of smaller farm owned and run by yeoman farmers.

Recommendations

Access to the property to survey it for remnants of other early farming activity and buildings. Preparation of measured drawings and/or a photographic record of the house's ruins, before it further deteriorates. Detailed research of the Davis family and their farming activities. Further research may increase the level of significance of this site.

2 It is believed that a stone that was marked or carved with the year 1858 was above the house's front door. Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', p 104.

3 Commonwealth Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria', Sheet South J 55, dated 1915. Australian Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria, No 848 Zone 7, Sheet J 55, dated 1933.

4 Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', p 104.

5 See 'Former Davis house and smithy's shop' in Andrew Ward, 'Werribee Growth Area Heritage Report', not paginated.

Site: Silk dam

Address: Davis Road (east side, close to the Werribee River), Tarneit

Heritage Place No: NS

Heritage Protection: -

Significant Date: 1950s

Ownership: -

Type of Significance: -

Grid Ref: Cannot be determined

Recommended Level of Significance: Cannot be determined

Photo No: -

No Image

Description

A bluestone dam built in the 1950s is said to be located east of Davis Road near the Werribee River. The dam was constructed of bluestone salvaged from several sites in the area, including the Davis farm site (see Former Davis farm site, Davis Road, Tarneit, in this study) and from a stone wall that once surrounded Truganina Cemetery. A survey from the road of the location described in the previous study ('City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997') could not locate the dam.

Site: Silk dam

History

Insufficient data to research the history.

Themes

Insufficient data to determine the themes associated with this site.

Extent of Significance

This cannot be determined until a field survey can be undertaken of the dam.

Recommendations

Further information regarding the location of this site is required. If this can be established, a field survey and an archaeological investigation of the site should be undertaken to establish what remnants of earlier buildings have been used to build this dam.

Site: Shire windmill and tanks

Address: Davis Road (south end on Werribee River), Tarneit

Heritage Place No: NS

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: c1925

Ownership: Unknown

Type of Significance: Historical

Grid Ref: 350 F10

Recommended Level of Significance: Local interest

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed: 1/7/04

Photo No: -

No Image

Visual Description

A shire windmill and three tanks once occupied this site. The windmill has been removed and only some remnants of other early water supply equipment remains. There is also some more recent water supply equipment, including a pump in a shed, in this vicinity.

Site: Shire windmill and tanks

History

The shire built windmills and tanks to provide a supply of water for stock and domestic use.¹ A water hole had existed at the end of Davis Road around World War I,² and by the 1930s there was a windmill at this location, as well as another windmill to the west of Davis Road, also near to the Werribee River that was probably part of the Riverdale property.³ It is unknown when the windmill and the other water supply equipment was dismantled and removed.

Themes

(4.2) Boosting production. (9.2) Servicing communities (14.1) Inception of local government.

Extent of Significance

Former site of shire water supply equipment.

Statement of Significance

Of local interest as the site of shire domestic water and stock supply equipment.

Recommendations

Retain the level of significance at local interest.

1 Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', p 108.

2 Commonwealth Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria', Sheet South J 55, dated 1915.

3 Australian Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria, No 848 Zone 7, Sheet J 55, dated 1933.

Site: Former Missen houses site

Address: Derrimut Road (west side, south of Dohertys Road in the vicinity of Dry Creek), Tarneit

Heritage Place No: NS (T75)

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: c1880

Ownership: Private

Type of Significance: Historical.

Grid Ref: 359 G10 &11

Recommended Level of Significance: Local interest

Surveyed: PB & TN

Date Surveyed: 14/4/04 & 1/7/04 Photo No: 0107-2



Visual Description

Two former houses owned by the Missen family are believed to have been on a site close to where Derrimut Road crosses Dry Creek. The houses are thought to have been on the site of the present Warner's Boarding Kennels, on the west side of Derrimut Road, north of the creek. However, there is evidence that the house may have been on the opposite bank of the creek (refer to history). No evidence is visible from Derrimut Road of either a stone or 'tin' house in this vicinity. There are several mature eucalypts and other trees in the area, which may have been part of an earlier garden.

Site: Former Missen houses site

History

Two houses belonging to the Missen family are believed to have been in Derrimut Road, south of Dohertys Road, close to where it crosses Dry Creek.¹ The site is described in the 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', as the location of a corrugated iron house, dating from the 1850s, and later a bluestone house. The corrugated house was accidentally burnt down by a member of the Missen family some time around 1930.² It is unknown when the bluestone house was demolished, but by 1933 there were no houses on this site.³ It is believed by some locals that remnants of the house(s) may still remain on the site now occupied by the Warner's Boarding Kennels.⁴

Themes

(2.2) Re-defining the subdivision of the Western Plains.

Extent of Significance

If it can be determined, the site of the former house – see 'Recommendations' below.

Statement of Significance

This property is of local interest as the site of a farmhouse associated with the Missen family.

Recommendations

Undertake an archaeological investigation of the area where the house is believed to have been to establish whether any physical evidence of the house or of any early farming activity remains. Undertake further documentary research of the family and their farming activities in the district. Until further investigation can be completed, retain the level of significance at local interest.

1 Dry Creek is a tributary of Skeleton Creek.

2 Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study', p 111.

3 Australian Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria, No 848 Zone 7, Sheet J 55, dated 1933.

4 Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study', p 111.

Site: Staughtons Bridge

Address: Dohertys Road (across the Werribee River), Tarneit

Heritage Place No: 146

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: c1884

Ownership: Crown and Private

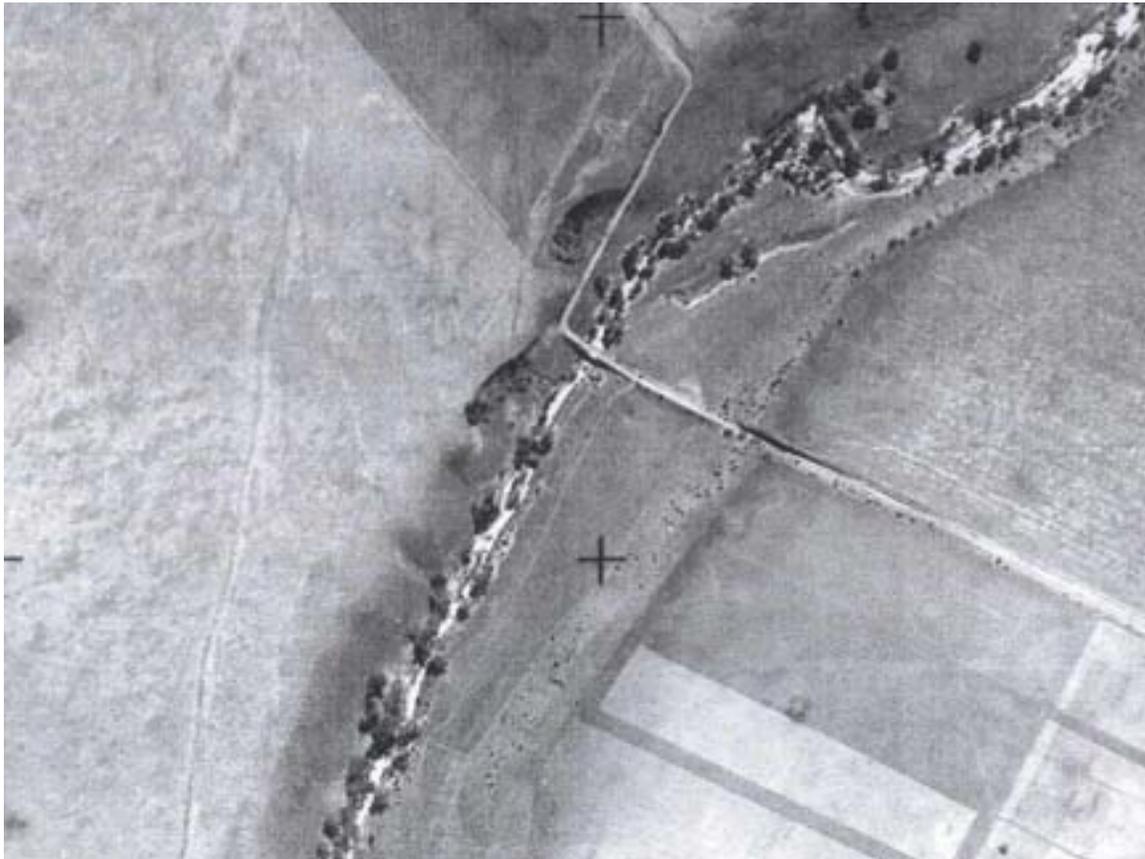
Type of Significance: Historical

Crown Allotment: Refer to history

Recommended Level of Significance: Local significance

Survey: Unable to access site as Dohertys Road has been discontinued west of Dukelows Road and the land formerly part of this road is now private and a gate prevents access.

Photo: Aerial photograph – Werribee River Project, Run 1 & 2, Film 289, photos 67376, dated March 1946.



Site: Staughtons Bridge

Visual Description

The bridge was unable to be surveyed from the east side of the Werribee River (see comments above). The site has recently been surveyed as part of a heritage report on Eynesbury Station, on the west side of the Werribee River. The consultants who prepared an archaeological assessment of the site, Tardis Enterprises Pty Ltd Cultural Heritage Consultants, describe the site as follows:

Approximately 250m in length and 6m wide. The entire length along the escarpment has been manually excavated and includes a 50m+ section of filled embankment. The roadway surface appears to be cobbled. There are the remains of a dressed bluestone abutment and four wooden upright pillars *in situ* within the banks of Werribee River (*sic*)...

and

...high potential for archaeological deposits.¹

History

This site is believed to have been a crossing point of the Werribee River as early as the gold rush, when a 'tollway' is believed to have been in place here.²

The history of the bridge was documented in the 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997'. It states:

The construction of bridges across the Werribee River formed an important part in the development of the district's transport system. Some district bridges were built 'to replace old fords or more primitive bridges' after roads were extended and improved in the 1860s with the establishment of local government.

A bridge across the Werribee River near the west end of Dohertys Road is shown on early district maps. It allowed the route between Geelong and Melbourne, which followed a road over Simon Staughton's Eynesbury property to continue along Dohertys Road on the east side of the river. Simon Staughton was owner (*sic*) of the bridge site on 528 acres in Crown Allotment B, Section XXV, Parish of Werribee. This was one of a number of large allotments owned by Staughton after the cutting up of his father's large pastoral estate.

The present Staughtons Bridge is said to have been opened in 1884. It became a local landmark and is clearly marked on Army Ordnance maps prepared in 1915 and 1933. An auction plan of 1935, for the subdivisional sale of Eynesbury Estate, indicates the bridge as an important link on the road to Melbourne, and it is still visible on late 1940s aerial photographs. The bridge was damaged by fire in the 1950s; it had already closed by then.³

1 Tardis Enterprises Pty Ltd, document titled 'Appendix 2 Draft Report Eynesbury Mixed Use Zone Historic Archaeological Assessment, not paginated.

2 *Ibid.*

3 Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', pp 116-7.

Site: Staughtons Bridge

Themes

(1.2) Settling. (1.5) Impact of gold. (2.1) Pastoralists. (3.2) Working the stone. (6.1) Transport. (9.1) Overcoming physical isolation. (11.2) The gold rush immigrants.

Extent of Significance

The escarpment(s), cobbled surfaces, remnants of bluestone bridge abutment(s), four timber pillars and any other elements associated with the former bridge.

Statement of Significance

Of local significance as a reminder of a transportation route through the district dating from at least the gold rush, and its elements that are a physical reminder of an 1880s bridge, erected by the pastoralists the Staughton family, and which serviced the community for almost seventy years until it was destroyed by fire in the 1950s.

Recommendations

Increase the level of significance to local significance. An extensive field survey of the site, including an archaeological investigation, should be undertaken as soon as possible, and from that steps should be taken to conserve the site's contents. Access to site for the general public should be facilitated, so they can view the remnants of the bridge.

Site: Former Townsing house site
Address: 1030 Dohertys Road, Tarneit

Heritage Place No: NS (T77)

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: c1903

Ownership: Private

Type of Significance: Historical

Recommended Level of Significance: Local interest

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed: 1/5/04

Photo No: 0105-16



Visual Description

This site is located on the north side of Dohertys Road, west of Derrimut Road, overlooking a gully of Dry Creek to its west. There is a drive, with Monterey pines (*Pinus radiata*) alongside it, leading from the road towards a single-storey timber house with a corrugated steel roof. The house, which is set back a short distance from the road, dates from the middle of the twentieth century. There are a number of timber sheds with corrugated steel gabled roofs on the site that are older than the house and may have been the outbuildings of the earlier house on this property. The house and the sheds are partially obscured by mature peppercorn trees (*Shinus molle*) along the road boundary. A quarry thought to be on this site was not visible.

Site: Former Townsing house site

History

In 1903 Henry George Townsing, a farmer, became the owner of this property comprising of 130 hectares on Crown allotment 23B and 23D, Parish of Tarneit. A homestead was built on this land by the following year.¹ A 1915 map of the locality shows a house east of a ford on Dry Creek, on the north side of Dohertys Road, on, or near, this site.² By this time, Townsing had sold the property to James Robinson, who still owned it in the middle 1930s.³ It is unknown if the house was demolished or removed from the site. A quarry is thought to be on this site beside the Dry Creek.⁴

Themes

(2.2) Re-defining the subdivision of the Western Plains.

Extent of Significance

Site of the former Townsing house and the Monterey pines and peppercorn trees that were probably part of the earlier house's garden.

Statement of Significance

Of local interest as the site of the house of Henry George Townsing, a farmer in this district in the early twentieth century, and later for its association with James Robinson who owned the house for many years.

Recommendations

Retain the level of significance at 'local interest'.

1 Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', p 164.

2 Commonwealth Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria', Sheet South J 55, dated 1915.

3 Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', p 164.

4 Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', p 149.

Site: Ardcloney

Address: 1460 Dohertys Road (Greek Hill), Tarneit

Heritage Place No: NS (T131)

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: c1925

Ownership: Private

Type of Significance: Historical

Recommended Level of Significance: Local interest

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed: 12/4/04

Photo No: 1204-6



Visual Description

This timber and brick house is sited on Greek Hill and faces southwest towards Dohertys Road. It is asymmetrical in composition and has a terracotta hipped roof. The house is accessed from Dohertys Road by a long driveway lined with eucalypts.

Site: Ardcloney

History

In 1919 Douglas S Faulkner moved to this property, bounded by Dohertys, Davis, Boundary and Sewell Roads; and commenced building Ardcloney soon after.¹ The tree-lined drive that leads to the house from Dohertys Road, also dates from around this time. Earlier, the property had belonged to the Clarke's, who used it as holding paddocks for their livestock, and later William J Troup owned it.² Faulkner was the son of Dr W C Faulkner, who lived in a house of the same name at Sunbury. Douglas Faulkner had also owned a property at Rockbank and in later years became a successful poultry farmer in this district. By the 1920s the Werribee district had become a prominent centre in the state for poultry farming. Faulkner's poultry farm in Troops Road, between Dohertys and Boundary Road, closed around 1950 and the buildings were destroyed by a bushfire in the 1960s.³

The house, named Ardcloney, is believed to have been designed by an architect with the name of Lloyd and was built by Melton builder Tommy Collins. Additions were made to the house in the 1930s and the house's original verandahs were later enclosed. The Faulkner family sold the property around the 1970s and since then it has been subdivided into smaller holdings.⁴

Themes

(2.5) Creating smaller rural holdings. (4.3) New rural activities.

Extent of Significance

House and tree-lined drive.

Statement of Significance

Ardcloney is of local interest as an example of an inter-war farmhouse and for its association with Douglas S Faulkner a prominent poultry farmer in the district.

Recommendations

Retain the level of significance at local interest and reassess the building's significance when it has been established conclusively who the architect of the house was.

1 Doug Faulkner pers com with Peter Barrett on 28 April 2004.

2 Commonwealth Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria', Sheet South J 55, dated 1915. Australian Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria, No 848 Zone 7, Sheet J 55, dated 1933. Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', p 113. Doug Faulkner pers com with Peter Barrett on 28 April 2004.

3 Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', p 113. Doug Faulkner pers com with Peter Barrett on 28 April 2004. K N James, *Werribee. The first one hundred years*, p 88.

4 Doug Faulkner pers com with Peter Barrett on 28 April 2004.

Site: Former Mount Cotterell State School No 804 site
Address: Dukelows Road (southwest corner of Cobbledicks Ford Road),
Tarneit

Heritage Place No: NS (T8)

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Dates: 1921, 1950

Ownership: Crown

Type of Significance: Historical. Social.

Recommended Level of Significance: Local interest

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed: 12/4/04

Photo No: 1204-2



Visual Description

On a flat site on a ridge overlooking the Werribee River and its valley, on the southwest corner of Dukelows and Cobbledicks Ford Road, is one of the sites of the former Mount Cotterell State School No 804. The site is almost directly opposite Bambra Park (Place No 147, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997') in Dukelows Road. No buildings remain on the site, but there is a cypress and some garden plants such as cacti that may date from the time the school used the site. A double row of eucalypts lines Cobbledicks Ford Road.

Site: Former Mount Cotterell (Mount Cotterell) State School No 804 site

History

The absence of a primary school within miles of this part of Tarneit mobilised residents in this locality in the 1920s to petition the Department of Education to reopen the former Mount Cotterell State School No 804, which had closed a decade earlier. As early as 1865 a school was in this district, with classes being held on another site in a stone building capable of accommodating 45 students. Low enrolments eventually led to its closure in 1898. The school reopened in 1901 on a site on the east side of Dukelows Road, north of Dohertys Road, in a leased building consisting of two rooms. Again, due to low enrolments, this school was closed by 1910.

On 1 February 1921 the school reopened in a hall on land at this site on the southwest corner of Dukelows and Cobbledicks Ford Roads. This land is part of a former 'Public Watering Reserve' gazetted in 1872, to provide water for local stock and stock travelling overland. The hall was built by local residents to provide a building for the school, in the hope that it would encourage the Education Department to open a school for local children. The department, who described this as 'a fine effort of self help', appreciated this gesture. After it was constructed the hall became the property of the Shire of Werribee, who leased it to the Education Department. The hall had a porch attached and there were a number of auxiliary buildings on the site including a timber shelter shed, a wood shed and two toilets.

By 1927 the number of students enrolled at the school had dropped and in March 1929 the Education Department terminated its lease of the building. By 1931, the department began leasing the hall again from the shire and the school was reopened. The Shire of Werribee enlarged the building in 1946, but by 1950 the numbers of students enrolled at the school had dropped and soon after the department no longer staffed it. By 1953 the school had officially closed and its furniture and records were removed from the site. Attempts by the local community to have the school reopened were unsuccessful.¹ The hall was moved to the Truganina Progress Association grounds, for use by the Pony Club, but was destroyed during a bushfire on 8 January 1969.²

Themes

(1.2) Settling (in relationship to the site's earlier use as a Public and Watering Reserve). (9.3) Establishing community services. (9.4) Learning in the community.

Extent of Significance

The site of the former school buildings and yard.

Statement of Significance

The site is of local interest as one of the sites of the former Mount Cotterell State School No 804.

Recommendations

Retain the site's level of significance at local interest.

1 School Building File, 'Mount Cotterell State School No 804'.

2 Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', p 101.

Site: Former River View (Mrs Arthur Smith house) site

Address: Dukelows Road (west side), south of Dohertys Road, Tarneit

Heritage Place No: NS (T13)

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: c1910

Ownership: Private

Type of Significance: Historical

Crown Allotment: A, Section 28, Parish of Tarneit

Recommended Level of Significance: Local interest

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed: 12/4/04

Photo No: Werribee River Project, Run 1 & 2, Film 289, photos 67376, dated March 1946; and photos 1204-9&10



Site: Former River View (Mrs Arthur Smith house) site



Above: The timber post and rail fence and timber gates on the Dukelows Road boundary of the site.

Visual Description

River View house has been demolished. On the site is a mound of debris including timber posts and stone, which may indicate the former location of the house. There is a short row of dead eucalypts extending from Dukelows Road into the property, which was probably the line of River View's driveway. Along the Dukelows Road boundary there is part of a timber post and rail fence above a dry stone wall and a pair of timber gates. The remainder of the road boundary fence is a dry stone wall with a timber post and wire fence along its top.

Site: Former River View (Mrs Arthur Smith house) site

History

Jack Smith's mother operated a post office agency and telephone exchange from River View in the mid-twentieth century.¹ Earlier a post office, or post office agency, had operated from a house on the west side of Dukelows Road, north of Dohertys Road.² The River View post office closed in 1958 and the house was demolished shortly after. The house was timber and part of it dated back to the nineteenth century. An addition, comprising a timber building brought from Werribee, was constructed at the front of the house in the 1920s or 30s. An aerial view of the locality in 1946 shows several other buildings and/or outbuildings on the site. Prior to the Smiths, the house was owned for a short time by the Brady family and for many years before this the Johnsons.³



Above: An aerial view of River View in 1946 (left of centre of image).

1 Gwen Smith, pers com to Peter Barrett on 28 April and 8 July 2004.

2 Commonwealth Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria', Sheet South J 55, dated 1915.

3 Gwen Smith, pers com to Peter Barrett on 28 April 2004.

Site: Former River View (Mrs Arthur Smith house) site

Themes

(2.2) Re-defining the subdivision of the Western Plains. (8.3) Creating a home. (9.3) Establishing community services.

Extent of Significance

Former River View house and farm site.

Statement of Significance

Of local interest as the site of a former farm and house and its use as a post office agency and telephone exchange.

Recommendations

Retain the level of significance at local interest. An archaeological survey of the site may uncover further information on the site and increase its level of significance.

Site: Early track

Address: Between Dukelows Road and Boundary Road, Tarneit

Heritage Place No: NS

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: c1860

Ownership: Private

Type of Significance: Historical

Crown Allotment: Cannot be determined

Recommended Level of Significance: Local interest

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed: 12/4/04

Photo: Aerial photograph – Werribee River Project, Run 1 & 2, Film 289, photos 67376, dated March 1946.



Site: Early track

Visual Description

No evidence could be seen of an early track believed to have extended across the Tarneit plains between Cobbledicks Ford and Greek Hill. The field on the east side of Dukelows Road south of Dohertys Road, where this track may have been, has recently been ploughed and this activity would have probably destroyed what remaining evidence existed. Some remains may exist north of Dohertys Road, but these could not be located.

History

A track, probably an early travel route dating from the 1850s or 60s, is believed to cross the plains of Tarneit, heading southwest from Greek Hill to Cobbledicks Ford. Until recently the track appeared as a slight depression in the landscape and was said to have been most visible in times of drought.¹ An aerial photograph of the area around Dukelows Road, near Cobbledicks Ford Road shows a faint line extending in a northeasterly direction from near this intersection and may be the track leading to Greek Hill. In the same photograph a more distinct track is visible extending from the rear of Bambra Park downstream and alongside the Werribee River. Neither of these tracks are shown on army ordinance maps made of the locality in 1915 and 1933.

Themes

(9.1) Overcoming physical isolation.

Extent of Significance

The extent of the track, if its location can be determined.

Statement of Significance

Of local interest, as an early travel route across the Tarneit plains, which is believed to date back to the 1850s or 60s.

Recommendations

Farming activity has probably disturbed evidence of the track. Until visible evidence of its alignment is located and its extent surveyed, its approximate location remains of local interest to the City of Wyndham.

1 Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', vol 2, p188.

Site: House and former site of Dukelow
Address: 215 Dukelows Road, Tarneit

Heritage Place No: NS

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: c1860s

Ownership: Private

Type of Significance: Historical

Recommended Level of Significance: Local significance (see recommendations)

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed: 12/4/04

Photo No: 1204-3



Visual Description

A bluestone house owned by the Dukelow family that once was situated on the west side of Dukelows Road, near the corner of Boundary Road (Crown allotment A, Section 27, Parish of Tarneit), has been demolished. The present house (see photograph above), close to the site of the former bluestone house, on the west side of Dukelows Road, is also believed to have been associated with the family. It is a double-fronted timber Edwardian house with a hipped and gable roof.

Site: House and former site of Dukelow

History

The history of the Dukelow family was researched in the 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997' and it states:

Now demolished into a creek, a farm homestead occupied by Henry Dukelow, Tarneit farmer, once stood on this site in Crown allotment A, of Section XXVII, Parish of Tarneit. In the late 1880s George Godfrey owned the farm on 213 acres in allotments A and B, which was leased to Henry Dukelow. A farm homestead was recorded on this land in the late 1890s, still owned by Godfrey and occupied by Dukelow. From the turn of the century Dukelow was listed as the owner and occupier.¹

The weatherboard Edwardian house on the property (facing Dukelows Road) is believed to have been moved to this site by the Dukelow family from Balliang in the 1930s. The bluestone house is thought to have been built around the same time as the bluestone Cobbledick house and is believed to have been demolished after World War II.²

Themes

(2.2) Re-defining the subdivision of the western plains. (8.3) Creating a home.

Extent of Significance

Site of former house (when it can be determined) and the Edwardian house at 215 Dukelows Road.

Statement of Significance

This site is of local interest through its association with the pioneering farming family, the Dukelows. The current house at 215 Dukelows Road is of local significance as a physical reminder of the family as one of the houses on the property, which dates back to the 1930s when it was moved here from Balliang by the family.

Recommendations

Increase the level of significance of the Edwardian house at 215 Dukelows Road to local significance. An archaeological survey of the former bluestone house and its adjoining site may increase the level of significance of other parts of the property.

1 Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', p 119.

2 Jack Smith pers com to Peter Barrett on 8 July 2004.

Site: Walker house
Address: 530 Hogans Road, Tarneit

Heritage Place No: 149

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: 1890

Ownership: Private

Type of Significance: Historical

Recommended Level of Significance: Local interest

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed: 12/4/04 & 1/7/04 **Photo No: 1204-8**



Visual Description

The house is obscured from the road by a garden of mature trees and a detailed survey could not be undertaken. The 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997' describes the house as a:

Double fronted timber house with gabled hip roof. Substantially modified – new windows, door, roof, bluestone and timber additions. Concrete sheet clad on exterior. Well

Site: Walker house

established garden – the house is enclosed by several peppercorn and ash trees. A small timber barn is located near the front of the property.¹

History

The 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997' describes the history of the house as:

The first owner of the timber house on Crown allotment F, Section IX, Parish of Tarneit, may have been William Lee, who was rated as occupier of 83 acres in the allotment in the late 1890s. By the turn of the century Emma Walker was recorded as the owner of the 83 acres in allotment F. George Walker owned the adjoining Allotment E. By 1905-6 George Walker owned the homestead of Allotment F as well as land in Allotment E. George Walker continued to own the property into the 1920s. However, in 1915-16, the property was farmed by James H Walker, and in 1922-23 by Robert Walker. During the First World War period the valuation of the property almost doubled, suggesting some alterations or additions at this time.²

An army ordinance map of this locality from 1915 confirms that a house was on this site.³

Themes

(2.2) Redefining the subdivision of the Western Plains.

Extent of Significance

House, garden and outbuildings.

Statement of Significance

This house is of local interest as a farmhouse and its association with an earlier Tarneit farm.

Recommendations

Obtain permission to access the property to enable a thorough survey of the house, its garden and outbuildings.⁴ A survey and further research may increase the level of significance.

1 Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', p 128.

2 Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', p 128-9.

3 Commonwealth Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria', Sheet South J 55, dated 1915.

4 The consultants did attempt to contact the occupants of the property during the survey, but there was nobody at home.

Site: Former house site

Address: Leakes Road (south side between Shanahans and Sewells Roads), Tarneit

Heritage Place No: NS (T31)

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: 1904

Ownership: Private

Type of Significance: Historical

Crown Allotment: A, Section 16, Parish of Tarneit

Recommended Level of Significance: Local interest

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed: 12/4/04

Photo No: 1204-12



Visual Description

On the south side of Leakes Road, mid-way between Shanahans and Sewells Roads was the site of a former homestead. There is no evidence visible of the former house and the specific site cannot be located. In this location is an empty dam or water hole, with mature eucalypts on either side of the road. The house was located to the east of this area.

Site: Former house site

History

A house once stood on the south side of Leakes Road, mid-way between Shanahans and Sewells Roads, on a 70 hectare property. A 1915 map of the locality shows a house in this vicinity and another map of 1933 shows the house east of a water hole.¹ J P Chirnside owned the land from around 1904, and a homestead is believed to have been on the property at this time. During World War I the house was associated with Joseph Opie, who lived there until the mid-1920s, and then it was owned by Michael Shanahan who remained the owner and occupier of the house until the mid-1930s.² It is unknown whether the house was demolished or moved to another site.

Themes

(2.1) Pastoralists. (2.2) Re-defining the subdivision of the Western Plains.



Above: An Australian Section Imperial General Staff map of the district, dated 1915, shows a house in this part of Leakes Road (Vollants and Kerrs Roads are now Shanahans and Sewells Roads respectively).

- 1 John Todd pers com with Peter Barrett on 3 May 2004. Commonwealth Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria', Sheet South J 55, dated 1915. Australian Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria, No 848 Zone 7, Sheet J 55, dated 1933.
- 2 Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study', p 130.

Site: Former house site

Extent of Significance

At this time the site of the former house is unknown and therefore the extent of significance cannot be determined.

Statement of Significance

The former house is of local interest for its association with two distinct stages of settlement of Tarneit – pastoralists and later yeoman farming.

Recommendations

Further research may reveal the location of the site of this former farmhouse. Suggested research includes a detailed search of documentary sources and/or an archaeological investigation of this area.

Site: McKenzie house

Address: Sayers Road (south side between Sewells and Shanahans Roads), Tarneit

Heritage Place No: NS (W96)

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: c1890

Ownership: Private

Type of Significance: Aesthetic. Historical. Crown Allotment: A, Sec' 16 Parish of Tarneit

Recommended Level of Significance: Local interest

Surveyed: PB & TN

Date Surveyed: 14/4/04

Photo No: 1404-19



Visual Description

A late Victorian or early Edwardian timber farmhouse with a corrugated galvanised steel roof with two tall chimneys. The north elevation, which faces Sayers Road, has two double-hung sash windows, which may have originally flanked a central door. A pergola extends along the front of this elevation. There is a verandah at the rear (south elevation), where its entrance now is. There is a mature garden around the house, which is enclosed by a white timber post and rail fence. Vehicular access to the house is via a road (name unknown) to the east. The house is set back a short distance from this road and well back from Sayers Road.

Site: McKenzie house

History

This house is built on Section XVI, Allotment A in the Parish of Tarneit, on land owned by Andrew Chirnside in the nineteenth century.¹ After Chirnside sold the land, the McKenzie and the Rowe families owned it. A house existed on, or near to, this site around World War I, but by the 1930s there was no house on the south side of Sayers Road, between Shanahans and Sewells Roads. Later in the twentieth century this house was moved to this site from Werribee.²

Themes

(2.2) Re-defining the subdivision of the Western Plains.

Extent of Significance

House.

Statement of Significance

A late Victorian or early Edwardian farmhouse of local interest to the City of Wyndham for its association with the McKenzies and Rowes, who were farmers in this part of the district. The house's significance has been diminished by its removal from its original site in Werribee, some time in the middle or late twentieth century.

Recommendations

Further research is needed to establish where in Werribee the house was moved from and who owned, or was associated with, the house at its earlier location.

1 'Parish of Tarneit' plan.

2 Commonwealth Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria', Sheet South J 55, dated 1915. Australian Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria, No 848 Zone 7, Sheet J 55, dated 1933. Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', p 132.

Site: Smith's Dairy site

Address: Sayers Road (south side, west of Tarneit Road), Tarneit

Heritage Place No: NS (W62)

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: 1850s & 1930s

Ownership: Private

Type of Significance: Aesthetic. Historical. Scientific.

Grid Ref: 202 A5

Recommended Level of Significance: Local significance

Surveyed: PB & TN

Date Surveyed: 14/4/04

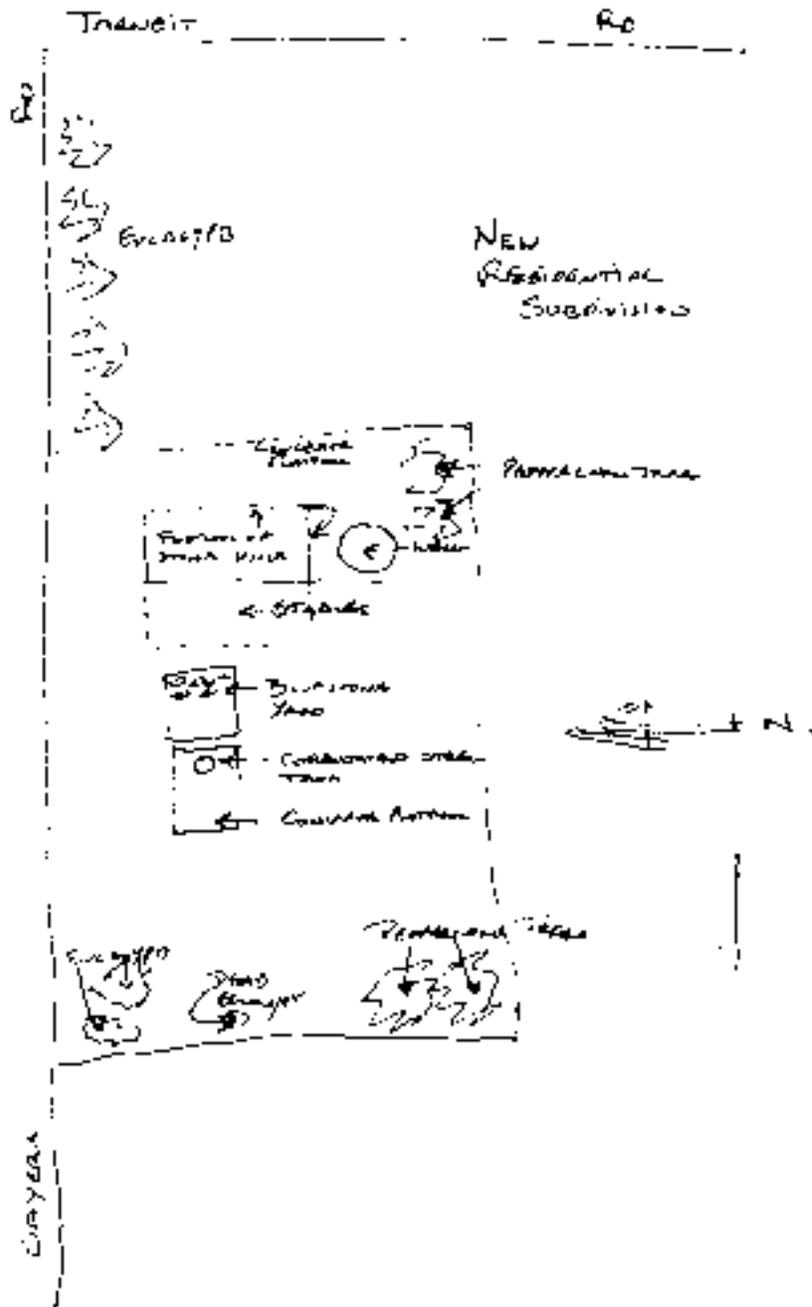
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Visual Description

The remains of a house and a dairy complex on the south side of Sayers Road, west of Tarneit Road, close to the Sayers Road boundary. At the east end of this site are the footings and the lower parts of the walls of a stone house, measuring 10 x 14 metres. To the south of the former house is a concrete slab, with what was probably a well. To the west of the house is the base of the dairy's stables and the remains of a yard with a bluestone and field stone base. Further to the west is a raised concrete slab on a base of bluestone and fieldstone. On this slab is a corrugated steel water tank on top of a timber-framed platform. There are several mature trees on the site including peppercorns (*Shinus molle*) and sugar gums (*Eucalyptus cladocalyx*).

Site: Smith's Dairy site



Above: An indicative site plan of the former house and dairy complex (not to scale).

Site: Smith's Dairy site

History

The Robinson family settled on this site in the 1850s and soon after built a bluestone house here.¹ The house had about four rooms and a kitchen in a stone lean-to at the rear (south side). The front door of the house faced Tarniet Road and no door faced Sayers Road. The Robinson family ran a dairy, which was to the west of the house, and a cement brick milking shed was added in the 1930s. For a time the Cowie family owned the dairy, but in January 1969 all of the buildings on the site, except for the milking shed, were destroyed in a bushfire. Later, the remaining building was demolished after it was damaged by vandals.²

Themes

(2.2) Re-defining the subdivision of the Western Plains. (3.2) Working the stone. (4.3) New rural activities.

Extent of Significance

The former site of the house, well, stables, yard and dairy.

Statement of Significance

The remains of this complex of buildings are of local significance to the City of Wyndham, as physical evidence of a mid-nineteenth century farmhouse and dairy complex. It is of historical significance for its association with the Robinson family who settled here in the 1850s, building this house and other buildings on the site soon after, and for its association in later years with the Cowies, another prominent farming family in this district. The former stone house is of scientific significance, as it has research potential in demonstrating mid nineteenth century building techniques and the entire site for its potential in revealing archaeological evidence of the site's former use as a farm and dairy.

Recommendations

Increase the entire site's level of significance to 'local significance'. Measured drawings and a thorough photographic record should be made of the site before any of the buildings deteriorate further. An archaeological investigation of the site should also be undertaken as soon as possible. Further documentary research of the site's history.

1 Ian Cowie, former owner of the property, pers com with Peter Barrett on 3 May 2004. 'Parish of Tarniet' map.

2 Ian Cowie pers com with Peter Barrett on 3 May 2004.

Site: Smith's Dairy site



Above: the stone footings and parts of the lower walls of the former house on the site.

Site: House

Address: Sayers Road (north side) immediately to the northeast of Thomas Carr Catholic College, Tarneit

Heritage Place No: NS (W95)

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: c1926

Ownership: Private

Type of Significance: Historical

Grid Ref: 202 H5

Recommended Level of Significance: Local interest

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed: 2/7/04

Photo No: 0207-45



Visual Description

A long gravel drive leading from Sayers Road, a steel water tank and some sugar gums (*Eucalyptus cladocalyx*) are all that remain of a farmhouse complex that existed on this site from the 1920s until recent years. The area immediately surrounding the site is being developed as a residential subdivision and to the site's east is the Thomas Carr Catholic College.

Site: House

History

This site is part of the earlier Leakes dairy property. It is on Crown allotment D, Section 11, Parish of Tarneit, and it was purchased by A J A Browne in about 1926 and a house was built here soon after.¹ Army ordinance maps of this district from 1915 and 1933 show two houses on this site.² It is believed Browne's house of 1926 was built in front of an earlier house.³ The earlier house was demolished about 1990,⁴ and the house built by Browne, was demolished some time between 1997 and 2004.

Themes

(2.2) Re-defining the subdivision of the Western Plains. (2.5) Creating smaller rural holdings.

Extent of Significance

Site of former houses, driveway, steel tank and sugar gums.

Statement of Significance

Of local interest as a site that was formerly part of Leakes Dairy and in the twentieth century a farm owned by A J A Browne.

Recommendations

Retain the level of significance at local interest.

1 Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', p 186.

2 Commonwealth Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria', Sheet South J 55, dated 1915. Australian Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria, No 848 Zone 7, Sheet J 55, dated 1933.

3 Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', p 186.

4 Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', p 186.

Site: Stock house

Address: Sewells Road (east side, south of Sayers Road), Tarneit

Heritage Place No: NS

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: c1913

Ownership: Private

Type of Significance: Historical

Crown Allotment: A1, Section 8, Parish of Tarneit

Recommended Level of Significance: Cannot be determined (see recommendations)

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed: 9/7/04

Photo No: 0907-9



Visual Description

The land on which this house is believed to be situated was surveyed from Sewells Road as far as a set of locked gates, approximately halfway between Sayers Road and the Werribee River, which prevented access to the remainder of the road and surveying the remainder of the site. A hay shed and some other outbuildings are visible on the east of Sewells Road past the gates, but no house can be seen. On the west side of Sewells Road are two houses (No 85 Sewells Road). The house closer to the road is a Modernist house of relatively recent construction. Further west, obscured by mature eucalypts and other vegetation, is a timber Victorian or Edwardian house.

Site: Stock house

History

The history of the Stock house was researched in the 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997' and it states:

This house is said to date from the First World War period and to have been owned first by the Stock family. An examination of Shire of Werribee rate records confirmed that from 1913-14 Seth Mounter Stock was the owner and occupier of a homestead on 352 acres of land in Crown Allotment A1 in Section 8, Parish of Tarneit. An earlier homestead on the 352 acres was owned in 1905-6 by Thomas Canny. It is not known if part of the earlier house was incorporated into the later building.

In 1916-17 John Stock was listed as the owner of the Tarneit property. The following year it was transferred to John Porter. Later, in the 1919-20 rate records, the name 'Mrs Fallon' was pencilled in across the property which, by 1920-21, was listed as owned by Fallon Bros.¹

An army ordinance map of the district of 1915 shows a house on the east side of Sewells Road, close to the Werribee River. This may be the Stock house. Another house is shown on the west side of Sewells Road on the site of the Victorian/Edwardian house described above.² A later army ordinance map, dated 1933, shows the house on the east side of Sewells Road and two houses on the west side of Sewells Road on the property Wattle Park.³

Themes

(2.2) Re-defining the subdivision of the western plains. (2.5) Creating smaller rural holdings.

Extent of Significance

Requires identification of the site of the former Stock house before this can be determined.

Statement of Significance

Requires identification of the site of the former Stock house before this can be determined.

Recommendations

Access to enable a field survey to determine the location of the Stock house. Further research will determine the significance of the sites.

1 Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', p 140.

2 Commonwealth Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria', Sheet South J 55, dated 1915.

3 Australian Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria, No 848 Zone 7, Sheet J 55, dated 1933.

Site: Oakbank

Address: 35 Shanahans Road, Tarneit

Heritage Place No: NS

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Dates: c1840 & 1905

Ownership: Private

Type of Significance: Historical.

Crown Allotment: B, Section 17, Parish of Tarneit

Recommended Level of Significance: Cannot be determined (see recommendations)

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed: 9/7/04

Photo No: 0907-4



Visual Description

The site was surveyed from Shanahans Road. There is a pair of old steel gates with the words 'Oakbank' and 'Tarneit' on them across a drive leading from Shanahans Road to a Modernist house (obscured) on the site. The drive on its northern side is lined with sugar gums (*Eucalyptus cladocalyx*). No ruins of a bluestone building are visible from the road.

Site: Oakbank

History

The history of Oakbank was researched in the 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997' and it states:

Crown allotment B, Section XVII was originally acquired by Thomas Chirnside. A house was built for the manager of Chirnside's Wattle Park estate, possibly as early as 1840. The property was later occupied by Edmond Shanahan from around 1905. His brother George joined him on the property soon after.¹

Two houses are shown on, or close to, this site on the east bank of the Werribee River on an army ordinance map of 1915.² The houses are still extant on an army ordinance map of the 1930s and one of the houses is shown with a drive leading from Shanahans Road, close to the present driveway.³ The current house on the site is occupied by the Uttley family.⁴

Themes

(2.1) Pastoralists (2.2) Re-defining the subdivision of the western plains.

Extent of Significance

Requires identification of the site of the former bluestone house before this can be determined.

Statement of Significance

Requires identification of the site of the former bluestone house before this can be determined.

Recommendations

Access to enable a field survey to determine the location of the former bluestone house. This and other further research will determine the significance of this site.

1 Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', p 141.

2 Commonwealth Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria', Sheet South J 55, dated 1915.

3 Australian Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria, No 848 Zone 7, Sheet J 55, dated 1933.

4 Australia Post employee pers com to Peter Barrett on 9 July 2004.

Site: Bombing range

**Address: Springhill Road (south side) between Mount Mary and the
Werribee River (west side), Tarneit**

Heritage Place No: NS (T4a)

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: c1942

Ownership: Not known

Type of Significance: Historical

Crown Allotments: Refer to history

Recommended Level of Significance: Refer to recommendations

Surveyed: Not accessible

Photo No: No image

No image

Description

Springhill Road has been closed to traffic just west of Ballan Road and the site could not be accessed for surveying.

Site: Bombing range

History

The history of this bombing range, one of at least two bombing ranges in the Tarneit/Mambourin area, was researched in 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', which describes the site as follows:

A paddock, located on the Staughtons' Eynesbury property west of the Werribee River, was used as a bombing range by the RAAF during the Second World War. A map of the lands in the Eynesbury Woodhouse Pastoral Company estate, supplied by John Todd, shows the bombing range, 180 acres located west of the Werribee River and east of Mt Mary Road. The quadrant huts associated with the range were located at three points: opposite of Cobbleticks Ford Road in Crown Allotment A, Section XX, Parish of Werribee; at the end of Mount Mary Road in Crown Allotment A, Section XXIV, Parish of Werribee. The first two huts were located south of the creek and the third was north of the creek. The site of the quadrant huts was marked by Jack Smith, who lived just across the river.¹

Jack Smith describes the quadrant huts, which were used to observe the bombing operations on the site, as being made of timber packing cases, measuring about 2.5 x 2 metres. The packing cases had been earlier used to transport aircraft parts. Sleeping quarters for men working on the site were also built here. These quarters were constructed of timber and measured about 4 x 9 metres. In the years around 1942-43, RAAF planes flew over and dropped practice bombs on the site. The bombs were about 500mm long and released chemical smoke when they struck the ground so they could be easily seen. It is believed that one USAF plane mistook this bombing range for a gunnery range at Mambourin (see Gunnery Range, Live Bombing Range Road, Mambourin in this report) where more powerful ammunition was used, and dropped a powerful bomb on the bombing range that caused damage to this site and surrounding buildings.²

Themes

(2.1) Pastoralists. (2.4) Government land needs. (5.7) Munitions and Armaments.

Extent of Significance

Requires field investigation and further research to establish the extent and level of significance.

Statement of Significance

The site, when its extent can be determined, is of at least local interest as one of several places in the municipality associated with the RAAF during the twentieth century.

Recommendations

Access to the site to conduct a survey of the area to establish the extent and level of significance.

1 Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', p 142.

2 Jack Smith, local resident, pers com to Peter Barrett on 12 July 2004.

Site: Former Tarneit State School No 1470 site

Address: Tarneit Road (northwest corner Hogans Road), Tarneit

Heritage Place No: NS (T49)

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Dates: 1875, 1883, 1921-2 & 1932

Ownership: Not Known

Type of Significance: Historical.

Grid Ref: 202 A9

Recommended Level of Significance: Local interest

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed: 12/4/04

Photo No: 1204-7



Visual Description

No buildings from the former state school remain. The site is now vacant and its boundary planted with eucalypts, which are said to mark the location of the former schoolyard.

Site: Former Tarneit State School No 1470 site

History

Tarneit State School No 1470 opened on 1 January 1875 on this site on the northwest corner of Tarneit and Hogans Roads. At the time of its opening, the timber schoolroom measured 7.3 x 3.6 metres, and attached to this were two rooms that were used as a teacher's residence. In 1883 the schoolroom was extended to a length of almost 11 metres.¹ In 1921-22 the Education Department carried out alterations and additions to the school. The teacher's residence was detached from the schoolroom and enlarged and modernised. The schoolroom was altered internally and externally, including the provision of improved ventilation, and more natural light from the fitting of larger windows on its north and south elevations.²

In the years after the alterations and additions were completed enrolments began to fall and on 14 September 1932 the school closed. The schoolroom was sold for removal, and the shelter shed and a garage was removed to Truganina State School.³ The teacher's residence was removed to Avalon State School.⁴

Themes

(9.3) Establishing community services. (9.4) Learning in the community.

Extent of Significance

The site of former Tarneit State School No 1470.

Statement of Significance

This land is of local interest to the City of Wyndham as the site of the former Tarneit State School No 1470, which served the local community for over fifty years.

Recommendations

Retain the level of significance at 'local interest'.

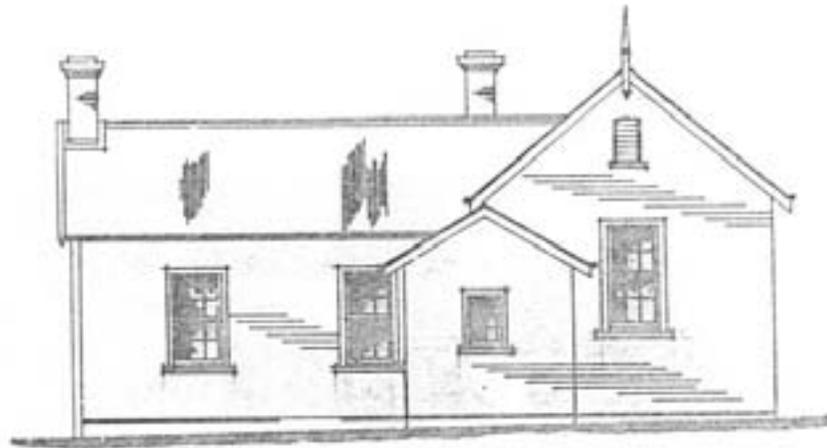
1 L J Blake (ed), *Vision and Realisation*, vol 3, p 68.

2 Architectural drawing titled 'Tarneit School No 1470. Detaching and Remodelling School and Residence', dated 1921-22.

3 L J Blake (ed), *Vision and Realisation*, vol 3, p 68.

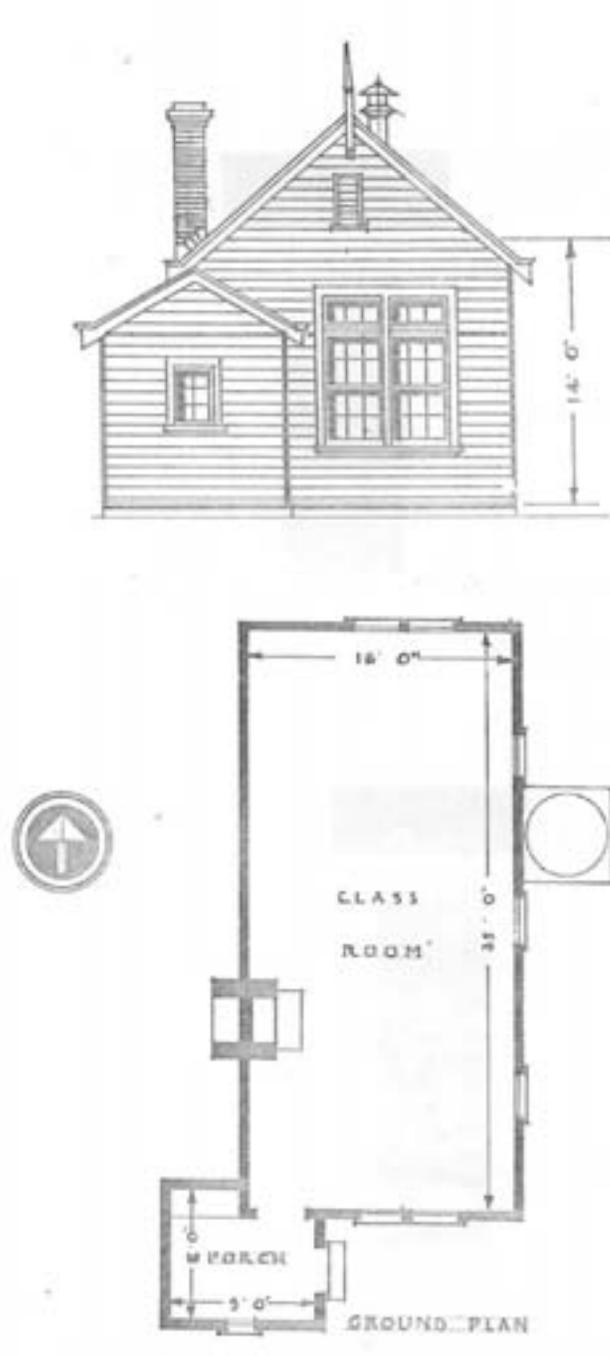
4 Architectural drawing titled, 'Avalon School No 3785. Teachers Residence. Removal and Re-erection from Tarneit School No 1470', not dated.

Site: Former Tarneit State School No 1470 site



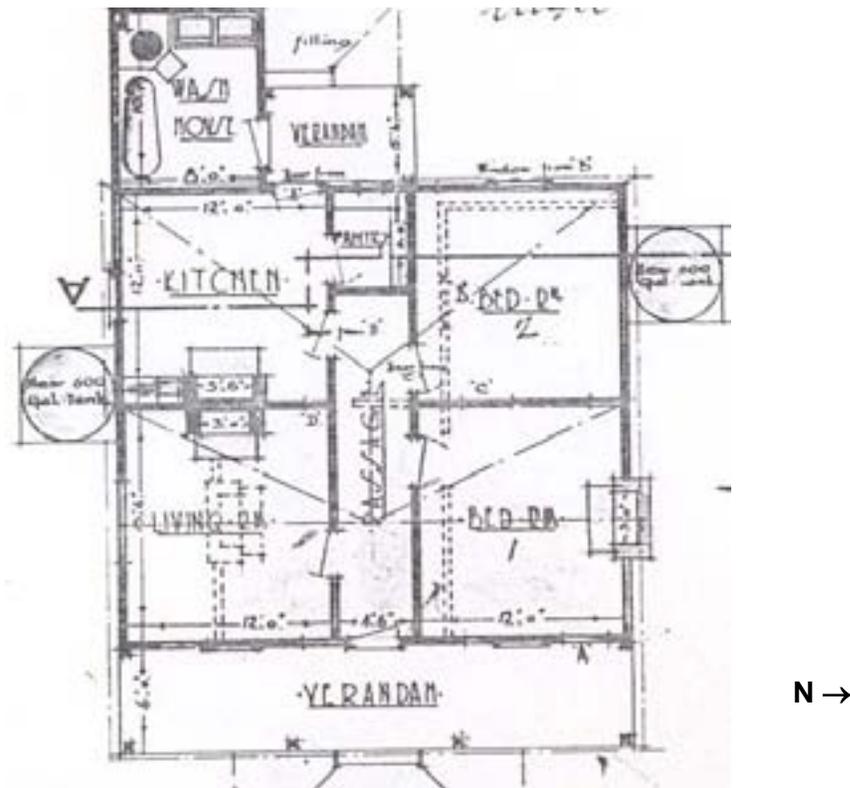
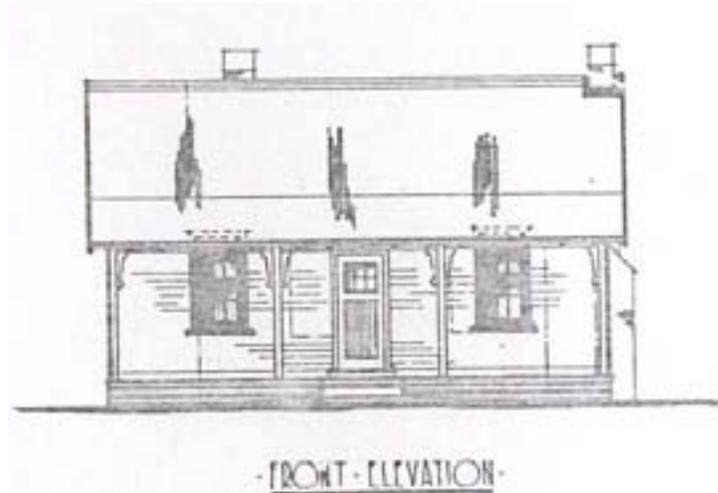
Above: A plan and the south elevation of the school, prior to the 1920s alterations and additions (reproduced from a drawing titled 'Tarneit School No 1470. Detaching and Remodelling School and Residence').

Site: Former Tarneit State School No 1470 site



Above: A plan and the south elevation of the schoolroom after the 1920s alterations (reproduced from a drawing titled 'Old School 1470.51 Tarneit').

Site: Former Tarneit State School No 1470 site



Above: A plan and the east elevation of the teachers residence built in the 1920s (reproduced from a drawing titled 'Tarneit School No 1470. Detaching and Remodelling School and Residence').

Site: Former house site
Address: Tarneit Road, Tarneit

Heritage Place No: NS (W81)	Heritage Protection: None
Significant Date: c1894	Ownership: Private
Type of Significance: None	Crown Allotment: 7, Section 7, Parish of Tarneit
Recommended Level of Significance: Not significant (see description below)	
Surveyed: Not surveyed	Photo No: No image

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Description

A house believed to be associated with the Chaffeys' Werribee irrigation settlement is thought to have been situated on Crown allotment 7, Section 7, Parish of Tarneit.¹ The house was surveyed during the 1990 'Werribee Conservation Study (Stage 1)' and was demolished shortly after and replaced with a new shed.²

1 Andrew Ward, 'Werribee Growth Area Heritage Report', not paginated.

2 Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', p 147.

Site: Proposed Cobbledicks Ford Dam site

Address: Werribee River, downstream from Cobbledicks Ford, Tarneit

Heritage Place No: NS

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: 1948

Ownership: Unknown

Type of Significance: Historical. Scientific.

Recommended Level of Significance: Local interest

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed: 12/4/04

Photo No: 1204-1



Visual Description

In the Cobbledicks Reserve on a rise overlooking the Werribee River, approximately 100 metres to the south of the reserve's bluestone and concrete toilet block, are two concrete pads - mostly covered with soil, grass and weeds. These are probably the caps of two of the six bores used for a geological survey of the area in the vicinity of the proposed Cobbledicks Ford Dam. The remaining shafts could not be located, and their concrete caps may now be completely covered with soil or vegetation.

Site: Proposed Cobbledicks Ford Dam site



Above: The site proposed for the Cobbledicks Ford Dam in the 1940s (State Rivers and Water Supply Commission Photograph, held in the Picture Collection, State Library of Victoria).

History

The lack of a reliable water supply from the Melton Reservoir led to a proposal to build a dam across this part of the Werribee River. The Melton Reservoir is part of the Werribee Vale and Bacchus Marsh irrigation scheme established in 1909.¹ A short distance downstream of Cobbledicks Ford, around six shafts were bored and used to complete a geological survey of the area to ascertain its suitability for a dam. At least two sites in this locality were proposed for the dam. One was in the vicinity of the shafts, another, the preferred site, a little further downstream. A report by the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission in 1948, found that soil erosion in the catchment area was a serious problem and because of this any water storage on the lower Werribee River was destined to fail because of sedimentation and soon after the project was abandoned.²

1 Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', vol 2, p 98.

2 State Rivers and Water Supply Commission, 'Water Resources Investigation Werribee River and Tributaries. Lower Werribee Valley Geological Report. Cobbledicks Ford Dam Site', pp 37, 53 & 58.

Site: Proposed Cobbledicks Ford Dam Site

Themes

(4.2) Boosting production. (13.1) Changing the land.

Extent of Significance

Weir sites and surrounding area (now Cobbledicks Reserve) and the test shafts.

Statement of Significance

Of local interest as the site of the proposed Cobbledicks Ford Dam.

Recommendations

Retain the level of significance of the proposed weir sites and the test shafts as local interest.

Site: Former Lee house site
Address: Davis Road, Tarneit

Heritage Place No: NS

Heritage Protection: -

Significant Date: Unknown

Ownership: Cannot be determined

Type of Significance: Cannot be determined Crown Allotment: Cannot be determined

Recommended Level of Significance: Cannot be determined.

Photo No: -

No Image

Description

The remains of a stone house may survive in the vicinity of Davis Road, Tarneit. The house is believed to have been associated with Bill Lee. The first house on the site is thought to have been made out of paddock stone and later replaced by a timber house. A survey from the road could not locate the buildings remains.

Site: Former Lee house site

History

Insufficient data to research the history.

Themes

Insufficient data to determine the themes associated with this site.

Extent of Significance

This cannot be determined until a field survey can be undertaken of the site of the former houses.

Statement of Significance

Cannot be prepared until further research is undertaken (see recommendations below).

Recommendations

Further information regarding the location of the site and of Bill Lee is required. If this can be established, a field survey, an archaeological investigation and documentary research should be undertaken to establish what remains of the earlier buildings.

TRUGANINA DATA SHEETS



Site: Truganina/Tarneit landscape
Address: Truganina and Tarneit

Heritage Place No: NS

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: -

Ownership: Private, Wyndham City Council & Crown

Type of Significance: Aesthetic

Recommended Level of Significance: Local interest

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed: 9/7/04

Photo No: 0709-11



Above: Leakes Road looking west, between Palmers and Marquands Roads, Truganina

Site: Truganina/Tarneit landscape



Above: Tarneit landscape looking east along Sayers Road towards Sewells Road.

Visual Description

The rolling basalt plains that extend from Truganina to Mount Cottrell are a distinct landscape of natural and built elements. Natural features include the flat open plains and the gullies of the Skeleton Creek and Dry Creek, and the gorge of the Werribee River. Vegetation includes plantations, often along road boundaries, of sugar gums (*Eucalyptus cladocalyx*) and introduced plants such as boxthorn (*Lycium ferocissimum*) and peppercorn trees (*Shinus molle*). Of the landscape's built features the 1-mile (1.6 kilometre) square grid subdivision dating back to the mid-nineteenth century is delineated by major roads and dry stone walls. Other notable features from the nineteenth century include numerous houses and remnants of houses, many bluestone, which are dotted throughout the landscape. Much of the Truganina and Tarneit landscape close to Hoppers Crossing and Laveron North is losing its rural character from industrial and residential development, and in other parts of the area high voltage electrical power lines are intrusive elements.

Site: Truganina/Tarneit landscape

Tarneit

Mount Cottrell is a volcanic cone of considerable bulk that had flows of almost 10kms to its south into this area. The flows to its west influenced the course of the Werribee River. Tarneit is characterised by a rolling flat plain with basalt clay loams. There are expansive views across the Werribee River to the You Yangs and in places the western suburban sprawl of Melbourne is visible. Most of the land has been cleared for farming and it lacks any remnant vegetation cover, although there are some significant roadside plantings along Sayers Road at its western end and in other places.

Farming activity includes dryland agriculture. The original land ownership in the mid-nineteenth century has now been broken up into smaller land holdings, some including hobby farms and horse agistment. There is also some market garden activity. Greek Hill is a natural landmark feature rising up from the flat rolling plains. The eastern part of Tarneit is under considerable threat of losing its rural character from encroaching residential subdivisions.¹

Truganina

Truganina is characterised by flat and rolling plains, which in places are still used for dryland farming (mainly the grazing of horses and cattle). There are expansive views to the rural areas of Tarneit to the west. Residential subdivisions of Werribee/Hoppers Crossing and Tarneit and the industrial areas of Laverton North to the east are intrusive views into what remains of its rural character. Several grasslands in the area are significant including the Dohertys Road grassland and the Truganina Cemetery grasslands.² The Skeleton Creek water reserve (see data sheet in this study) is also of Aboriginal and European cultural significance and of natural significance.³

History

Shortly after European settlement of Victoria began, Tarneit and Truganina was settled by pastoralists, notably the Staughtons and the Chirnsides, and from the 1850s and 60s the land was subdivided by the Crown and sold to selectors. For the remainder of the nineteenth century, and for most of the twentieth century, it remained in use as farmland for pastoralists and yeoman farmers. In recent decades some of the land in Truganina and Tarneit has been subdivided into smaller rural holdings and the use of the land has shifted from predominantly grazing to other uses such as hobby farms, new rural activities and horse agistment properties. The southern and eastern parts of Tarneit and Truganina have also seen a marked change in land use with the establishment of large industrial developments and residential subdivisions.

Themes

(1.4) Dispossession and conflict. (2.1) Pastoralists. (2.2) Redefining the subdivision of the Western Plains. (2.3) The growth of Melbourne. (4.3) New rural activities. (6.9) Industrial relocation. (8.2) Housing estates. (11.1) The arrival of Europeans. (13.1) Changing the land. (15.1) Supporting the metropolis.

1 Green Dale & Wright, 'Werribee Corridor Landscape Study', not paginated.

2 Green Dale & Wright, 'Werribee Corridor Landscape Study', not paginated.

3 See also Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', p 178.

Site: Truganina/Tarneit landscape

Extent of Significance

Tarneit and Truganina.

Statement of Significance

The distinctive natural landscape is of local interest to the City of Wyndham. Much of the landscape displays many of the rural features found throughout Wyndham up to recent decades. Many features of the district's built environment are demonstrative of the nineteenth and much of the twentieth century periods of development, during which Wyndham was a predominantly rural settlement.

Recommendations

Further research, prior to further urban development, of the Tarneit and Truganina landscape to establish those sites that are of Aboriginal and European cultural significance.

Site: Former house site

Address: Dohertys Road (south side, west of Palmers Road), Truganina

Heritage Place No: 140

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Dates: c1860 & c1930

Ownership: Private

Type of Significance: Historical. Scientific. Grid Ref: 360 G11

Recommended Level of Significance: Local interest

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed: 1/5/04

Photo No: 0105-9



Visual Description

A relatively flat site with a low dry stone wall fence and a pair of tubular steel and wire gates along its Dohertys Road (north) boundary. At the rear of the site is a dead cypress tree and there are mature eucalypts along the western boundary. In the centre is a large clump of boxthorn and refuse including the rusted remains of farm machinery. A wire fence extends across the front (north) of the boxthorn. There are no remnants visible of any buildings or structures associated with the former farmhouse.

Site: Former house site

History

A house associated with the Dohertys, Moss and the Beggs families is thought to have been on this site.¹ A 1915 map of this locality shows a house on, or near to, this site, close to the Dohertys Road boundary. A wind pump is also shown on the property, further in from the road, behind the house.² By 1933 the house was no longer extant, however the wind pump remained.³ A local resident, Albert Evans, recalls a small, galvanised iron house and a barn on this site in the 1920s. It is thought that it may have belonged to Doherty who settled in this part of the district in the mid-nineteenth century. The Moss family, when they owned the property, did not live in the house, but in another house that was on the south side of the Skeleton Creek, between Dohertys and Leakes Roads. Later, when the Beggs family owned the property, the house had fallen into disrepair and it was demolished c1930 to discourage vagrants from living there, and the barn was removed to another site in the district.⁴

Themes

(2.2) Re-defining the subdivision of the Western Plains.

Extent of Significance

Dry stone wall. The site of the former house, when determined.

Statement of Significance

Of local interest to the City of Wyndham as the site of a former farmhouse and barn associated with the Moss, and later the Beggs, families.

Recommendations

Undertake an archaeological survey of the site to determine the location of the house and analyse any archaeological remains. Undertake further documentary research of the Moss and Beggs families. This may increase the level of the site's significance.

1 Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', p 163.

2 Commonwealth Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria', Sheet South J 55, dated 1915.

3 Australian Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria, No 848 Zone 7, Sheet J 55, dated 1933.

4 Albert Evans, local resident, pers com to Peter Barrett on 20 May 2004.

Site: Former Eades house site

Address: Leakes Road (north side) west of Palmers Road, Truganina

Heritage Place No: NS (W66)

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: c1890s

Ownership: Private

Type of Significance: Historical

Crown Allotment: 1, Section 16, Parish of Truganina

Recommended Level of Significance: Local interest

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed: 9/7/04

Photo No: 0907-3



Visual Description

A former farmhouse is believed to have been located on the north side of Leakes Road west of Palmers Road. The approximate location of the former house was viewed from Leakes Road (signage on the boundary fence advised to 'keep out'). The paddock contains a number of groupings of sugar gums (*Eucalyptus cladocalyx*) and boxthorns (*Lycium ferocissimum*), and elsewhere there are sugar gums that form windbreaks along fence lines. There is at least one windmill stand remaining of the three that originally existed. There is a pair of steel gates that

Site: Former Eades house site

leads to what may have been a drive to the house. A mound and stone ruins, described in a previous study, could not be seen, but these may now be obscured by boxthorns and other vegetation.

History

The history of the site has been researched in the 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', which says Henry Eades:

...a district farmer, was associated with the site of this property at least from the early 1880s when he occupied a farm owned by Benjamin Cropley. Cropley had been the registered owner from 1853.

From 1890 Eades became the owner and occupier of this farm. An 1893 map shows his name on Allotment 1 of Section XVI [Parish of Truganina]. It is thought that the house, once known as Red Hill Farm dates from this time. Some years later, in August 1919, it was announced in the district press that Henry Eades would hold a sale at his Red Hill Farm at Truganina. As he was letting the property 'the whole of his belongings are for sale'. This included dairy cattle, farm horses, agricultural implements and furniture.¹

By World War I a house had been erected on the property (allotment 1, Section XVI, Parish of Truganina).² By the early 1930s Henry Eades farm had become part of a 558 acre (226 hectare) property owned by W H & E G Cropley.³ George Cropley is shown on the Parish of Truganina plan owning two allotments on the west side of Palmers Road and to the east of Eades allotment in Leakes Road.⁴ By the 1930s the Cropley's farm, including Eades' former property, comprised several houses, three windmills and a dam.⁵

Themes

(2.2) Re-defining the subdivision of the western plains.

Extent of Significance

The former Henry Eades property.

Statement of Significance

The former Red Hill Farm is of local interest for its association from the 1890s with Henry Eades, a pioneer district farmer.

1 Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', p 173.

2 Commonwealth Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria', Sheet South J 55, dated 1915.

3 Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', p 173.

4 Parish of Truganina plan.

5 Australian Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria, No 848 Zone 7, Sheet J 55, dated 1933.

Site: Former Eades house site

Recommendations

A survey of the site to establish whether any remnants of earlier buildings are extant. Further research of the Eades and Copley families may increase the level of significance of this site.

Site: Albert and Alfred Leakes houses site

Address: Leakes Road (north side, between Palmers Road and the Melbourne Water reserve), Truganina

Heritage Place No: NS (T108/109)

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Dates: c1893, c1900

Ownership: Private

Type of Significance: Historical. Scientific.

Crown Allotment: 1 & 2, Section 17, Parish of Truganina

Recommended Level of Significance: Local significance

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed: 1/5/04

Photo No: 0105-5



Visual Description

There are no houses, or remnants of earlier buildings, visible on this site. There are two grassed mounds close to Leakes Road and further north are eucalypts in the vicinity of where the houses are believed to have once stood. There may also be a well on this site and the remnants of the drive that once led from Leakes Road to the houses.

Site: Albert and Alfred Leakes houses site

History

The Leakes brothers settled in the Tarneit/Truganina district in the 1850s and owned a number of properties in this locality, the most famous being their Rosegrange dairy farm, west of Skeleton Creek.¹ By the late 1880s, one of the Leakes brothers, William, occupied allotments 1 and 2 of Section 17, Parish of Truganina. At this time Swallow and Derham owned the allotments.² In 1893-94, William Leakes's sons, Alfred and Arthur, are listed for the first time in rate books as the owners and occupants of this farm on allotment 1 and 2.³ The brothers erected two houses on the farm around 1900, about a kilometre east of Palmers Road, set back a half kilometre from Leakes Road, on its north side. The houses are thought to have been timber and double-fronted, and almost identical in appearance.⁴ Two houses were still on the farm in the early 1930s,⁵ but Albert's house was moved from the site to Fitzgeralds Road soon after.⁶ The remaining house was moved to Werribee South around the 1960s.⁷

Themes

(2.2) Re-defining the subdivision of the Western Plains.

Extent of Significance

Former house site, which needs to be determined – see recommendations.

Statement of Significance

This place is of local significance to the City of Wyndham as the former site of the houses of Alfred and Albert Leakes, sons of the pioneering Leakes brother, William, who settled in the district in the 1850s.

Recommendations

Undertake an archaeological survey to determine the exact location of the two houses and other physical evidence remaining from the time the Leakes family owned and farmed this site. This should be undertaken before any future redevelopment of the site is allowed to occur. Similarly, photographic recording of the site should be carried out before any redevelopment of the site occurs. Undertake further research to establish conclusively whether the houses still survive in the City of Wyndham.

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- 1 Rosegrange was situated on the south side of Leakes road, west of Derrimut Road.
 - 2 For a brief history of this firm see Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', p 171.
 - 3 Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', p 171.
 - 4 Ian Cowie pers com with Peter Barrett on 3 May 2004.
 - 5 Australian Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria, No 848 Zone 7, Sheet J 55, dated 1933.
 - 6 It is thought the house is now demolished. Ian Cowie pers com with Peter Barrett on 3 May 2004.
 - 7 It is unknown where in Werribee South the house was moved to. Ian Cowie pers com with Peter Barrett on 3 May 2004.

Site: Bill Evans houses

Address: Southeast corner of Leakes and Palmers Roads, Truganina

Heritage Place No: NS (W64)

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: c1947

Ownership: Private

Type of Significance: Historical

Grid Ref: 203 J3

Recommended Level of Significance: Local interest

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed: 1/5/04

Photo No: 0105-6



Visual Description

A complex of farm buildings including a hipped-roofed timber house with double-hung sash windows sited in a mature garden, close to the corner of Palmers and Leakes Roads. Sited east along Leakes Road is a smaller timber house with a gabled roof and double hung sash windows. At the rear are corrugated galvanised steel clad garages and sheds and several steel water tanks. There is a line of sugar gums (*Eucalyptus cladocalyx*) along the Palmer Road boundary.

Site: Bill Evans houses

History

In the decades prior to World War II there were no houses on this site,¹ however, some of the outbuildings here may predate the mid-1940s farmhouse constructed by Bill Evans, a soldier settler who moved to this district from Terang around this time.² It is unknown when the house in Leakes Road, to the east of the corner house, was built, and what association it had with Bill Evans' farm.

Themes

(2.5) Creating smaller rural holdings.

Extent of Significance

Houses.

Statement of Significance

Of local interest as the home of Bill Evans, a soldier settler who settled in the district after World War II.

Recommendations

Retain the level of significance at local interest.

1 Commonwealth Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria', Sheet South J 55, dated 1915. Australian Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria, No 848 Zone 7, Sheet J 55, dated 1933.

2 Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study', p 181.

Site: Dempsey house

Address: 175 Palmers Road (northwest corner of Leakes Road), Truganina

Heritage Place No: NS (T115)

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: 1960s

Ownership: Private

Type of Significance: Aesthetic

Recommended Level of Significance: Local interest

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed: 1/5/04

Photo No: 0105-7



Visual Description

A 1960s orange brick single-storey house with a hipped roof clad in glazed terracotta tiles. It has curved steel-framed windows at its corners and a matching orange brick boundary fence with decorative wrought iron gates. On its southeast corner is a terrace with a concrete balustrade. The house is sited in an exotic garden with rose bushes and hedges. There are also some mature sugar gums (*Eucalyptus cladocalyx*). There is a timber post and rail fence along a drive leading to outbuildings at the rear of the property.

Site: Dempsey house

History

This house is built on allotment 2, section 16 of the Parish of Truganina. George Cropley obtained a Crown grant for this allotment and allotment 3, to its north,¹ in the mid nineteenth century. No houses were on this site around World War I or in the early 1930s.² This house, built in the 1960s, is one of a number of houses built in this part of Palmers Road in the decades following World War II.³

Themes

(2.3) The growth of Melbourne. (8.3) Creating a home.

Extent of Significance

House.

Statement of Significance

An intact and substantial example of housing in the rural parts of Wyndham in the decades immediately after World War II.

Recommendations

Retain the level of significance at local interest.

1 'Parish of Truganina' plan.

2 Commonwealth Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria', Sheet South J 55, dated 1915. Australian Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria, No 848 Zone 7, Sheet J 55, dated 1933.

3 See the Bill Evans house and the Myer house in this study.

Site: Myer house
Address: 200 Palmers Road, Truganina

Heritage Place No: NS (T110)

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: c1960

Ownership: Private

Type of Significance: Aesthetic. Historical.

Recommended Level of Significance: Local interest

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed: 1/5/04

Photo No: 0105-9



Visual Description

A cream brick Modernist house with an unglazed terracotta hipped roof. The street-facing façade is symmetrically composed, comprising a central verandah flanked by a projecting bay. There is a mature garden and a post and rail fence that extends along the site's Palmers Road boundary. Along the garden's north boundary is a Cypress windbreak and a drive that leads to outbuildings at the rear.

Site: Myer house

History

This house is believed to have been the home of the former Shire of Werribee President and Councillor, Don Myer.

Themes

(8.3) Creating a home.

Extent of Significance

House.

Statement of Significance

Of local interest for its association with Don Myer, the former Shire of Werribee President and Councillor.

Recommendations

Retain the level of significance at local interest.

Site: Siphons: domestic and stock water supply channel
Address: Sayers Road (north side) on Skeleton Creek, Truganina

Heritage Place No: NS

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: Not known

Ownership: Not known

Type of Significance: Cannot be determined Grid Ref: 203 A6

Recommended Level of Significance: Cannot be determined

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed: 9/7/04

Photo No: 0907-6



Visual Description

North of Sayers Road, on Skeleton Creek are believed to have been a domestic and stock water supply channel. A survey of the banks of the creek in this locality failed to find them. A recent residential subdivision north of Sayers Road, west of the creek, would have destroyed what evidence remained of the channel on that side of Skeleton Creek.

Site: Siphons: domestic and stock water supply channel

History

An army ordinance map of 1933 of this area shows a water channel extending across from Sayers Road, near the site of the present Morris Road intersection, in a north-easterly direction to Skeleton Creek. Another channel extended from the opposite bank of Skeleton Creek back towards the farm Hayfield near Sayers Road.

Themes

(4.2) Boosting production.

Extent of significance

Cannot be determined.

Statement of Significance

Cannot be determined.

Recommendations

Further research and an extensive field survey are required to establish the locations of these channels. This may require access to private properties.

Site: Skeleton Creek and Dry Creek water reserve and waterholes
Address: East side of Skeleton Creek, between Leakes and Dohertys
Roads, Truganina

Heritage Place No: 144

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: c1916

Ownership: Not Known

Type of Significance: Aesthetic. Historical. Scientific. Social.

Grid Ref: 359 J12

Recommended Level of Significance: Local significance

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed: 1/5/04

Photo No: 0105-14&15



Visual Description

A water reserve containing waterholes at the confluence of the Skeleton and Dry Creeks. Another waterhole is situated on Dry Creek about 200 metres upstream of its confluence with Skeleton Creek. The area is noted for its native vegetation:

...the upstream site where Water-milfoil (*Myriophyllum propinquum*) and Swamp Crassula (*Crassula helmsii*) form a healthy fringe...

Site: Skeleton Creek and Dry Creek water reserve and waterholes



Above: The remnants of the bluestone walls of a small building to the east of the waterholes on Skeleton Creek.

...In deeper water, Water-ribbons (*Triglochin procera*) and Swamp Lily (*Ottelia ovalifolia*) are present. Black Wattle (*A. mearnsii*), Hedge Wattle (*A. paradoxa*) and Tree Violet (*H. dentata*) are common around both, more so along Dry Creek.¹

There are several introduced species abundant in this area including Boxthorn (*Lycium ferrocissimum*), Sweet Briar (*Rosa rubiginosa*) and Spiny Rush (*Juncus acutus*).²

There are also some notable built features in this area including low dry stone walls and on the east side of Skeleton Creek, close to its confluence with Dry Creek, is the remnants of a small building measuring approximately 5500 mm by 4000 mm. The building, which has random-coursed bluestone walls of about 1500mm high remaining, was probably a shepherd's hut associated with the nearby water reserve.

1 T J Barlow, Western Region Commission, 'Sites of Significance for Nature Conservation in the Werribee Corridor', p 49.

2 T J Barlow, 'Sites of Significance for Nature Conservation in the Werribee Corridor', p 49.

Site: Skeleton Creek and Dry Creek water reserve and waterholes

History

This area, the site of several water holes, is partially a government water reserve gazetted in 1916.³ Water reserves were established to provide water for local stock and stock travelling overland. Prior to European settlement of Wyndham this area is believed to have been used by Aboriginal people.⁴ The shepherd's hut on the site probably dates from the nineteenth century. Army ordinance plans of this locality from 1915 and 1933 do not show any buildings near the site of this reserve.⁵ It is possible that the hut, of which now only remnants remain, had been destroyed by the early twentieth century.

Themes

(1.1) Contact with Aboriginals. (1.2) Settling (1.4) Dispossession and conflict. (2.1) Pastoralists (2.2) Re-defining the subdivision of the Western Plains. (2.5) Creating smaller rural holdings. (11.1) The arrival of Europeans.

Extent of Significance

The water reserve as shown on the Parish of Truganina plan and the waterholes on the Dry Creek approximately 200 metres upstream of its confluence with Skeleton Creek, and dry stone walls and the remnants of the bluestone building.

Statement of Significance

The water reserve and the waterholes on the Skeleton Creek and Dry Creek, between Leakes Road and Dohertys Road are of local significance to the City of Wyndham for their aesthetic qualities associated with a relatively pristine rural water reserve area, abundant with natural vegetation. They are also significant because of their association with local Aboriginal people, who used the area prior to European settlement of this district, and for the site's scientific value as an archaeological site in relationship to this. The site, including the remnants of the bluestone building near to one of the waterholes, is also significant historically as a water reserve, one of several that existed in Wyndham, to provide water for local stock and stock travelling overland.

Recommendations

Residential subdivisions have been built to the south of Leakes Road and there will be pressure in coming years to develop this site. It is recommended that a thorough survey, including an archaeological survey, be undertaken of this area in the immediate future, in order to properly preserve this culturally significant site from urban development. It is also recommended that the introduced species, many of which provide a habitat to rabbits, be removed and/or controlled.

3 Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', pp 178-9.

4 T J Barlow, 'Sites of Significance for Nature Conservation in the Werribee Corridor', p 49. Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', p 178.

5 Commonwealth Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria', Sheet South J 55, dated 1915. Australian Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria, No 848 Zone 7, Sheet J 55, dated 1933.

Site: Skeleton Creek and Dry Creek quarries

Address: Banks of the Skeleton Creek in Truganina and Tarneit

Heritage Place No: NS

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: c1860s

Ownership: Wyndham City Council and Private

Type of Significance: Historical

Grid Ref: 203 A7, 202 J2 and 359 E9

Recommended Level of Significance: Not significant (see recommendations)

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed: 9/7/04

Photo No: 0907-



Above: Site on Skeleton Creek, south of Sayers Road, Tarneit believed to have been a former quarry.

Visual Description

Quarry site south of Sayers Road, Tarneit

On the west side of Skeleton Creek, south of Sayers Road, no evidence of a former quarry is visible. A housing estate has been built at the top of a bank set back some distance from the watercourse. The bank is steep and could possibly have been created by excavation works.

Site: Skeleton Creek and Dry Creek quarries



Above: Site on Skeleton Creek, south of Leakes Road, Tarnet believed to have been a former quarry.

The area adjacent to the creek is a reserve that contains the bluestone abutments remaining of an earlier bridge that spanned the creek at Sayers Road. These abutments are now supporting a new footbridge.

Quarry site south of Leakes Road

On the west side of Skeleton Creek, south of Leakes Road, another quarry is believed to have existed. This area of the creek was viewed from Leakes Road. Along the banks of the creek there is some evidence that earth or stone may have been removed. The east bank of the creek, immediately south of Leakes Road has recent plantings of native plants/grasses. Close by boxthorns dot the banks. Further south along the creek is a recent residential subdivision.

Quarry site on the Townsing Site

The site was viewed from Dohertys Road and no former quarry was visible (see also citation for the Townsing house in this report).

Site: Skeleton Creek and Dry Creek quarries

History

Quarries are believed to have been situated along the Skeleton Creek and its tributary the Dry Creek.¹ Other larger quarries also existed throughout the municipality, including a quarry near the former Mambourin railway station.² These quarries supplied stone locally and outside of the municipality. One of the quarries, south of Leakes Road near Rosegrange, supplied stone for the Truganina State School.³ The quarries along the Skeleton Creek and another along the Dry Creek would have been minor concerns as none of them are visible on maps made of the locality in the early twentieth century,⁴ nor are remnants of them clearly visible today.

Themes

(3.2) Working the stone. (3.5) Re-using the quarries.

Extent of Significance

Exact sites of the quarries could not be determined.

Statement of Significance

The location and extent of these quarries need to be determined before the level of their significance can be established.

Recommendations

Further research is required to establish the location of the quarries. This research and further survey work may establish that the quarries are of significance.

1 Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', p 149.

2 Australian Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria, No 848 Zone 7, Sheet J 55, dated 1933.

3 Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', p 149.

4 Commonwealth Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria', Sheet South J 55, dated 1915. Australian Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria, No 848 Zone 7, Sheet J 55, dated 1933.

WERRIBEE DATA SHEETS



Site: Black Forest Swamp

Address: Black Forest Road (south side), west of McGrath Road, Werribee

Heritage Place No: NS

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: 1860s

Ownership: Not known

Type of Significance: Aesthetic. Historical.

Recommended Level of Significance: Local interest

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed: 15/5/04

Photo No: 1505-6



Visual Description

An expanse of swamp land bounded by Black Forest Road to its north, McGrath Road to its east and Bulban Road to its south. The western boundary could not be determined when surveyed. Lollypop Creek flows through the swamp in a generally north-south direction. There are at least two lagoons remaining of the larger lagoons that were once here. The larger of these lagoons is at the western end of Black Forest Road. The land is relatively flat, grassed and features a number of mature eucalypts. The area is mostly vacant, however, the eastern end of the land is used by community groups including the Gary Davidson BMX track and the Model Aircraft Club.

Site: Black Forest Swamp



Above: A Geological Survey Plan of Werribee, dated 1861, shows the swamp to be much larger than it is today.

History

This swamp was once covered with river red gums and lignums and is believed to have been a popular place with the Isons and the Chirnsides for duck shooting.¹ Early maps of Werribee show at least two large lagoons in this area. By the 1860s the area surrounding the lagoons had been set aside as a 'Wood Reserve',² but by the early twentieth century only one lagoon remained. Most of the land surrounding it remained marshland. In the 1930s there were several small water holes along the Black Forest Road boundary, and close to the Bulban Road boundary a house had been built and a wind pump installed.³ Recent residential subdivisions east of McGrath Road and north of Black Forest Road have encroached on the swamp, reducing its size considerably. Since at least the early 1980s part of this swamp, surrounding the Lollypop Creek, has been proposed for the site of a retarding basin.⁴

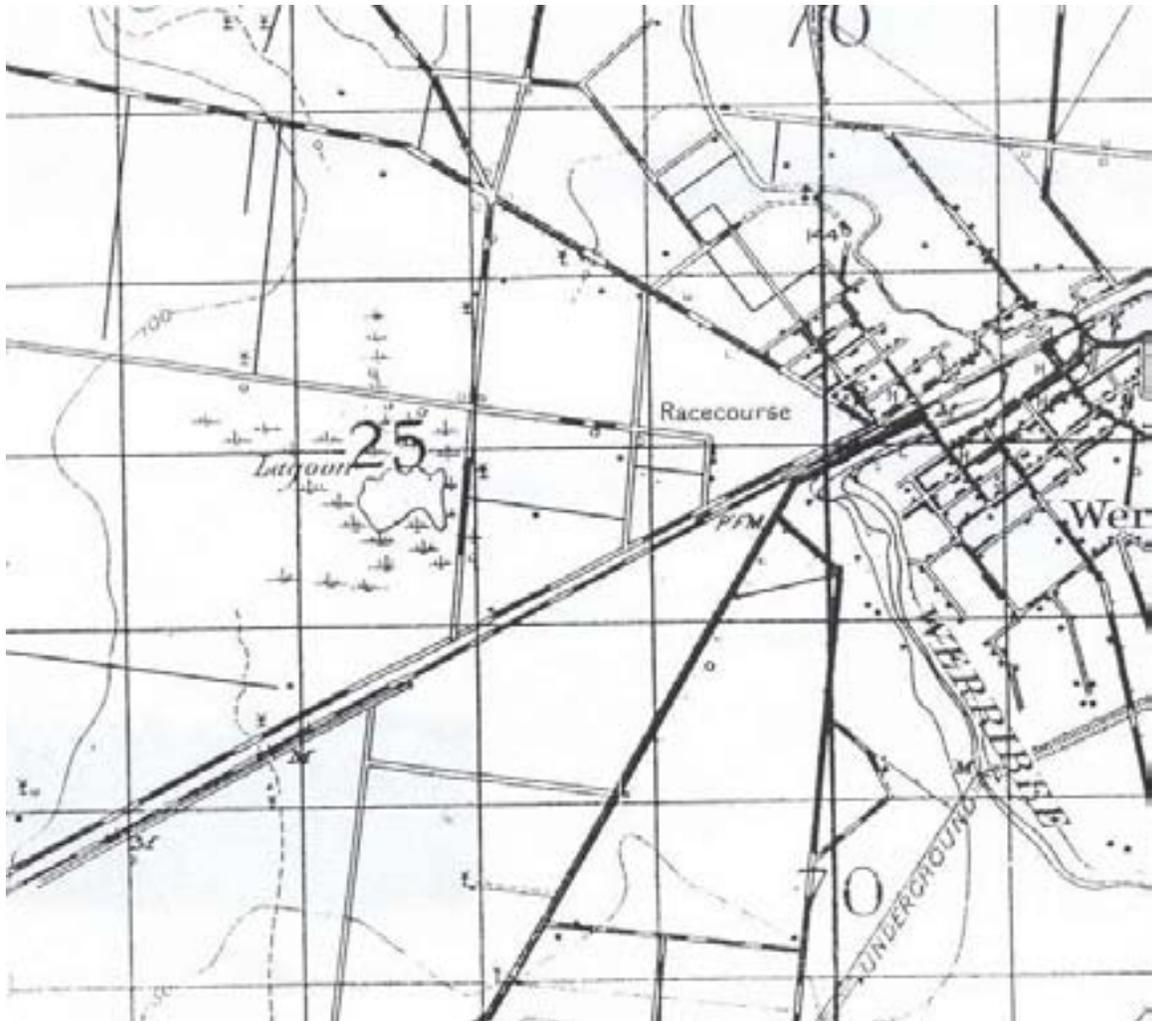
1 Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', p 203.

2 Geological Survey of Victoria map, dated 1861.

3 Australian Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria' dated January 1933, held in the Map Collection, State Library of Victoria.

4 *Melway*, Edition 15, 1984, pp 204-5.

Site: Black Forest Swamp



Above: An Australian Section Imperial General Staff map of the district, produced in 1933, shows only one lagoon and a large marshland surrounding it.

Themes

(2.1) Pastoralists. (10.1) Sport and recreation. (13.1) Changing the land.

Extent of Significance

The land south of Black Forest Road, west of McGrath Road, north of Bulban Road and to at least the tributary of the Lollypop Creek and the large lagoon at the end of Black Forest Road.

Site: Black Forest Swamp



Above: An aerial view of Black Forest Swamp (left of centre) in 1946.

Statement of Significance

Of local interest as the site of a extensive series of lagoons along the Lollypop Creek and its tributary, and for its association with the Chirnsides and the Isons who used the area for recreation.

Recommendations

Undertake an extensive field study to establish the area's significance regarding its native flora and fauna, and to establish the extent that remains of this marshland. Further research may result in an increase in the level of significance.

Site: Werribee Guides Hall

Address: Soldiers Reserve, College Road (east side), Werribee

Heritage Place No: 033

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: c1960

Ownership: Wyndham City Council

Type of Significance: Aesthetic. Historical. Social. Grid Ref: 206 A10

Recommended Level of Significance: Local significance

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed: 15/5/04

Photo No: 1505-22&23



Visual Description

This hall is one of a complex of buildings on the east side of College Road that are used as community organizations' clubrooms. It is a former school building relocated to this site and now used by the Werribee Guides. It is clad in weatherboards and has a corrugated galvanised steel roof, which has had its bargeboards replaced. Its street-facing elevation has three double-hung sash windows, with each sash having six panes. At the rear of the building is the original entrance porch with a roughcast gable end. Adjacent to the porch is a small weatherboard addition with a gabled roof. Two of the other adjacent clubrooms in this complex are World War II P1 huts.

Site: Werribee Guides Hall



Above: The porch of the school is intact at the rear of the building.

History

The Werribee Guides Hall was previously the Cocoroc or Cocoroc West State School on the Metropolitan Farm and was moved to this site in the early 1960s.¹

Themes

(9.3) Establishing community services. (9.4) Learning in the community. (9.6) A sense of community and identity. (10.1) Sport and recreation. (10.2) Separate leisure for men and women.

Extent of Significance

The hall including its original porch, at its rear, but excluding the addition adjacent to this porch.

1 Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study', p 229.

Site: Werribee Guides Hall

Statement of Significance

Of local interest as an intact example of an early twentieth century school building and for its association with the nearby Metropolitan Farm community and, in more recent decades, its use as a Guides hall for the Werribee community.

Recommendations

Increase the level of significance to local significance. Research the history of the other buildings that form this complex of clubrooms, to establish their significance.

Site: House

Address: 112 Cottrell Street, Werribee

Heritage Place No: 019

Heritage Protection: -

Significant Date: -

Ownership: -

Type of Significance: -

Recommended Level of Significance: -

Surveyed: PB

Date Street Surveyed: 15/5/04

Photo No: -

No Image

Description

The 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997' describes the following house:

Timber Californian Bungalow house illustrating many features of Werribee houses of this period: half verandah set under the extended roof-line; double-hung sash windows with four-paned upper sashes; semi-circular bay window with 'shingles' below and in the gable above. This property also retains the garden layout and elements typical of the period including a circular pond and plantings.

A survey of the street could not locate this house. Street numbering in Cottrell Street stops at No. 90, and there is no house visible in this street that matches this description and the photograph in the previous study.

Site: House

Address: 16 Francis Street, Werribee

Heritage Place No: 027

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: c1925

Ownership: Private

Type of Significance: Historical.

Recommended Level of Significance: Local interest

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed: 15/5/04

Photo No: 1505-8



Visual Description

A single-story weatherboard bungalow with a hipped and gabled corrugated galvanised steel roof with shingled gable ends. The street-facing façade is asymmetrically composed, but the façade has been altered by the insertion of a large aluminium-framed window. There is a red brick chimney on the side of the house. The original fence along the street boundary has been replaced by a steel fence.

Site: House

History

Much of the history of the house has already been documented in the 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study'. Below is an extract of the history:

This house was originally owned by Joe Lee. After his death, his widow, Mary Lee ran a boarding house there. To distinguish her from Muriel Lee, owner of another Francis Street house, she was known as Mary (Joe) Lee.

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Shire of Werribee rate records confirm that in 1930 Mrs Mary A Lee was the owner and occupier...

Themes

(8.2) Housing estates. (8.3) Creating a home. (8.5) Changing residential areas.

Extent of Significance

House.

Statement of Significance

Of local interest as one of several former boarding houses in Werribee.

Recommendations

Retain the level of significance at local interest.

Site: Former RAAF/USAF temporary camp site

History

The area to the north of the Maltby Bypass Road is associated with the RAAF/USAF who used the site as a temporary accommodation and work camp during the construction of an airfield for the two military forces in the district. The site has probably been disturbed when the Maltby Bypass Road was constructed c1960. Archaeological deposits may remain on the site.¹

Themes

(2.4) Government land needs.

Extent of Significance

An archaeological investigation is required to determine whether any evidence survives and to establish the extent of the site.

Statement of Significance

Of local interest as a site of a RAAF/USAF temporary camp site.

Recommendations

An archaeological investigation is required to determine whether any evidence survives and to establish the extent of the site. Further research and the survey of the site may increase its level of significance.

1 Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', p 265.

Site: Anglicare

Address: 2 Manly Street (northwest corner Market Road), Werribee

Heritage Place No: 163

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: c1960

Ownership: Private

Type of Significance: Aesthetic. Historical.

Recommended Level of Significance: Local interest

Surveyed: PB & SP

Date Surveyed: 26/4/04

Photo No: 2604-1



Visual Description

A complex of cream brick Modernist buildings comprising a brick house, two garages and a former office, on a prominent corner opposite Werribee Railway Station. The house has an unglazed terracotta tile hipped roof and double-hung sash windows. There is an unsympathetic recent addition to the house at its northern end. Other unsympathetic additions include a long ramp that extends across half of the front elevation. There is an original low steel and cream brick fence with a manganese capping along the street boundaries. The mature front garden, which includes a tulip tree (*Liriodendron tulipifera*), is probably contemporaneous with the house.

Site: Anglicare

Cars parked beneath the tulip tree have compacted the soil and are affecting the health of the tree. Other notable plants are rose bushes along the drive leading to the cream brick gabled garage also probably planted around the time the house was built, and a liquidambar (*Liquidambar styraciflua*), which is probably more recent ie 1970s or 80s. Along the Manly Street boundary, behind the garage, is another cream brick building that was formerly the real estate office of Baden Powell. A former stables and a petrol pump are believed to be at the rear of the site.

History

This house was formerly owned by Baden Powell, who was a licensed estate agent and auctioneer and is credited with much of the residential development of Hoppers Crossing after World War II. He operated his business from these premises for many years.¹ Since the mid 1990s the site has been owned and occupied by Anglicare, who work from these premises and who built the additions to the house about three years ago.²

Themes

(2.3) The growth of Melbourne. (8.2) Housing estates. (8.3) Creating a home. (8.5) Changing residential areas. (9.5) Local shops and services.

Extent of Significance

House (excluding 1990s addition), garden and outbuildings.

Statement of Significance

Of local interest as the home and business premises of Baden Powell, real estate agent, auctioneer, developer and local identity, and in later years for the site's association with the community group Anglicare.

Recommendations

Restrict cars from parking in the garden to prevent damage to trees and other plants. Further research of the house and of Baden Powell may increase the level of significance.

1 Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', p 268.

2 Josephine Calleja, administration officer, Anglicare pers com to Peter Barrett on 26/4/04.

Site: House (formerly Shirley)
Address: 23 McDonald Street, Werribee

Heritage Place No: 026

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: c1920

Ownership: Private

Type of Significance: Aesthetic. Historical.

Recommended Level of Significance: Local interest

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed:15/5/04

Photo No: 1505-7



Visual Description

A detached, single-storey transitional Edwardian/bungalow weatherboard house with a hipped and gable corrugated galvanised steel roof. Its street-facing elevation is asymmetrically composed and has a verandah extending across part of it. The verandah has paired squat rendered columns on rendered piers. The front doors and many other external elements are original, including the timber and woven wire fence along the street boundary. There is a drive at the side of the house that leads to a small weatherboard garage (not original) towards the rear.

Site: House (formerly Shirley)

History

Constructed in c1920, this house is believed to have been the first built in McDonald Street.¹ For many years it served as one of several boarding houses in Werribee.² The house was called Shirley, named after the daughter of one of its early owners.

Themes

(8.2) Housing estates. (8.3) Creating a home. (8.5) Changing residential areas.

Extent of Significance

House.

Statement of Significance

Of local interest as a relatively intact example of a transitional Edwardian/bungalow style house in Werribee. Also of local interest as one of several former boarding houses in this district.

Recommendations

Retain the level of significance at local interest.

1 Victoria Miller, owner, pers com to Peter Barrett on 15 May 2004.

2 Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study', p 271.

Site: Former house site

Address: Metropolitan Farm Road, Werribee

Heritage Place No: NS (H7822/012) Heritage Protection: Victorian Heritage Inventory

Significant Dates: c1910 & c1920 Ownership: Crown

Type of Significance: Historical. Scientific. Grid Ref: Cannot be determined

Recommended Level of Significance: Cannot be determined

Surveyed: Site could not be located Date Survey Attempted: 5/6/04 Photo No: -

No Image

Description

The house was demolished in the early 1980s. Garden elements and footing materials from the former house described in the 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997' could not be located.

Site: Former house site

History

Not researched. See the history of the site in the 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997'.

Themes

Cannot be determined.

Extent of Significance

Cannot be determined.

Statement of Significance

A thorough archaeological investigation of the site is required before the level of significance can be determined and a statement of significance prepared.

Recommendations

Undertake a thorough archaeological investigation of the site.

Site: Former Carnboon site

History

Not researched for this study. See the 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997'.

Themes

Cannot be determined.

Extent of Significance

Cannot be determined.

Statement of Significance

A thorough archaeological investigation of the site is required before the level of significance can be determined and a statement of significance prepared.

Recommendations

Undertake a thorough archaeological investigation of the site.

Site: House

Address: 15 Mortimer Street, Werribee

Heritage Place No: 016

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: 1935-55

Ownership: Private

Type of Significance: Aesthetic

Recommended Level of Significance: Local interest

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed: 15/5/04

Photo No: 1505-1



Visual Description

A detached single-storey asymmetrically composed rendered brick house. Designed in the Moderne style, it features a stepped chimney, etched glass porthole windows, steel-framed Chicago windows and an entrance porch supported on a decorative steel column. Its roofing tiles are recent and the timber and woven wire front fence is not original.

Site: House

History

This house is part of a wave of residential development in this part of Werribee from the mid twentieth century. Mortimer Street is part of the original Township of Werribee surveyed in the middle of the nineteenth century. While commercial and residential development of the township in the nineteenth century centred on the area south of the Werribee River, this area of the township was slower to develop. By World War I there were only two houses in Mortimer Street (north side) east of Werribee Street and twenty years later there were still only two houses in this part of the street.¹

Themes

(8.1) Setting up the townships. (8.3) Creating a home. (8.5) Changing residential areas.

Extent of Significance

House.

Statement of Significance

Of local interest as a mid twentieth century house in the Moderne style.

Recommendations

Retain the level of significance at local interest. Further research may establish that the house is of greater significance. A title search will enable a thorough rate book search to be done and this will conclusively establish the date the house was built.

1 Commonwealth Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria', Sheet South J 55, dated 1915. Australian Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria, No 848 Zone 7, Sheet J 55, dated 1933.

Site: Avenue of Honour remnants

Address: Princes Highway (near Tower Road), Werribee

Heritage Place No: NS

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: 1918

Ownership: Wyndham City Council

Type of Significance: Historical. Social.

Grid Ref: 206 A7

Recommended Level of Significance: Local interest

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed: 15/5/04 Photo No: 1505-5



Visual Description

Several sugar gums (*Eucalyptus cladocalyx*) on the south side of the Princes Highway, near the Tower Road intersection, may be remnants of an Avenue of Honour believed to have been planted in this vicinity towards the end of World War I. On inspection it could not be established whether these trees had once formed this Avenue of Honour.

Site: Avenue of Honour remnants

History

Most cities, suburbs and towns erected memorials to commemorate local men and women who served Australia during the Great War. These included obelisks, statues, fountains and avenues of honour comprising trees with plaques listing those who served their country. The opening ceremony of Werribee's Avenue of Honour occurred on 7 August 1918. The town's businesses closed for one hour during the ceremony, which commemorated the first three men in the district to enlist for service: Privates Latham, Conran and McTigue. Plaques for each of the men were placed on the first three trees of the avenue.¹

Themes

(9.6) A sense of community and identity.

Extent of Significance

The extent of the former Avenue of Honour and the trees that remain of it cannot be determined.

Statement of Significance

A site of local interest as the place of Werribee's Avenue of Honour.

Recommendations

Further research may establish the exact location of the former Avenue of Honour and lead to establishing whether any of its trees remain. Until this research can be completed, retain the level of significance at local interest.

1 K N James, *Werribee. The First One Hundred Years*, p 105.

Site: Trees

Address: Purchas Street (west of Derwent Road/Latham Street), Werribee

Heritage Place No: 010

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: 1888

Ownership: Wyndham City Council and private

Type of Significance: Aesthetic. Historical.

Grid Ref: 205 H3

Recommended Level of Significance: Local interest

Surveyed: PB & SP

Date Surveyed: 26/4/04

Photo No: 2604-6 & 7



Visual Description

On a wide nature strip on the south side of Purchas Street, west of the Derwent Road/Latham Street intersection, is a row of four mature peppercorn trees (*Shinus molle*). On the north side of Purchas Street in the rear garden of number 80, are two mature pencil pines (*Cupressus sempervirens*). The Living Museum of the West's 'Industrial Heritage Study' identified relics of the Chaffey irrigation scheme (see the history for this data sheet) including the garden and the well of the Chaffeys house. However, it seems that recent residential subdivisions have disturbed or obscured many of these remnants.

Site: Trees



Above: Two pencil pines in the rear garden of 80 Purchas Street, Werribee.

History

These trees are said to be part of the entrance to the Chaffey property Quantin Binah, the site of the Chaffey's early testing of irrigation systems in Australia prior to moving to Mildura.¹ A 1915 map of this locality shows a house at, or close to, this location.² George Chaffey established the Werribee Irrigation Trust & Investment Company in 1888 to develop an irrigation scheme in this district. Although the scheme was supported by the government it failed after only a few years due to the poor response to land sales. Following his Werribee venture Chaffey joined his brother at his Mildura irrigation scheme, which met with more success.³ A 1946 aerial photograph of this site shows what are probably these peppercorn trees across the road from a house and outbuildings on the north side of what is now Purchas Street, however the pencil pines cannot be seen in this photograph.⁴

1 No reference is given in the previous citation for this site. Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', pp 295-6.

2 Commonwealth Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria', Sheet South J 55, dated 1915.

3 Living Museum of the West, 'Industrial Heritage Study', Site No. 0293.

4 Aerial Photograph, 'Werribee River Project', Run 1, Film 289, Photo 67388.

Site: Trees

Themes

(4.2) Boosting production. (9.2) Servicing communities. (13.1) Changing the land.

Extent of Significance

The row of four mature peppercorn trees and the two mature pencil pines in the rear garden of 80 Purchas Street.

Statement of Significance

Of local interest as remnants of farming and irrigation activity in this area prior to residential subdivision.

Recommendations

Undertake a detailed study of the Chaffey's Werribee irrigation settlement to establish its original extent and what remnants still exist.

Site: Former Police Paddock and Lock-up

Address: Synnot Street (southwest corner Greaves Street), Werribee

Heritage Place No: NS

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: c1860

Ownership: Private

Type of Significance: Historical

Grid Ref: 205 H10

Recommended Level of Significance: Local interest

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed: 15/5/04

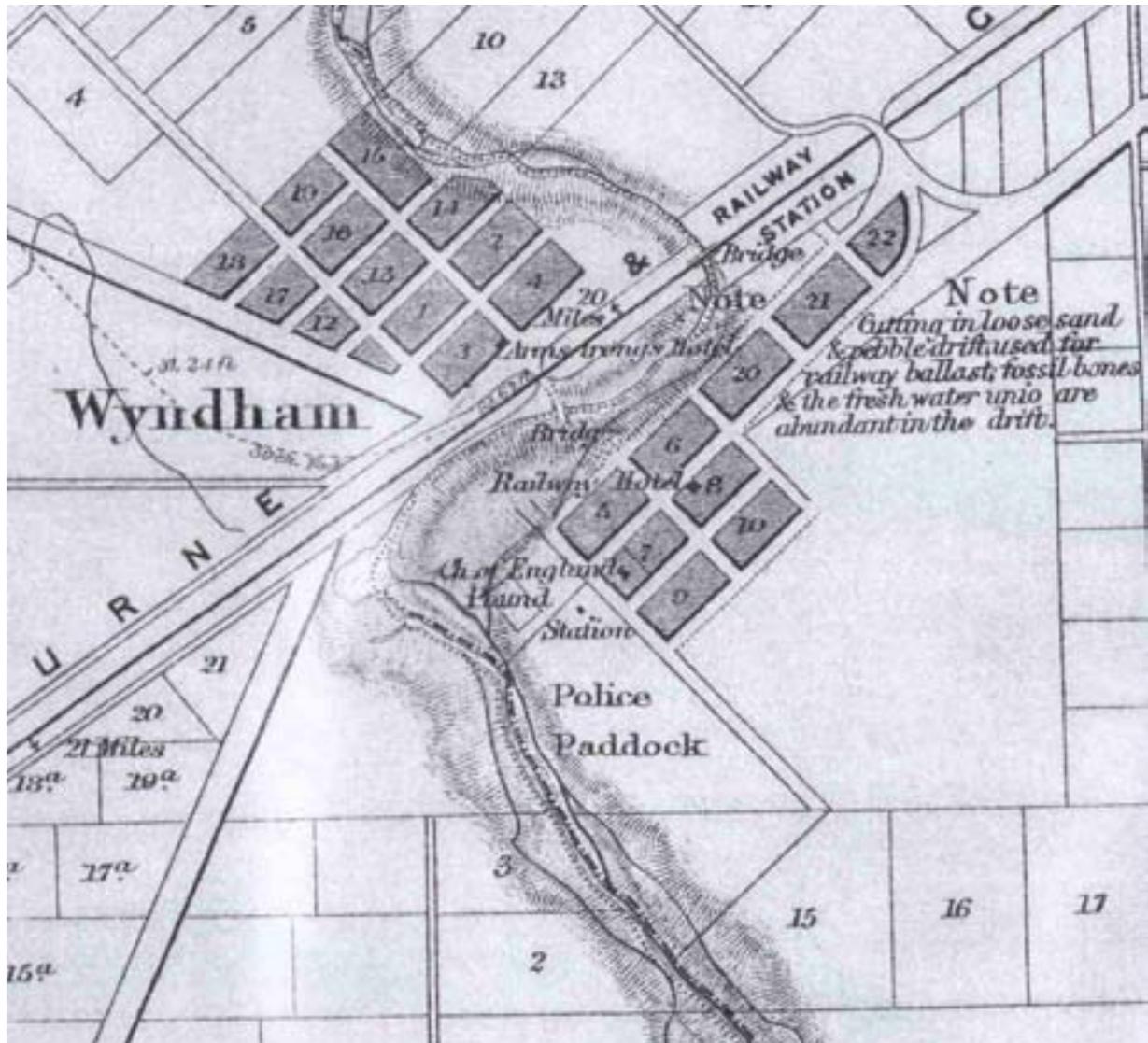
Photo No: 1505-10



Visual Description

A modest double-fronted, asymmetrically composed brick building with a transverse gabled roof is the only visible structure remaining from the former police paddock that occupied this site. The building has been considerably altered – its brickwork painted, verandah modified and shutters added to the windows. New buildings have been built at its rear, probably on, or near to, the site of the former police lock-up that was also on this site. The remainder of the police paddock is also occupied by houses of various eras, the earliest being Edwardian.

Site: Former Police Paddock and Lock-up



Above: An 1861 Geographical Survey map of Werribee shows the police paddock with the station and at least one other building on the site.

Site: Former Police Paddock and Lock-up

History

By 1861 a police paddock occupied the land bounded by Greaves and Synnot Streets and the Werribee River. A map produced around this time shows a police station on the paddock near Synnot Street near the Victorian brick house at 129 Synnot Street. The map shows a smaller building to the southeast of the police station, which is probably the station's lock-up.¹ It is unknown when the police station was closed and the lock-up removed from the paddock, but in 1906 barracks and police buildings are described as still being on the site. By 1910 the police had disposed of the paddock and surveyors had begun subdividing it into various sized allotments for closer settlement.²

Themes

(1.2) Settling. (8.1) Setting up the townships. (9.3) Establishing community services.

Extent of Significance

Former police paddock.

Statement of Significance

Of local interest as the site of the former police paddock, which in the nineteenth century contained Werribee's police station, its lock-up and other police buildings.

Recommendations

Undertake further investigation of the brick Victorian house at 129 Synnot Street, believed to be the former police house, and its surrounding site to establish whether this was the police house or another building associated with the police paddock. Also undertake further research of the site to establish whether any evidence of the lock-up and other former police buildings remain.

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1. The southern boundary cannot be determined from this map. Geological Survey Plan 'County of Grant. Part of Werribee', dated 1861.
 2. Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', pp 304, 305 and 319. Mrs Bateson, resident of Synnot Street, pers com to Peter Barrett on 15 May 2004.

Site: Former Werribee District Hospital
Address: Synnot Street (north side, between Greaves Street and the Werribee River), Werribee

Heritage Place No: 021

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Dates: c1863 & 1964

Ownership: Not Known

Type of Significance: Historical. Social.

Grid Ref: 205 H10

Recommended Level of Significance: Local interest

Surveyed: PB & SP

Date Surveyed: 26/4/04

Photo No: 2604-12 & 14



Visual Description

A complex of predominantly single-storey Modernist cream brick hospital buildings with low pitched gabled roofs, set in a garden setting overlooking the Werribee River. Rising above the complex is a cream brick rectangular building with a steel capping at its top, which is probably the hospital's incinerator. The hospital is now closed and a steel chain link fence surrounds the site. The buildings are in disrepair, having suffered from vandalism. On the site, near the river, is a steel shed and close by is a concrete slab, which was probably the floor of an earlier building on this site.

Site: Former Werribee District Hospital



Above: Three citrus trees near the site's boundary adjacent to the Werribee river. At right is a concrete slab, which was probably the floor of an earlier building.

Much of the hospital's garden survives, although it is in a neglected condition. Trees in the garden include a Golden Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*) and several eucalypts including a spotted gum (*Eucalyptus maculata*), lemon gum (*Eucalyptus citriodora*) and southern mahogany (*Eucalyptus botryoides*). These trees are possibly contemporaneous with the hospital buildings. Several trees, including three citrus trees that are planted in a row close to the boundary along the river and a Bhutan cypress (*Cupressus torulosa*) and a Monterey/golden cypress (*Cupressus macrocarpa*), predate the hospital.

Site: Former Werribee District Hospital

History

By 1863 this site was a pound and remained this until around the time the Werribee District Hospital was built here in c1964. The hospital at the time of its completion had 26 beds. The hospital became the Werribee Mercy Hospital on 3 January 1994 and relocated to a complex at 300 Princes Highway, Werribee. Since the mid 1990s the buildings have been vacant.

Themes

(9.3) Establishing community services.

Extent of Significance

The former pound and hospital site including the citrus trees, Bhutan cypress and the Monterey/golden cypress.

Statement of Significance

Of local interest as the site of Werribee's former pound and in more recent decades as the site of the Werribee District Hospital.

Recommendations

Retain the level of significance at 'local interest'.

Site: Former irrigation channel site

Address: Tarneit Road (east side), south of Shaws Road, Werribee

Heritage Place No: 006

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: 1888

Ownership: Wyndham City Council

Type of Significance: Historical.

Grid Ref: 205 K5

Recommended Level of Significance: Local interest

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed: 15/5/04

Photo No: 1505-12



Visual Description

A row of peppercorn trees (*Shinus molle*) and mature eucalypts on the east side of Tarneit Road are said to mark the approximate location of a former irrigation channel dating from c1889. There is no physical evidence of the irrigation channel visible.

Site: Former irrigation channel site

History

An army ordinance map of 1915 shows a water channel along the east side of Tarneit Road, south of Shaws Road. The channel connected to the existing channel crossed by Tarneit Road approximately 200 metres south of Shaws Road.¹ Both channels were probably part of George Chaffey's Werribee irrigation scheme of 1888, as they lead from the Werribee River near Chaffey's house Quantin Binnah. Chaffey's irrigation scheme at Werribee failed after only a few years. Chaffey returned to the United States, and returned to Australia to join his brother on irrigation schemes the family had established at Renmark, South Australia and Mildura, Victoria.²

The channel situated near the corner of Tarneit Road and Shaws Road extended in a north-easterly direction towards Heath Road and from there continued in an easterly direction through Hoppers Crossing.³ It is unknown when the channel was filled in, but most of the land surrounding it has been developed into residential subdivisions in recent decades.

Themes

(4.2) Boosting production. (13.1) Changing the land.

Extent of Significance

Insufficient physical evidence of the former irrigation channel exists to determine.

Statement of Significance

Of local interest as the site of an early irrigation channel.

Recommendations

Retain the level of significance at local interest.

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- 1 Commonwealth Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria', Sheet South J 55, dated 1915.
 - 2 Andrew May, 'A Background History of the City of Werribee, Section 3.7, titled 'Chaffey Irrigation'. Gary Vines et al, 'Western region Industrial Heritage Study', Site No 0293, Site Name: Chaffey Irrigation Scheme.
 - 3 Australian Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria, No 848 Zone 7, Sheet J 55, dated 1933.

Site: Sumiya

**Address: 6 Wattamolla Avenue (southwest corner Anembo Court),
Werribee**

Heritage Place No: 014

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Dates: 1973 and 2003

Ownership: Private

Type of Significance: Aesthetic. Historical.

Recommended Level of Significance: Local significance

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed: 15/5/04

Photo No: 1505-16



Visual Description

A single-storey detached Modernist brick house. It has a cubic, rectilinear composition with narrow vertical windows set between brick piers and with a flat roof. To its west is a carport, also with a flat roof. A steel sign bearing the name of the house, Sumiya, is affixed to the east elevation. The property has a mature garden with exotic plantings.

Site: Sumiya

History

This house was built in 1973, designed by its owners Norman and June Thompson in consultation with the architect John Flynn. Between 1946 and 1988 the Thompsons were the proprietors of the GTH Engineering works in Edgar Street, Werribee and were also active members within the local community. June Thompson named the house after the New York home of Barbara Hutton, the American heiress to the FW Woolworth fortune. Sumiya is a Japanese word for a house that is on a corner. The house was planned to maximise its views of the Werribee River on the opposite side of Wattamolla Avenue. Internal features of the house include a garden and steps between the hall and the living area made of red gum brought by Norman Thompson from Barham, New South Wales.¹

Themes

(8.2) Housing estates. (8.3) Creating a home. (8.5) Changing residential areas.

Extent of Significance

House, carport and garden.

Statement of Significance

Sumiya is of local significance to the City of Wyndham. It is of aesthetic value as an intact and well composed and designed Modernist house, the result of collaboration between the architect John Flynn and Norman and June Thompson. The house is of historical value for its association with the Thompson family, who owned and lived in Sumiya for thirty years, and who were owners of an engineering business in Werribee for over forty years and active members of the local community for over half a century.

Recommendations

Increase the level of significance to local significance.

1 June Thompson pers com with Peter Barrett on 16 July 2004.

Site: Former Producers Dairying Company Limited factory site
Address: Wattle Avenue and Princes Highway (southeast corner), Werribee

Heritage Place No: 132

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Dates: c1920s & 1935

Ownership: Private

Type of Significance: Historical

Grid Ref: 206 B7

Recommended Level of Significance: Local interest

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed: 15/5/04

Photo No: 1505-13



Visual Description

A vacant site on the southeast corner of Wattle Avenue and the Princes Highway opposite the City of Wyndham Civic Centre. Bailey Street forms the site's southeast boundary. There is little visible evidence remaining of the factory that once occupied this site except for some concrete slabs on the ground, a timber gatepost and other minor remnants including gravel, concrete blocks and other building rubble. There is an electrical substation, which is still operational, and there are a number of mature trees including five eucalypts, two oaks, two Monterey pines (*Pinus radiata*), a cypress (*Cupressus macrocarpa*) and a peppercorn tree (*Shinus molle*). A signboard on the site advertises a proposed residential subdivision called Wattle Close Estate.

Site: Former Producers Dairying Company Limited factory site

History

The history of the site was documented in the 'City of Wyndham Heritage Review'. Below is an extract of this history:

During the 1920s the Werribee Settlers Co-Op Dairy Company had a milk factory in Station Street. This was rated in 1920-21 as a factory on two roods of land, owned by the Company and the Railways Department. In 1924, the Werribee milk producers sold their Station Street factory to the Federal Milk Company.

The Federal Milk Company erected a new brick factory "at the Melbourne end of town". The new site was in Wattle Avenue. The depression closed down this condensed milk factory. Early in 1932 "the company found itself unable to dispose of anything like the full quota of milk products which it could manufacture at its Werribee factory". So the company decided that "its production at Bacchus Marsh would suffice to meet sales".

The Werribee Settlers Dairying Co-Operative believed that the abandoned Federal Dairy Milk Company factory in Wattle Avenue would "make an excellent fresh milk factory". In May 1935, Co-Operative shareholders decided to erect new premises on the site. This was on land "purchased from the estate of the late Mr W Ison". Rate records confirm that in 1934-35 about six acres [2.4 hectares] of land in Allotment 1E of the Werribee Estate was purchased from Ison. This was on the corner of Wattle Avenue and the Melbourne Road (now the Princes Highway).

The new building was designed in brick, concrete and steel. No timber was provided for in the plans of the new building, that would be partly two-storey and partly one-storey. The company proposed to "convert all surplus milk into butter, as well as to manufacture other by-products".¹

The company, which had been formed in 1919, and its Wattle Avenue factory was sold to Metropolitan Dairies, now part of National Foods, in August 1984. After its sale the factory operated from this site for another couple of years. The buildings were demolished c1989.²

Themes

(4.3) New rural activities. (5.9) Diversification. (6.4) Economic depressions. (6.10) Changing corporate structures.

Extent of Significance

Site on the southeast corner of Wattle Avenue and the Princes Highway.

1 Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Review', p 354.

2 Jim Freeman, former General Manager and Company Secretary of Producers Dairying Company Limited, pers com to Peter Barrett on 15 May 2004.

Site: Former Producers Dairying Company Limited factory site

Statement of Significance

The site is of local interest for its association with the development of the district's dairying industry from the 1920s until recent decades.

Recommendations

Retain the level of significance at local interest.

Site: House

Address: 19 Wattle Avenue (southeast corner Bailey Street), Werribee

Heritage Place No: 066

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: c1915

Ownership: Private

Type of Significance: Aesthetic

Recommended Level of Significance: Local interest

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed: 15/5/04

Photo No: 1505-2



Visual Description

A detached weatherboard cottage with a corrugated galvanised steel gambrel roof with two plain red brick chimneys. It has paired double-hung sash windows flanking a central door with sidelights and a fanlight. A verandah, either altered or not original, extends across the house's facade. The weatherboards on the street-facing elevation are notched.

Site: House

History

This house is not shown on an army ordinance map of the locality of 1915. Visually it appears to be a late-Victorian or Federation house, which indicates that it may have been moved to this site some time after 1915.¹ A rate book search was inconclusive about its date of construction.

Themes

(8.3) Creating a home.

Extent of Significance

House.

Statement of Significance

Of local interest as a late nineteenth century or early twentieth century house.

Recommendations

Undertake a title search and other documentary research to conclusively establish the date of construction and significance of the house.

1 Commonwealth Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria', Sheet South J 55, dated 1915.

Site: House

Address: 22 Wattle Avenue (northwest corner Bowman Street), Werribee

Heritage Place No: 065

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: c1915

Ownership: Private

Type of Significance: Aesthetic

Recommended Level of Significance: Local interest

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed: 15/5/04

Photo No: 1505-3



Visual Description

A single-storey weatherboard house with a transverse gabled corrugated galvanised steel roof with exposed rafter ends and a red brick chimney. The roof extends out from the house to form a verandah at the front, supported by plain timber posts. There are four-paned double-hung sash windows flanking a central entrance door. The timber post and woven wire fence along the street boundaries is not original.

Site: House

History

A rate book search did not conclusively establish the date of construction of the house – see recommendations.

Themes

(8.3) Creating a home.

Extent of Significance

House.

Statement of Significance

Of local interest as an early twentieth century house in Werribee.

Recommendations

Undertake a title search and other documentary research to conclusively establish the date of construction and the significance of the house.

Site: Troup Park and Weighbridge No. 328

Address: Watton Street (northwest corner Cherry Street), Werribee

Heritage Place No: 054

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Dates: 1914 & 1930s

Ownership: Wyndham City Council

Type of Significance: Aesthetic. Historical. Scientific/Technological. Social.

Recommended Level of Significance: Local significance

Surveyed: PB & SP

Date Surveyed: 26/4/04

Photo No: 2604-8/9/10 & 11



Visual Description

A wedge-shaped park on the northwest corner of Watton and Cherry Streets. Comben Drive bisects the park, and a car park forms much of its northern boundary. At the Cherry Street end (east of Comben Drive) is a concrete pad and two concrete railings, a picnic table and benches. Paths lead across the park from the Watton and Cherry Streets intersection to the car park and shops beyond it. There are a number of trees and bushes in this part of the park including a Norfolk Island Hibiscus (*Lagunaria patersonii*), a carob bush (*Ceratonia siliqua*), Liquidambar (*Liquidambar styraciflua*) and a Jacaranda (*Jacaranda mimosifolia*). There are also two palms, a Canary Island palm (*Phoenix canariensis*) and a jelly palm (*Butia capitata*).

Site: Troup Park and Weighbridge No. 328



Above: Weighbridge building.

West of Comben Drive is another Canary Island palm, several peppercorn trees (*Shinus molle*), an Indian hawthorn (*Raphiolepis indica*) and a washingtonia palm (*Washingtonia robusta*). At the western extremity of the park, where it narrows, is a disused weighbridge. It comprises of a small, single-roomed red clinker brick building with a flat concrete roof. There is a decorative cream brick parapet, supported at its ends by brick corbelling on the wall below. There is a sign with the words 'Registered Public Weigh Bridge (*sic*) No 328', and another sign advising that the weighbridge is closed. Next to the building, flush with the road surface, are steel plates that form the weighing apparatus. The plates bear the name of their manufacturer, Hawke & Co of Kapunda, South Australia,

Site: Troup Park and Weighbridge No. 328



Above: Weighing mechanism in the road surface adjacent to the weighbridge building.

History

Under provisions in the Local Government Act of 1903, councils were given authority to provide their citizens with land for recreational purposes.¹ This park was gazetted a 'Tree Reserve' in 1914 under this act.² The public weighbridge adjacent to the park is believed to date from the 1930s.³ It replaced an earlier public weighbridge in the town built around 1900. Influencing the decision to site the weighbridge here would have been its close proximity to a wholesale grain store (now the site of Safeways) and a milk factory and pea-splitting factory that once stood nearby. From 1934 until the 1960s, Thomas O'Malley ran this weighbridge,⁴ which is manufactured by H B Hawke & Co Engineering of Kapunda, South Australia. This firm, which closed in 1983 after 126 years in business, began manufacturing weighbridges in 1870. The company also manufactured other machinery including pumps and made the first Australian

1 Local Government Act 1903 (No 1893), Part XXX1, Subsection 650.

2 *Victorian Government Gazette*, 1914, vol 3, p 324. Map titled 'Township of Werribee', dated July 1954.

3 Joe Viscosi, local resident, pers com to Peter Barrett and Sandi Pullman on 26/4/04.

4 *Victorian Municipal Directory*, 1934, 1960.

Site: Troup Park and Weighbridge No. 328

designed and manufactured hydraulic car hoist. From the 1880s, Chaffey Brothers were frequent customers of H B Hawke & Co for pumps and ancillary equipment for their irrigation settlements.⁵ It is unknown when the weighbridge was closed.

Themes

(6.1) Transport. (8.1) Setting up the townships. (10.1) Sport and recreation.

Extent of Significance

The reserve, including its palms, carob bush, peppercorn trees, Indian hawthorn and other vegetation: the weighbridge, including the brick building and the steel weighbridge mechanism in the roadway.

Statement of Significance

Troup Park is of heritage significance to the City of Wyndham for its aesthetic value as a public recreation reserve with many mature exotic and indigenous trees and bushes. It is of historical significance as an early example of the council providing recreational space for its citizens. The reserve is of social significance because it is known and valued by the local community.

The weighbridge is also of heritage significance for its historical value as a reminder of Werribee's years as a wholesale centre and railway hub for produce from surrounding districts, when the weighbridge was used to accurately determine weights of these items. It is also of scientific/technological significance as it has research potential for demonstrating weighbridge mechanisms from the mid-twentieth century and particularly those manufactured by H B Hawke & Co.

Recommendations

Increase the level of significance of Troup Park, including the weighbridge building and the roadway weighing mechanism, to 'local significance'.

5 John King-Roach, *Not Without Courage*, pp 3, 10, 20 & 21.

Site: Former State Savings Bank of Victoria

Address: 44 Watton Street, Werribee

Heritage Place No: 070

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: c1925

Ownership: Private

Type of Significance: Historical

Recommended Level of Significance: Local interest

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed: 15/5/04

Photo No: 1505-25



Visual Description

A two-storey asymmetrically composed former State Savings Bank of Victoria branch. It has roughcast rendered walls and Classically inspired contrasting smooth rendered mouldings and cornice. The façade of the ground floor has been altered in recent years with travertine cladding and aluminium windows. The windows of the first floor have also been replaced. There is an unsympathetic brick addition to the west and another to the rear.

Site: Former State Savings Bank of Victoria

History

During the 1920s the State Savings Bank of Victoria undertook an ambitious branch building program, with many country branches built in the years between 1920-25. The bank employed many of Victoria's prominent architects of the time including W H Turnbridge, Peck & Kempter and Sydney Smith & Ogg, however, from 1934 all new branches were designed by the State Savings Bank's Building Department.¹ The Werribee branch has similarities in its remaining decorative elements to Peck & Kempter's design for the bank's Burnley branch (now altered). Rate books indicate the branch traded from this site from as early as 1920, but within a decade the value of buildings on this site had almost doubled in value, despite the Great Depression, indicating substantial building works had been completed during this period.² A cash-strapped Victorian Government sold the State Savings Bank of Victoria to the Commonwealth Bank in the early 1990s. In recent years this building has been the premises of a real estate agent.

Themes

(9.5) Local shops and services.

Extent of Significance

Former bank branch.

Statement of Significance

Of local interest as the former Werribee branch of the State Savings Bank of Victoria.

Recommendations

Retain the level of significance at local interest.

1 Bruce Trethowan, 'Banks in Victoria 1851-1939', p 9.

2 Shire of Werribee Rate Book 1920-21 and 1930-31.

Site: House

Address: 4 Wedge Street (northeast corner Synnot Street), Werribee

Heritage Place No: 068

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: c1910

Ownership: Private

Type of Significance: Historical

Recommended Level of Significance: Local interest

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed: 15/5/04

Photo No: 1505-23



Visual Description

Single-storey detached (cavity) brick bungalow with a corrugated galvanised steel roof forming a verandah extending around all four sides of the building (partially infilled at the rear). On the Wedge Street elevation are double-hung sash windows flanking a central entrance door. Brickwork on the house, including the four brick chimneys, has been painted. The verandah posts have been replaced with mid-twentieth century tapered steel posts and a concrete slab has replaced the verandah's original base. Along the street boundaries is a low cream brick fence with a glazed manganese capping built in the mid twentieth century. There is a non-original garage to the west.

Site: House

History

The house is situated on Allotment 1, Section 20 of the Township of Werribee.¹ The house was built prior to World War I as it is shown on an army ordinance map produced in 1915.² In 1931-32 a house on this allotment was rated to an Elizabeth O'Brien.³ A search of earlier rate books was inconclusive.

Themes

(8.1) Setting up the townships. (8.3) Creating a home. (8.5) Changing residential areas.

Extent of Significance

House

Statement of Significance

Of local interest as an early bungalow in Werribee.

Recommendations

Undertake a title search, rate book search and other documentary research to conclusively establish the date of construction and significance of the house. This research may increase the level of significance.

1 The house is incorrectly cited in the City of Wyndham Heritage Study as being built at 16-18 Pyke Street, Werribee.

2 Commonwealth Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria', Sheet South J 55, dated 1915.

3 Shire of Werribee, rate book, 1931-32.

Site: Eucalypts

Address: Werribee Street (southwest corner Mambourin Street), Werribee

Heritage Place No: 017

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: 1860s

Ownership: Unknown

Type of Significance: Historical

Grid Ref: 205 G7

Recommended Level of Significance: Local interest

Surveyed: PB & SP

Date Surveyed: 26/4/04

Photo No: 2604-15



Visual Description

A flat site on the southwest corner of Mambourin and Werribee Streets. This site is now a car park and no visible evidence remains of a group of seven large eucalypts that once stood here. There are recent plantings of eucalypts and other native plants along the street boundaries and elsewhere on the site.

Site: Eucalypts

History

The present trees are unlikely to have been part of a boundary planting associated with a farm, as has been suggested.¹ By 1863, the township of Wyndham (Werribee) had been surveyed, and this site was a town allotment (allotment 10, section 13), in this survey. The adjoining allotment, to the southeast of this site on the northwest corner of Werribee and Mortimer Streets, was reserved in this township survey for a national school (later a state school).² This site, with two neighbouring allotments in Mambourin Street, was later reserved for use by the school.³ In recent years a car park has been built on this site and the trees removed.

Themes

(8.1) Setting up the townships. (9.3) Establishing community services. (9.4) Learning in the community.

Extent of Significance

Allotment 10, Section 13, Township of Wyndham.

Statement of Significance

This site is of local interest to the City of Wyndham for its association with a former state school that was sited adjacent to this land.

Recommendations

Retain the level of significance at 'local interest'. Further research may determine that the site is of a greater significance.

1 Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', p 396.

2 Map titled 'Township of Wyndham. Counties of Bourke and Grant', dated 1863.

3 Map titled 'Township of Werribee', dated July 1954.

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Site: House

Address: 15 Cayleys Road, Werribee South

Heritage Place No: 093

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: c1950

Ownership: Private

Type of Significance: Historical

Recommended Level of Significance: Local interest

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed: 5/6/04

Photo No: 0506-9



Visual Description

A small weatherboard Modernist house with a low-pitched hipped corrugated steel roof and a red brick chimney. There is a mature garden at the front of the house.

Site: House

History

This house is believed to have been the water bailiff's house in the years after World War II. The Beers were the first water bailiffs in charge of the Werribee South irrigation system. Their house also served as a post office.¹

Themes

(4.2) Boosting production. (8.4) Housing to meet people's needs.

Extent of Significance

House

Statement of Significance

Of local interest because of its associations with the development and management of the Werribee South irrigation scheme.

Recommendations

Retain the level of significance at local interest.

1 Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study', p 420.
peter andrew barrett
architectural historians and conservation consultants

Site: Houses

Address: 1, 12 and 32 Crawfords Road, Werribee South

Heritage Place No: 118

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Dates: 1920s-1960s

Ownership: Private

Type of Significance: Historical

Recommended Level of Significance: Local interest

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed: 5/6/04

Photo No: 0506-1



Visual Description

A cluster of houses at the northern end of the west side of Crawfords Road, north of Robbs Road. The houses are from different periods ranging from the 1920s through to the 1970s. The oldest houses in the group are No. 16 and 32, which are weatherboard bungalows. The houses face a market garden. An irrigation channel runs along the street's east side.

Site: Houses

History

This group of houses demonstrate the development of irrigation in Werribee South from the middle of the twentieth century, and it is thought to be associated with the Garfield family, market gardeners in the district from the 1930s.¹ A resident of the street, Mr Geraud, says that No. 16 was relocated to this site in the 1950s or 60s, and No. 32, his house, was built c1920.²

Themes

(8.3) Creating a home. (8.5) Changing residential areas.

Extent of Significance

Houses at 16 and 32 Crawfords Road, Werribee South

Statement of Significance

Of local interest as part of the continuing development of the Werribee Irrigation Settlement in the inter-war and post-war years.

Recommendations

Retain the level of significance at local interest.

1 Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', p 426.

2 Mr Geraud, owner of 32 Crawfords Road, Werribee South, pers com to Peter Barrett on 5 June 2004.

Site: House

Address: immediately north of 165 Crawfords Road, Werribee South

Heritage Place No: 117

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: Not Known

Ownership: Private

Type of Significance: Historical

Grid Ref: 198 B8

Recommended Level of Significance: Local interest

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed: 5/6/04

Photo No: 0506-8



Visual Description

A single-storey weatherboard cottage, asymmetrically planned and possibly built around the 1920s and relocated to this site. It has double-hung sash windows and a corrugated galvanised steel roof. A verandah extends across part of the street-facing elevation. The house is derelict and not secure. There are a number of outbuildings on the site including a corrugated galvanised steel gable-roofed garage at the rear. An irrigation channel extends along the road boundary in front of the property. Remnant farm machinery and building materials are scattered across the site.

Site: House

History

This house is not shown on a 1915 army ordinance map of this locality, nor is it shown on a later ordinance map produced in the early 1930s.¹ Stylistically the house appears to have been built in the early twentieth century and it is probable that the house was moved to this site sometime after the 1930s.

Themes

(2.5) Creating smaller rural holdings. (4.2) Boosting production. (8.3) Creating a home.

Extent of Significance

House, outbuildings and remnant farm machinery and irrigation equipment.

Statement of Significance

Of local interest as an early twentieth century house moved to this site c1930 or later.

Recommendations

Secure the house to prevent trespassers and vandals from entering. Undertake further research on the house and its former owners/occupiers. Further research may increase the level of significance.

1 Commonwealth Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria', Sheet South J 55, dated 1915. Australian Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria, No 848 Zone 7, Sheet J 55, dated 1933.

Site: Former Springhall house site

**Address: Diggers Road (to the rear of the Soldiers' Memorial Hall),
Werribee South**

Heritage Place No: 125

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: Not Known

Ownership: Private

Type of Significance: Historical

Grid Ref: 201 E10

Recommended Level of Significance: Local interest

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed: 5/6/04

Photo No: 0506-16



Visual Description

This house has been demolished and the site is now under cultivation.

Site: Former Springhall house site

History

The house is believed to have been owned/occupied by a Mr Springhall who looked after the Chimside family's staghounds.¹

Themes

(2.1) Pastoralists. (2.2) Redefining the subdivision of the Western Plains. (4.4) Using the rich alluvial soils.

Extent of Significance

Cannot be determined.

Statement of Significance

Of local interest as the approximate location of the site of the former Springhall house.

Recommendations

Retain the level of significance at local interest.

1 Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', p 435.
peter andrew barrett
architectural historians and conservation consultants

Site: Sugar gum plantation
Address: Diggers Road (east side) between Aviation and K Roads,
Werribee South

Heritage Place No: 095

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: Not Known

Ownership: Not Known

Type of Significance: Aesthetic

Recommended Level of Significance: Local interest

Surveyed: PB & SP

Date Surveyed: 26/4/04

Photo No: 2604-2



Visual Description

A plantation of sugar gums (*Eucalyptus cladocalyx*) along the east side of Diggers Road between Aviation and K Roads. Many of the trees that formed this plantation have now been removed, diminishing the interpretation of the remaining trees as being part of a long plantation.

Site: Sugar gum plantation

History

There is evidence of a plantation in this vicinity on a 1915 army ordinance map of the locality.¹ It is believed that at one time huts, made from the metal of kerosene tins, lined this part of Diggers Road. It is unknown what they were used for, or who occupied them.²

Themes

Insufficient information to determine.

Extent of Significance

Remaining trees of the former sugar gum plantation.

Statement of Significance

Of local interest as the remnants of a former roadside sugar gum plantation.

Recommendations

Retain the level of significance at local interest.

1 Commonwealth Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria', Sheet South J 55, dated 1915.

2 Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', p 436.

Site: Braemor

Address: 630 Duncans Road, Werribee South

Heritage Place No: 112

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: c1903

Ownership: Private

Type of Significance: Aesthetic. Historical.

Recommended Level of Significance: Local significance

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed: 5/6/04

Photo No: 0506-5



Visual Description

A single-storey, asymmetrically composed weatherboard Edwardian house with a hipped and gabled corrugated galvanised steel roof and red brick chimneys. The gable ends are pressed metal patterned in imitation half timbering and roughcast render. Most of the original windows have been replaced. The verandah has its original timber fretwork intact. There are sundry fibro cement sheet outbuildings on the site and remnants of the house's original garden.

Site: Braemor

History

Braemor was built in c1903 and was part of a dairying property. Lesley Masur, whose grandfather built the house, grew up here and recalls there was a “beautiful garden” and a large orchard on the site. In the early twentieth century the property, like much of Werribee South, was used for dairying and is believed to have had one of the first Friesian stud herds.¹ Later, Italian immigrants lived in the house² and it was probably during this time that the property became a market garden.

Themes

(4.3) New rural activities. (4.4) Using the rich alluvial soils. (8.3) Creating a home. (11.3) Migrant farmers. (13.1) Changing the land.

Extent of Significance

House and original garden remnants.

Statement of Significance

Braemor is of historical significance to Wyndham as a former dairy farm and its association with the introduction of Friesian cattle in Victoria. The house is of aesthetic significance as a relatively intact example of an Edwardian farmhouse.

Recommendations

The level of significance should be increased to local significance. Further research may establish that the house and the property are of greater significance.

1 Lesley Masur, copy of undated note to present owners, supplied to Peter Barrett on 5 June 2004.

2 Resident, Braemor, pers com to Peter Barrett on 5 June 2004.

Site: Werribee South General Store
Address: 785 Duncans Road, Werribee South

Heritage Place No: 110

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: c1920

Ownership: Private

Type of Significance: Historical.

Recommended Level of Significance: Local interest

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed: 5/6/04

Photo No: 0506-19



Visual Description

A single-storey brick building containing two shops. A brick parapet obscures the building's roof. Internally, the shop retains original pressed metal ceilings. Recent alterations and additions include timber-framed shop windows, a bullnose-profile Colorbond awning, signage and attached outbuildings to the north, set back from Duncans Road.

Site: Werribee South General Store

History

A map of the district produced in 1915 shows no buildings on or near this site,¹ but by the following decade a store was trading from here, operated by a proprietor named Thomas.² It is also believed that a post office agency operated from this store, but a 1933 map shows a post office further south along Duncans Road.³ From the 1930s the shop would have provided a invaluable service to the number of new residents who had recently settled in this part of Werribee South.

Themes

(9.5) Local shops and services.

Extent of Significance

Shop.

Statement of Significance

Of local interest as a store that has served the Werribee South community for more than 70 years.

Recommendations

Retain the level of significance at local interest.

1 Commonwealth Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria', Sheet South J 55, dated 1915.

2 Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', p 456.

3 Australian Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria, No 848 Zone 7, Sheet J 55, dated 1933.

Site: House

Address: 735B Duncans Road, Werribee South

Heritage Place No: 119

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: c1925

Ownership: Private

Type of Significance: Aesthetic. Historical.

Recommended Level of Significance: Local interest

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed: 5/6/04

Photo No: 0506-6



Visual Description

A small double-fronted weatherboard late-Victorian or Edwardian house with a hipped corrugated galvanised steel roof and rear lean-to. It has a central four-panelled door flanked by double-hung sash windows. The house is set back some distance from Duncans Road behind a market garden. There is a single-storey weatherboard house of a later period and a skillion roofed shed to the north.

Site: House

History

This house has probably been moved to this site from another location. A 1915 map of this district shows no buildings on this land, however by 1933 there is a building on this site.¹ The original location of this house is unknown.

Themes

(2.5) Creating smaller rural holdings.

Extent of Significance

House.

Statement of Significance

The house and its farm are of local interest as part of the creation of smaller rural holdings in Werribee South.

Recommendations

Retain the level of significance at local interest.

1 Commonwealth Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria', Sheet South J 55, dated 1915. Australian Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria, No 848 Zone 7, Sheet J 55, dated 1933.

Site: Price house

Address: 375-385 K Road, Werribee South

Heritage Place No: 105

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: c1950

Ownership: Private

Type of Significance: Historical

Recommended Level of Significance: Local interest

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed: 5/6/04

Photo No: 0506-13



Visual Description

Only one of the two houses reputed to be on this site could be located. The site of a former house possibly exists to the north of this house (375 K Road, Werribee). The house is single-storey, of rendered masonry, asymmetrically composed and with a low-pitched corrugated asbestos roof. It has double-hung sash windows with brick sills and has a red brick chimney. There is a mature garden with Cypresses along the street boundary.

Site: Price house

History

This is said to be the site of Le Noury's house, one of the first of the soldier settlement properties in Werribee South.¹

Themes

(2.5) Creating smaller rural holdings. (4.2) Boosting production. (8.4) Housing to meet people's needs.

Extent of Significance

House and garden.

Statement of Significance

Of local interest for its associations with the soldier settlement scheme in Werribee South.

Recommendations

Retain the level of significance at local interest. Further research may increase the level of significance of the house and/or property.

1 Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', p 469.
peter andrew barrett
architectural historians and conservation consultants

Site: RAAF Hut

Address: Rear of 5 Lignum Road, Werribee South

Heritage Place No: 096

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: c1940

Ownership: Private

Type of Significance: Historical.

Recommended Level of Significance: Local interest

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed: 5/6/04

Photo No: 0506-14



Visual Description

A small timber framed-hut, square in plan and with a gabled corrugated galvanised steel roof. Its walls are clad in cement sheeting or similar. A central flue rises through the roof. It was viewed from the road, some distance from the hut, and it seemed to be disused and in a state of disrepair. The building is situated in fenced grassed paddock behind a Modernist house (5 Lignum Road).

Site: RAAF Hut

History

This hut is said to be associated with the functions of the RAAF at Point Cook.¹

Themes

(2.4) Government land needs.

Extent of Significance

Hut.

Statement of Significance

Of local interest for its association with the RAAF operations in the area.

Recommendations

Retain the level of significance at local interest. Further research may determine that the hut is of greater significance.

1 Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', p 471.
peter andrew barrett
architectural historians and conservation consultants

Site: Former St Mary's Hall site
Address: O'Connors Road (southwest corner Whites Road),
Werribee South

Heritage Place No: 124

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: Not Known

Ownership: Private

Type of Significance: Historical

Grid Ref: 201 H10

Recommended Level of Significance: Local interest

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed: 5/6/04

Photo No: 0506-17



Visual Description

The former St Mary's Hall has been removed from the site and St Mary's Catholic Primary School now occupies the land.

Site: Former St Mary's Hall site

History

The former St Mary's Hall is believed to have been brought to this site from Lara.¹ The date of its demolition/removal is not known.

Themes

(9.4) Learning in the community. (9.6) A sense of community and identity.

Extent of Significance

The building has been demolished/removed from the site.

Statement of Significance

Of local interest as the site of the former St Mary's Hall.

Recommendations

Retain level of significance at local interest.

1 Context, 'City of Wyndham Heritage Study 1997', p 475.
peter andrew barrett
architectural historians and conservation consultants

Site: House

Address: 1-3 Robbs Road, Werribee South

Heritage Place No: 122

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: c1925

Ownership: Private

Type of Significance: Aesthetic.

Recommended Level of Significance: Local interest

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed: 5/6/04

Photo No: 0506-6



Visual Description

A weatherboard bungalow with roughcast rendered walls and a low-pitched corrugated galvanised steel roof. It has a roughcast rendered brick chimney with a clinker brick cap. A row of cypresses and a densely planted garden obscure views of the house from Robbs and Duncans Roads.

Site: House

History

The house was probably built during the 1920s. No building was on this site in the previous decade, however by 1933 a building is shown here on a map of this district.¹ The house is part of a wave of housing construction in this part of Werribee South in the inter-war years.

Themes

(8.3) Creating a home.

Extent of Significance

House and garden.

Statement of Significance

Of local interest as an inter-war house in Werribee South.

Recommendations

Retain the level of significance at local interest.

1 Commonwealth Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria', Sheet South J 55, dated 1915. Australian Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria, No 848 Zone 7, Sheet J 55, dated 1933.

Site: House

Address: 115 Robbs Road, Werribee South

Heritage Place No: 120

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: 1920s

Ownership: Private

Type of Significance: Aesthetic.

Recommended Level of Significance: Local interest

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed: 5/6/04

Photo No: 0506-2



Visual Description

A small weatherboard house with a steeply pitched transverse gabled roof and a verandah extending across the street-facing elevation. It has double-hung sash windows flanking a central entrance. The house is a hybrid of styles, with elements ranging from Victorian to Edwardian. The house is set back from the street boundary by a well-established garden.

Site: House

History

The house was probably built, or moved to this site, during the 1920s. No building was here in the previous decade, however by 1933 a building is shown on this site on a map of this district.¹ The house is part of a wave of housing construction in this part of Werribee South in the inter-war years. Gail Lamb, the current owner, advised that the house had earlier been owned by a Mr Bailey, a 'milk-checker'.²

Themes

(8.3) Creating a home.

Extent of Significance

House and garden.

Statement of Significance

Of local interest as a house built, or moved to, Werribee South in the inter-war years.

Recommendations

Retain the level of significance at local interest.

1 Commonwealth Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria', Sheet South J 55, dated 1915. Australian Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria, No 848 Zone 7, Sheet J 55, dated 1933.

2 Gail Lamb, owner, pers com to Peter Barrett on 5 June 2004.

Site: Former house site

Address: 135 Robbs Road, Werribee South

Heritage Place No: 121

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: Not Known

Ownership: Private

Type of Significance: -

Recommended Level of Significance: Not significant

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed: 5/6/04

Photo No: 0506-4



Visual Description

The weatherboard house that occupied this site has now been demolished. A row of cypresses along the property's south and west boundaries are remnants of the earlier house's garden. The present house on the site has been built recently.

Site: Jetty remnants/groynes

Address: Mouth of the Werribee River (south side), Werribee South

Heritage Place No: 107

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: Not Known

Ownership: Crown

Type of Significance: Cannot be determined **Grid Ref: 209 F11**

Recommended Level of Significance: Local interest

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed: 5/6/04

Photo No: 0506-11



Visual Description

Timber posts, probably remnants of an earlier jetty or the tops of a groyne are visible at the mouth of the Werribee River (south bank).

Site: Jetty remnants/groyne

History

This structure, believed to be the remnants of an earlier jetty, is not shown on plans of this area from the mid-nineteenth century through to the 1930s.¹ Admiralty charts of Port Phillip Bay from 1915 and 1948 also do not show any jetty in this location.² The *Melway* street directory³ shows an object jutting out from this area as a 'groyne' – a timber structure used to stop the shifting of sea beach and sand. It is possible that the posts visible here are the tops of this groyne.

Themes

Insufficient information to determine.

Extent of Significance

Insufficient information to determine.

Statement of Significance

Insufficient information to determine.

Recommendations

Further research to establish the structure's use. This may increase the level of significance.

1 Geological Survey Plan, dated 1863. Commonwealth Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria', Sheet South J 55, dated 1915. Australian Section Imperial General Staff, map titled 'Melbourne Victoria, No 848 Zone 7, Sheet J 55, dated 1933.

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3 *Melway*, edition 31 (2004), inset on map 209.

WYNDHAM VALE DATA SHEETS



Site: Dry stone walls

Address: Greens Road, Wyndham Vale

Heritage Place No: -

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: Not Known

Ownership: Private

Type of Significance: Aesthetic. Historical. Technological.

Grid Ref: 204 H4

Recommended Level of Significance: Local significance

Surveyed: PB

Date Surveyed: 15/5/04

Photo No: 1505-9



Visual Description

Dry stone walls on the north side of Greens Road extending west about 600 metres from the North Gateway/Lollypop Drive intersection. The walls are between 200mm and 400mm in height. There is a mature plantation of sugar gums (*Eucalyptus cladocalyx*) on the north side of the fence.

Site: Dry stone walls

History

Fences were required to separate livestock from crops and livestock from other livestock and often delineated property boundaries. The materials most readily available determined the type of fence to be built. On the volcanic plains of Victoria, which extend west from Melbourne to the South Australian border, stone was often the cheapest and most readily available choice of fencing material, as large parts of this area were covered in loose surface stone. Around the Werribee Plains these basaltic stones range in size from pebbles to boulders, and are vesicular in structure.¹ The dry stone walls in Greens Road probably date from the mid-nineteenth century, when the Crown subdivided land in this locality and sold it to selectors.

Themes

(2.2) Re-defining the subdivision of the Western Plains. (3.2) Working the stone. (13.1) Changing the land.

Extent of Significance

Dry stone walls and the sugar gum plantation.

Statement of Significance

The Greens Road dry stone walls are of historical significance to the City of Wyndham. They are associated with the second phase of European settlement of the district (1860s-90s), where land was carved up under the land acts and sold to selectors and to holders of pastoral leases; the walls delineating in many places the boundaries of these selections. The walls also demonstrate the resourcefulness of early settlers in the district, who used the locality's abundant volcanic rock to fence their properties. The dry stone walls with the sugar gum plantation, are of aesthetic value, as a distinct landscape feature along Greens Road and a reminder of the character of the district in the early years of European settlement. The walls are also scientifically significant in demonstrating the use of this method of construction in Victoria and for their potential for future research.

Recommendations

Increase the wall and the plantation's level of significance from 'local interest' to 'local significance'. Research by the Dry Stone Wall Association of Australia may reveal further significance.

1 Gary Vines, 'Built To Last. An historical and archaeological survey of Dry Stone Walls in Melbourne's Western Region', pp 17, 19, 25 & 26.

Site: Former farm dairy site

Address: McGraths Road (east side), Wyndham Vale

Heritage Place No: NS

Heritage Protection: None

Significant Date: Not Known

Ownership: Wyndham City Council

Type of Significance: Historical.

Recommended Level of Significance: Could not be determined

No Image

Description

Within Presidents Park is thought to be a concrete slab that is the remnants of a former dairy. Presidents Park is an expansive area and the remains could not be located.

Site: Former farm dairy site

History

Insufficient information is known about the dairy/farm to determine its history.

Themes

Insufficient information is known about the dairy/farm to determine this.

Extent of Significance

Insufficient information is known about the location of the dairy/farm to determine this.

Statement of Significance

Insufficient information is known about the dairy/farm to prepare a statement of significance.

Recommendations

Further information about the location of the site will enable a survey of the area, which will establish the extent of the dairy/farm's remains and determine its significance.

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**APPENDIX A
INDEX OF PLACES BY NAME
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[CDD – Cannot be determined. N S – Not significant. L I – Local interest. L S – Local Significance. S S – State Significance].			
Albert and Alfred Leakes houses site	Leakes Road, Truganina	L S	130
Anglicare	2 Manly Street, Werribee	LI	159
Ardcloney	1460 Dohertys Road, Tarneit	L I	78
Avenue of Honour Remnants	Princes Highway, Werribee	L I	169
Barber's farmhouse site	Heaths Road, Hoppers Crossing	N S	26
Bill Evans houses	Leakes and Palmers Roads, Truganina	L I	132
Black Forest Swamp	Black Forest Road, Werribee	L I	147
Bombing Range	Springhill Road (southside west of the Werribee River), Tarneit	L I	107
Braemor	630 Duncans Road, Werribee South	LS	212
Bulban Reserve	Rothwell Road, Little River	LS	47
Carnboon site	Metropolitan Farm Road, Werribee	C B D	165
Cobbledicks Ford Dam Site	Cobbledicks Ford Road, Tarneit	L I	115
Crinningan house site	Cobbledicks Ford Road, Tarneit	L I	61
Davis farm site	Davis Road, Tarneit	LS	64
Dempsey house	Leakes Road (near Palmers Road), Truganina	L I	134
Dry stone walls	Edgars Road, Little River	L S	38
Dry stone walls	Greens Road, Wyndham Vale	L S	232
Eades house	Leakes Road, Truganina	L I	127
Early track	Dukelows Road to Boundary Road, Tarneit	L I	86
Eucalypts	Werribee Street (cnr Mambourin Street) Werribee	L I	199
Farm and dairy site	McGraths Road, Wyndham Vale	C B D	234
Gunnery Range and Observers Huts	Live Bomb Range Road, Mambourin	L I	56

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House	112 Cottrell Street, Werribee	C B D	154
House	16 Francis Street, Werribee	L I	155
House	15 Mortimer Street, Werribee	L I	167
House	19 Wattle Avenue, Werribee	L I	187
House	22 Wattle Avenue, Werribee	L I	189
House	4 Wedge Street, Werribee	L I	197
House	15 Cayleys Road, Werribee South	L I	203
House	Crawfords Road, Werribee South	L I	206
House	735B Duncans Road, Werribee South	L I	216
House	1-3 Robbs Road, Werribee South	L I	224
House	115 Robbs Road, Werribee South	L I	226
House	135 Robbs Road, Werribee South	N S	228
House (formerly Shirley)	23 McDonald Street, Werribee	L I	161
House and former Dukelow site	215 Dukelows Road, Tarneit	L S	88
House site	Leakes Road, Tarneit	L I	92
House site	Sayers Road, Tarneit	L I	101
House site	Tarneit Road, Tarneit	NS	114
House site	Dohertys Road, Truganina	L I	125
House site	Metropolitan Farm Road, Werribee	C B D	163
Houses	1, 12, & 32Crawfords Road, Werribee South	L I	204
Irrigation channel site (former)	Tarneit Road (near Shaws Road), Werribee	L I	180
Jetty remnants	Werribee River, Werribee South	L I	229
Lee house site	Davis Road, Tarneit	C B D	118
Little River Reserve	You Yangs Road, Little River	L S	49
Little River Youth Club	Flinders Street, Little River	L I	43
McKenzie House	Sayers road, Tarneit	L I	95

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McNaughton Reserve	You Yangs Road, Little River	L S	53
Melbourne-Geelong Railway Line	Point Cook Road to Little River	S S	9
Missen house site	Dohertys Road, Truganina	L I	71
Morton house site	Edgars Road, Little River	L I	41
Mount Cotterell State School site	Dukelows Road, Tarneit	L I	80
Myer house	Palmers Road, Truganina	L I	136
Oakbank	Shanahans Road, Tarneit	C B D	105
Pitson house site	Boundary Road, Tarneit	L I	59
Police Lock-up and Paddock site	Synnot Street, Werribee	L I	174
Price house	K Road, Werribee South	L I	218
Producers Dairying Company	Wattle Street & Princes Hwy, Werribee	L I	184
RAAF hut	5 Lignum Road, Werribee South	L I	220
RAAF/USAF camp site	Maltby Bypass Road, Werribee	L I	157
Reserve	Bindowan Drive, Hoppers Crossing	L I	24
Reserve	Morris Road, Hoppers Crossing	L I	30
Reserve	Nicklaus Dve & Morris Road, Hoppers Crossing	L I	32
River View site	Dukelows Road, Tarneit	L I	82
Shire windmill and tanks	Davis Road, Tarneit	L I	69
Silk Dam	Davis Road, Tarneit	C B D	67
Siphons: Domestic and stock water supply channel	Skeleton Creek, north of Sayers Road, Truganina	C B D	138
Skeleton Creek quarries	Skeleton Creek, Truganina	N S	143
Skeleton Creek water reserve and water holes	Skeleton Creek, north of Leakes Road, Truganina	L S	140
Smith's dairy site	Sayers Road, Tarneit	L S	97
Springhall house site	Diggers Road, Werribee South	L I	208
St Mary's hall site	O'Connors Road (cnr Whites Road), Werribee South	L I	222

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State Savings Bank of Victoria (former)	Watton Street, Werribee	L I	195
Staughtons Bridge site	Dohertys Road (west of Dukelows Road), Tarneit	L S	73
Stock house site	Sewells Road, Tarneit	C B D	103
Sugar gum plantation	Diggers Road, Werribee South	L I	210
Sumiya	6 Wattamolla Avenue, Werribee	L S	182
Swimming pool	McLeans Road, Little River	L I	45
Tarneit State School site	Hogans Road (cnr Tarneit Road), Tarneit	L I	109
Townsing house site	1030 Dohertys Road, Truganina	L I	76
Trees	Purchas Street, Werribee	L I	171
Troup Park and weighbridge	Watton Street, Werribee	L S	191
Truganina/Tarneit landscape	Truganina and Tarneit	L I	121
Walker house	530 Hogans Road, Tarneit	L I	90
Well	Boundary Road, Laverton North	L I	35
Werribee 10 Cinemas	Heaths Road (cnr Derrimut Road), Hoppers Crossing	N S	28
Werribee Guides Hall	Soldiers Reserve, College Road, Werribee	L S	151
Werribee District Hospital (former)	Synnot Street, Werribee	L I	177
Werribee South General Store	785 Duncans Road, Werribee South	L I	214

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	Hoppers Crossing to Little River	Melbourne-Geelong Railway Line	S	10
Hoppers Crossing	Bindowan Drive (between No's 35 & 41)	Reserve	LI	24
Hoppers Crossing	Heaths Road and Barber Drive (northeast corner)	Former Barber's Farmhouse site	NS	26
Hoppers Crossing	Heaths Road and Derrimut Road (northwest corner)	Werribee 10 Cinemas	NS	28
Hoppers Crossing	Morris Road (between No's 149 & 153)	Reserve	LI	30
Hoppers Crossing	Nicklaus Drive (corner Morris Road)	Reserves	LI	32
Laverton North	Boundary Road	Well	LI	35
Little River	Edgars Road	Dry stone walls	LS	38
Little River	Edgars Road	Morton house site	LI	41
Little River	Flinders Street (Possy Newland Park)	Little River Community Youth Club	LI	43
Little River	McLeans Road on the Little River	Former swimming pool	LI	45
Little River	Rothwell Road (northwest corner Old Melbourne Road)	Bulban Reserve	LS	47
Little River	You Yangs Road	Little River Reserve	LS	49
Little River	You Yangs Road	McNaughton Reserve	LS	53
Mambourin	Bulban Road	Gunnery range and observers huts	LI	56
Tarneit	Boundary Road	Former Pitson house site	LI	59
Tarneit	Cobbledicks Ford Road	Former Crinnigan house site	LI	61
Tarneit	Davis Road	Former Davis farm site	LS	64
Tarneit	Davis Road	Silk dam	CBD	67
Tarneit	Davis Road	Shire windmill and tanks	LI	69

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Tarneit	Davis Road	Former Lee house site	CBD	118
Tarneit	Derrimut Road	Former Missen houses site	LI	71
Tarneit	Dohertys Road	Staughton Bridge	LS	73
Tarneit	Dohertys Road, 1030	Former Townsing house Site	LI	76
Tarneit	Dohertys Road, 1460	Ardcloney	LI	78
Tarneit	Dukelows Road	Former Mount Cotterell State School site	LI	80
Tarneit	Dukelows Road	Former River View site	LI	82
Tarneit	Dukelows Road	Early track	LI	86
Tarneit	Dukelows Road, 215	House and former site of Dukelow	LS	88
Tarneit	Hogans Road, 530	Walker house	LI	90
Tarneit	Leakes Road	Former house site	LI	92
Tarneit	Sayers Road	McKenzie house	LI	95
Tarneit	Sayers Road	Smiths Dairy site	LS	97
Tarneit	Sayers Road	House	LI	101
Tarneit	Sewells Road	Stock house	CBD	103
Tarneit	Shanahans Road, 35	Oakbank	CBD	105
Tarneit	Springhill Road	Bombing range	LI	107
Tarneit	Tarneit Road (northwest corner Hogans Road)	Former Tarneit State School	LI	109
Tarneit	Tarneit Road	Former house site	NS	114
Tarneit	Werribee River	Proposed Cobbledicks Ford Dam site	LI	115
Truganina/ Tarneit		Truganina/Tarneit Landscape	LI	121
Truganina	Dohertys Road	Former house site	LI	125
Truganina	Leakes Road	Former Eades house site	LI	127

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Truganina	Leakes Road	Albert and Alfred Leakes house site	LS	130
Truganina	Leakes Road (southeast corner Palmers Road)	Bill Evans houses	LI	132
Truganina	Palmers Road, 175	Dempsey house	LI	134
Truganina	Palmers Road, 200	Myer house	LI	136
Truganina	Sayers Road	Siphons	CBD	138
Truganina	Skeleton Creek/Dry Creek	Skeleton Creek and Dry Creek water reserve	LS	140
Truganina	Skeleton Creek/Dry Creek	Skeleton Creek and Dry Creek quarries	NS	143
Werribee	Black Forest Road	Black Forest Swamp	LI	147
Werribee	College Road	Werribee Guides Hall	LS	151
Werribee	Cottrell Street	House	CBD	154
Werribee	Francis Street, 16	House	LI	155
Werribee	Maltby Bypass (north side)	Former RAAF/USAF temporary camp site	LI	157
Werribee	Manly Street, 2	Anglicare	LI	159
Werribee	McDonald Street, 23	House (formerly Shirley)	LI	161
Werribee	Metropolitan Farm Road	Former house site	CBD	163
Werribee	Metropolitan Farm Road	Former Carnboon site	CBD	165
Werribee	Mortimer Street, 15	House	LI	167
Werribee	Princes Highway (near Tower Road)	Avenue of Honour Remnants	LI	169
Werribee	Purchas Street	Trees	LI	171
Werribee	Synnot Street (southwest corner Greaves Street)	Former Police Paddock and Lock-up	LI	174
Werribee	Synnot Street	Former Werribee District Hospital	LI	177
Werribee	Tarneit Road, south of Shaws Road	Former irrigation channel site	LI	180

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Werribee	Wattamolla Avenue, 6	Sumiya	LS	182
Werribee	Wattle Avenue (corner Princes Highway)	Former Producers Dairying Company site	LI	184
Werribee	Wattle Avenue	House	LI	187
Werribee	Wattle Avenue	House	LI	189
Werribee	Watton Street	Troup Park and Weighbridge No 328	LS	191
Werribee	Watton Street, 44	Former State Savings Bank of Victoria	LI	195
Werribee	Wedge Street, 4	House	LI	197
Werribee	Werribee Street (corner Mambourin Street)	Eucalypts	LI	199
Werribee South	Cayleys Road, 15	House	LI	202
Werribee South	Crawfords Road, 1, 12 & 32	Houses	LI	204
Werribee South	Crawfords Road (immediately north of No 165)	House	LI	206
Werribee South	Diggers Road	Former Springhall house Site	LI	208
Werribee South	Diggers Road	Sugar gum plantation	LI	210
Werribee South	Duncans Road, 630	Braemor	LS	212
Werribee South	Duncans Road, 785	Werribee South General Store	LI	214
Werribee South	Duncans Road, 735B	House	LI	216
Werribee South	K Road, 375-385	Price house	LI	218
Werribee South	Lignum Road, 5	RAAF Hut	LI	220
Werribee South	O'Connors Road (corner Whites Road)	Former St Mary's Hall site	LI	222
Werribee South	Robbs Road, 1-3	House	LI	224
Werribee South	Robbs Road, 115	House	LI	226
Werribee South	Robbs Road, 135	Former house site	NS	228

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Werribee South	Mouth of the Werribee River	Jetty remnants/groyne	LI	229
Wyndham Vale	Greens Road	Dry stone walls	LS	232
Wyndham Vale	McGraths Road	Former dairy farm site	CBD	234

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Tarneit	Davis Road	Former Lee house site	118
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Tarneit	Sewells Road	Stock house	103
Tarneit	Shanahans Road, 35	Oakbank	105
Tarneit	Tarneit Road	Former house site	114
Truganina	Sayers Road	Siphons	138
Werribee	Cottrell Street	House	154
Werribee	Maltby Bypass (north side)	Former RAAF/USAF temporary camp site	157
Werribee	Metropolitan Farm Road	Former house site	163
Werribee	Metropolitan Farm Road	Former Carnboon site	165
Wyndham Vale	McGraths Road	Former dairy farm site	234