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Location

Ryans Rd (Nixon's Road, or Monbulk Creek Road), Lysterfield VIC 3156 - Property No S03535

Municipality

YARRA RANGES SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO219

Heritage Listing

Yarra Ranges Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - July 5, 2000

The remains of the old Monbulk Homestead have high local significance for their associations with the Dargan family, early district pastoral pioneers, who acquired the Monbulk run in 1850. The Monbulk Pre-Emptive Right property is of significance as one of a large number of such properties in Yarra Ranges Shire. The property has historical significance, too, for its associations with the Nixons and Brandts, prominent district families.

Heritage Study/Consultant Yarra Ranges - Shire of Yarra Ranges Heritage Study, Context Pty Ltd, 2000;
Other Names Monbolloc, Mun Bulk, Monbolk,
Hermes Number 115568
Property Number

Physical Description 1

Extensive evidence of the Monbulk homestead survives within the northern part of Lysterfield Park. It is located on a north-facing slope above Monbulk Creek. The site is bisected by Dargon Track.

The site of the homestead is marked by the ruins of the fireplace (or perhaps kitchen hearth). It is a stone and brick structure. Nearby area extensive heaps of bricks and other building rubble, much covered in blackberry and other weeds. Adjacent to this is a small cutting. Presumably the rubble has resulted from the demolition of the house. Nearby is a flat area that may have once contained a building, and another larger area to the east that also appears disturbed.

Extensive plantings survive near the homestead including two large pines, a Norfolk Island Pine, a cypress, a windbreak of Robinia(?), and an orchard area. There also appear to be some other conifers some distance away from the homestead site that may form part of a cultural landscape.

While the evidence remaining is quite fragmentary, the plantings create a distinctive cultural landscape, and careful site recording is likely to reveal more extensive evidence than was noted in this field survey.

Physical Conditions

Fair

Integrity

Minor Modifications

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

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