
FORMER GARDINERVILLE HOMESTEAD

Location

215-217 VICTORIA ROAD YERING, YARRA RANGES SHIRE

Municipality

YARRA RANGES SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7922-0471

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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| Interpretation of Site | <p>The sites consists of a disturbed scatter of fragmented artefacts. The artefacts indicate that the site may have also had a residential dwelling within the 'Kangaroo Park' property.</p> <p>See site cards for various owners/leasees of the land following the sale by Gardiner.</p> |
| Archaeological Significance | <p>The site may relate to the earliest house on the Kangaroo Park property, and the earliest residence in the Yarra Valley. The current land owner believes that a ealier cottage burnt down (prior to owning the land) and the existing cottage, is now on that site.</p> |

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| Historical Significance | The site is significant for its association with its first owner, John Gardiner. Gardiner, along with John Hepburn and Joseph Hawdon, drove 400 head of cattle overland from Sydney to Melbourne. The expedition earned Gardiner the nickname "The Overlander". Gardiner had several roads and water crossings named after him in Melbourne, including: Gardiner's Crossing (later renamed Dight's Falls); Gardiner's Road (later renamed Toorak Road); Gardiner's Creek (later renamed Kooyong Koot Creek); and a shire - Gardiner Road Board and Shire of Gardiner (later renamed Shire of Malvern). |
| Other Names | Windsor Park, Mooroolbark Run, Gardiner's Run, Gardinerville, Fletcher's Run, Kangaroo Park, |
| Hermes Number | 123311 |
| Property Number | |

History

John Gardiner established the 15,000 acre Mooroolbark Run in January 1838 within this site. Gardiner secured a license for the run that same year. Gardiner did not live on the site until 1842. In 1843, Gardiner built a 2 storey stone house, named Kangaroo Park, adjacent to the Yarra River.

Gardiner sold the property in 1853 and returned to England.

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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