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Location

128-150 Wungan Street MACLEOD, BANYULE CITY

Municipality

BANYULE CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO176

Heritage Listing

Banyule City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - February 10, 2010

What is significant?

Harry Pottage Memorial Reserve, Macleod, comprising approximately 5.6 hectares of parkland, including indigenous trees and basalt plains grassland, is significant. The Reserve also contains a remnant rail embankment and alignment which are significant.

How is it significant?

Harry Pottage Memorial Reserve, Macleod, is of historic, scientific, aesthetic and social value to the City of Banyule.

Why is it significant?

Harry Pottage Memorial Reserve, Macleod, is historically significant as the site of the last remnant of the Mont Park rail line, that being the railway embankment along the western boundary of the Reserve. (Criterion A)

The Reserve is socially significant as a passive recreation ground for the local community, being Macleod's only large area of public open space west of the Heidelberg to Hurstbridge railway line. (Criterion G)

The Reserve is aesthetically significant for its area of grassland habitat, evocative of the natural landscape supported by the broad basalt plain which underlies this region. This is enhanced by its contrast with the close residential development which forms two of the Reserve's boundaries. (Criterion E)

The Reserve is scientifically significant for its basalt plain grassland habitat and its small but significant colony of the endangered Matted Flax-lily. (Criterion F)

Heritage Study/Consultant Banyule - Banyule Heritage Review, Context P/L, 2009;

Hermes Number 124127

Property Number

Physical Description 1

Harry Pottage Reserve consists of 5.6 hectares of remnant grassy woodland, mown grass planted with native trees, and a children's playground. Infrastructure consists of a picnic shelter, seats and walking paths.

Along the Reserve's western boundary is the remains of the Mont Park spur rail line, constructed to bring goods to the then adjacent Mont Park Asylum.

The Reserve contains a 'highly important basalt grass plains habitat', with 'good understorey similar to the adjoining Cherry Street Reserve' (Toomey, 1999, p.80). This grassland is included on the City of Banyule's Schedule 4 to the Environmental Significance Overlay. In 2005 the Reserve also contained approximately 25 individual specimens of Matted Flax-lily - an endangered species in Victoria. An area of the Reserve, along its western perimeter has been fenced to protect the vegetation.

Indigenous trees and grasses have been planted by the City of Banyule (Toomey, 1999).

Salt Creek flows in piping beneath the Reserve, and a gully has been formed as a retarding basin to prevent flooding in nearby Rosanna (Toomey, 1999).

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