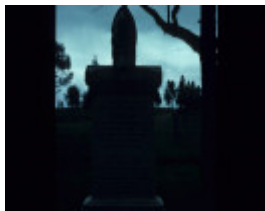


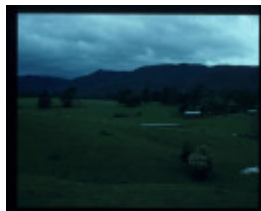
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Location

BARAK LANE HEALESVILLE, YARRA RANGES SHIRE

Municipality

YARRA RANGES SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO80

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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| Historical Significance | The site has historical significance as the resting place of Wurundjeri elder Barak, and the other members of the community. |
| Archaeological Significance | The Coranderrk site has the potential to yield archaeological deposits (structures and artefacts) relating to its use as an Aboriginal cemetery. |
| Interpretation of Site | The site was used as an Aboriginal cemetery from the 19th century onwards. |
| Other Names | BARAK'S TOMBSTONE, |
| Hermes Number | 162569 |
| Property Number | |

History

In the 1870s, when officials threatened to close Coranderrk and sell off its rich grazing land, Wurundjeri elder William Barak led the first Coranderrk Rebellion, marching with residents into Melbourne to claim ownership of land he called "my father's country". For Barak, Coranderrk was both a home and a last link to his vanishing culture and heritage.

This early Aboriginal land rights movement was a success. Barak - now widely revered as 'The Last King of the Yarra Tribes' - and the Coranderrk people had not only gained a permanent homeland, but the respect and patronage of Melbourne identities like future Prime Minister Alfred Deakin and opera singer Nellie Melba (this information comes from the ABC web page).

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.

For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>