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# BAKERS DAIRY

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## Location

960 DONNYBROOK ROAD DONNYBROOK, WHITTLESEA CITY

## Municipality

WHITTLESEA CITY

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7822-2359

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

The dairy complex at 960 Donnybrook Road, Donnybrook contains the remnants of a dairy that illustrates rural life in the Donnybrook locality from the early 1890s to the early 1910s. It contains three galvanised iron structures; a stables, a milking shed, and a hay/machine shed, remains of a house footprint, drystone walls and bluestone cobbled yards and paths surrounding the sheds, likely built between 1891 and 1918. A second house, likely the original weatherboard house associated with the dairy is no longer present, having been removed between 1979 and 1987 and replaced with a modern brick dwelling and exotic tree plantings. These structures illustrate the success of Wyndham Baker in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, which led to it being labelled as perhaps the largest of its kind in Victoria. The property was subsequently sold to Lyall who subdivided the land and sold it off between 1931 and 1935. The land, and by extension the structures built by Baker, was utilised for grazing for the remainder of the 20th century, in keeping with the farming community of Donnybrook. During that time, the majority of the structures documented to have been located on the property including the original weatherboard homestead, men's kitchen and dining rooms, men's bedrooms, engine-house, separator-room, feed-rooms, blacksmith's shop, implement-shed, and pig styes have been removed.

Updated: 24 July 2023. If unlisted historical archaeological features are identified, please contact Heritage Victoria.

### How is it significant?

The dairy complex at 960 Donnybrook Road, Donnybrook is of local historic and social significance, and low-moderate scientific significance.

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**Why is it significant?**

The homestead is of local historic and social significance for its association with the well known dairy farm owned by Wyndham Baker from 1891 to 1918. The place has low-moderate scientific significance for its archaeological potential which may elucidate the use of the site, in particular, from the 1890s to the 1910s.

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