
McLeods Waterholes

Location

Duke Street, DRYSDALE VIC 3222 - Property No 269306

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area not sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1613

Heritage Listing

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Statement of Significance

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The area of McLeod's Waterholes contains aboriginal oven mounds dating from between 3,000 and 5,000 years before the present. The place which has been named after a district pioneer, supplied water for Drysdale in 1871 and water was diverted into the waterholes for this purpose. In the same year the lake was stocked with fish and two years later boxing Day races were held at the Waterholes racecourse. The area has mature exotic and native trees and it presently developed as a community recreation reserve with oval, tennis courts and netball facilities.

McLeod's Waterholes has aesthetic, historic, scientific and social value to the Drysdale Community.

The McLeod's Waterholes provides an environmentally pleasing sporting area for the community whilst preserving important Aboriginal sites and associations with early settlement water supply and recreational pursuits.

It is LOCAL cultural significance.

REFERENCE:

Wynd, I (1988) Balla-Wein, A History of the Shire of Bellarine p. 131

Ibid - P. 23, 25, 69 & 132.

Heritage Act Categories Registered place,

Hermes Number 21663

Property Number

Physical Description 1

DESCRIPTION:

The site is adjacent to the tennis courts and oval recreation reserve. There a mature exotic cypress pine, oak, willow and poplar trees. The native species complemented the waterholes and remain aesthetically pleasing as a recreation reserve for the local community.

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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