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# YARRA BRAE



22790 Yarra Brae - 7-9 Yarra Brae Close, Wonga Park (8hr village)



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## Location

7-9 Yarra Brae Close WONGA PARK, Manningham City

## Municipality

MANNINGHAM CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO183

## Heritage Listing

Manningham City

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## Statement of Significance

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Yarra Brae, which retains a complex of main house and garden, and farm buildings, has regional significance as one of the district's large riverfront grazing estates with a history that goes back to the pastoral era. It has historical significance for its associations with Lord Clifford, owner of the property from c.1941. Clifford was a successful businessman and patron of the scouting movement. In the late 1940s and 1950s Clifford provided part of his property (now known as Clifford Park) for scouting activities. In 1983, the Victorian Government purchased

part of Yarra Brae, which is now included in the Warrandyte State Park. (Criterion A4, D2, H1)

Heritage Study/Consultant Manningham - Manningham Heritage Study Review, Context Pty Ltd, 2006;

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## Historical Australian Themes

Local Themes

5.01 - Squatters, selectors & small farmer

## Physical Description 1

The Yarra Brae property comprises the main house (including entrance gates, garden and water tanks) and the farm complex (manager's house, wood shed, garage, stables, barn, dairy and milking yard, large barn, and other smaller structures).

The main house is set on a knoll above the river. It is a cream brick, triple fronted 1940s/50s house, with a glazed terracotta Marseille tiled roof. Wrought-iron gates, a large oak (?) and a low stone wall mark the entrance to the property. It appears to be located on the site of an earlier house, shown in photographs as being a large Edwardian homestead, with verandahs on three sides[6]; interestingly brush appears to have been used below the balustrade rail, a feature also seen on one building at Tod Park.

The farm complex is set below the main house. The manager's house is a gable-roofed timber house dating from the 1930s and using the rectangular gable vents which appear common in this locality. The stables are timber-framed, with loose boxes at either end and remnants of a brick floor. Some internal partitions appear to have been altered. The dairy is a brick building with a tiled roof and adjoins an open-sided milking shed. The dairy has been altered, but still retains its three main rooms and some features (such as washing area).

The extensive stone walls are also a feature of this property.

The location of a feature known as "The Boulevard" - a small cutting created by Clement John De Garis as the start of a boulevard along the Yarra River to Melbourne - was not able to be confirmed.[14]

## Physical Conditions

**Condition** Good

## Integrity

**Integrity** Minor modifications

## Physical Description 2

**Threats** Alterations

### Physical Description 3

Associations

Lewis Clifford

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