
MARIBYRNONG BATTERY



Maribrnong Battery
Maribrnong May 2003 001



Maribrnong Battery
Maribrnong May 2003 002



Maribrnong Battery
Maribrnong May 2003
Griffith And Baird Engineers
Toolshop



Maribrnong Battery
Maribrnong May 2003 Stone
Wall

Location

MORELAND ST, BETWEEN WINGFIELD RD AND BUNBURY ST FOOTSCRAY, MARIBYRNONG CITY

Municipality

MARIBYRNONG CITY

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7822-0481

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Interpretation of Site This was the only battery located in the Maribyrnong River. The site has historical significance as a place which reflects defence trends in the late 19th century.

Hermes Number 23464

Property
Number

History

A former naval battery stood on the west bank of the Maribyrnong between Henderson's Piggery and The Ship Inn (Haffenden, 1987: 12). The battery is shown in Gill's watercolour of Hendersons' Piggery in 1873, which shows three timber sheds surrounded by a stone wall, and a flagstaff on the river end of the site. The Summary Contracts Book of the Public Works Department records that this site was used as a depot for test firing torpedoes in the 1870's (VPRS 2143). It is speculated that the installation of this facility may also have coincided with the advent of government shipbuilding activities directly across the river (H7822-0446).

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