
CHARCOAL BURNING KILN



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Location

Gembrook Tonimbuk Road TONIMBUK, Cardinia Shire

Municipality

CARDINIA SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO41

Heritage Listing

Cardinia Shire

Statement of Significance

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Charcoal burning kiln, which may date from c1940, is of significance to the Cardinia Shire and potentially the State (subject to further investigation) because it provides evidence of the a particular phase in the development of the timber industry in the district, using local timber.

It is one of two known portable metal charcoal kilns in the State.

It also has historical significance for its reputed associations with the use of internee labour during the Second

World War, and the burning of charcoal as a substitute during wartime petrol shortages.

Regional Significance

Heritage Study/Consultant	Cardinia - Cardinia Shire Heritage Study 1996, Graeme Butler & Associates, 1996;
Construction dates	1940,
Other Names	Gembrook Tonimbuk Road, Tonimbuk North,
Hermes Number	29993
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

This oven-like fabricated sheet metal enclosure is on the side of the road set in bushland. It is near Mortimer Reserve and on the north side of the road approx. 50m west of the Two Scouts Road entry. Only one other comparable kiln is known but presumably other similar portable kilns, like this one, were used by itinerant gangs in the forest during WW2.

This gabled sheet-iron structure appears to have been fabricated using both welded and riveted joints, with a doorway at one end which has pivot hinges to one side and a form of latch keeper to the other side. There are a series of flanged holes (large/small) in the roof planes and indications of sheets having been removed on the side.

Physical Conditions

The enclosure is incomplete with what appear to be sheets removed from the side and presumably the mounting of the kiln has changed.

Historical Australian Themes

Theme

Evidence of:

4.1 Timber (includes splitting, milling, charcoal burning, wattle bark stripping)

Physical Description 2

Associations - Forests Commission?; World War Two Internees?

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