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## Location

1167 Healesville Kooweerup Road, Woori Yallock VIC 3139 - Property No 50805

## Municipality

YARRA RANGES SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO366

## Heritage Listing

Yarra Ranges Shire

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - July 5, 2000

The property of Yarrabridge is of regional significance due to its historical associations with Dr Alex Scholes, a respected conservationist and local identity, and with logging and farming in the area, two important local industries. The property, including its buildings, is historically significant as a dairy farming complex. The milking shed is of particular interest, housing an example of a rare kind of head bail mechanism. The exterior of the house is of greater significance than its interior, retaining more original fabric, however the house as a whole is significant due to its ties with Dr Scholes and his benefaction to the region.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Yarra Ranges - Shire of Yarra Ranges Heritage Study, Context Pty Ltd, 2000;
Construction dates	1930,
Other Names	House,
Hermes Number	115992
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

Yarrabridge, a 9 hectare property is located on the Yarra River and consists mostly of wooded slopes and cleared river flats. It is managed by Trust for Nature. Within the property are a number of features including the line of a former logging tramway known as the Pearce Tramway. This runs north and then northeast, forming a loop in the north section of the property. A section of furrows remain from the property's days as a farm and can be seen on a "Furrowed Walk" in between the Pearce Tramway and the Yarra River in the middle of the property. (Greening Australia) There is a picnic place, eucalypt plantings and two plaques, one commemorating the opening by Premier Hamer in 1979 and the other marking the site of the ashes of former owners, Alex and Mary Scholes. (Context 1994)

The property contains a 1930s weatherboard house some boards of which are rough sawn, with a laundry and toilet immediately on its northwest corner. The house is surrounded by a fence and a toolshed and garage facility is situated just outside the western end of the north line of the fence. The toolshed is partly clad in board and batten, and partly built of bridge timbers. A fowl house lies to the northwest of the garage. A milking shed and dairy is situated north of the house. The milking shed has a concrete slab and plinth apparently designed to meet the prescriptions of the health authorities. The milking shed has four stalls, and in each of them an ingenious head bail mechanism, which is still working in one case. An iron tank and the ruins of a shed lie to the north of the dairy. (Victorian Conservation Trust).

## Physical Conditions

Good

## Integrity

Evidence of stages

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