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# SUGAR BEET DISTILLERY

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## Location

2 JOSEPH ROAD FOOTSCRAY, MARIBYRNONG CITY

## Municipality

MARIBYRNONG CITY

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7822-0490

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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Interpretation of Site	Menn Levy and Sons acquired land on the Maribyrnong River in the 1860's. They erected a distillery for making spirits from beetroot and also produced fodder for cattle. Planted their own beet on the surrounding land. Distillery consisted 3 vessels 1000 gallons each, 2 flue boilers, powered by a 10 horse engine.
Archaeological Significance	Currently, the land is in the river reserve between the railway siding and the river. It is unlikely to have been heavily disturbed as there has been no subsequent development over the area, but it may have been covered in fill.
Historical Significance	Early and important industry for the fledgling city of Footscray. Innovative industry. Industry associated with the Maribyrnong River.
Other Names	Maribyrnong Parkland Reserve, Lynchs Ferry landing,
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## History

Sugarbeet distillery, established in the 1860's. Marked on the Cox plan 1864 and shown in an illustration dated 1863. Munro 1879 also shows the buildings. Does not appear in valuation records 1882/1883 or MMBW 1894. No longer extant.

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