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## Location

50 Chapman Street MACLEOD, BANYULE CITY

## Municipality

BANYULE CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO158

## Heritage Listing

Banyule City

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - November 12, 2009

What is significant?

Macleod Park, comprising approximately 5 hectares of parkland including sporting and community facilities, designed garden and riparian habitat, is of significance.

How is it significant?

Macleod Park is of historic, social, aesthetic and scientific (environmental) value to the City of Banyule.

Why is it significant?

Macleod Park is of historic significance as an early example of provision by developers of recreational facilities in residential subdivisions. The Macleod Park example, based on the British City Garden movement, predates bureaucratic moves (in the form of the Melbourne Town Planning Commission c. 1924) to urge this consideration. (Criterion A)

Macleod Park is of social value to the local community. Together with the adjacent shopping village it forms an important hub around which community life, both spontaneous and planned, centres. (Criterion G)

Macleod Park is of aesthetic value for the contrast afforded by sporting fields, riparian plantings and designed gardens, and for its collection of exotic and native mature trees. (Criterion E)

Macleod Park is also of scientific (environmental) significance for its small length of natural creek supporting indigenous river red gums, functioning as a wildlife corridor and flight path between Gresswell Forest, LaTrobe University Wildlife Reserve and Mont Park.

Heritage Study/Consultant Banyule - Banyule Heritage Review, Context P/L, 2009;

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## Physical Description 1

Macleod Park is a largely linear reserve of 4.9 hectares which runs parallel to the Melbourne - Hurstbridge railway line.

It is a very popular and well used park, and is roughly divided into two main areas. The northern section, centred around Macleod Station and the shopping strip, contains two rotundas, Macleod Community Hall, Macleod Preschool Centre, children's playground and barbeque facilities. Many mature trees, both exotic and native, have been planted in the Park, and open swathes of lawn provide for passive recreation.

The southern section contains tennis courts, sporting oval and walking track along Salt Creek, which emerges from its underground piping to run through part of the Park. The Creek supports a number of mature river red gums. These trees are important as they provide a link between Gresswell Forest, LaTrobe University Wildlife Reserve and Mont Park.

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