CALDER RACEWAY SWAMP

Location

479 CALDER FREEWAY CALDER PARK, BRIMBANK CITY

Municipality

BRIMBANK CITY

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7822-0321

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - March 30, 2010

Data has been updated as a result of the Outer Western Metro Project, Context, March 2010.

	Previoussite cardsuggests that the site may relate to the contact period owing to the presence of artefacts including some of worked glass. The site continues to exhibit surface finds of worked quartz.
Interpretation of Site	The site may have been associated with gold rush era traffic on the Mt Alexander Road, as indicated by the finds which include pipe stems, willow pattern and white wares and early black glass, including pantil marked bottle glass of likely aroundc.1870. These suggest a fair length of domestic occupation, and the site may have accomodated a hut or other insubstantial structure, small pieces of corruagated metal roofing having been found at the site.

	The visible artefact scatter extends along a strip between the ploughed portions of two fields, and it may be that the site actually extends into these areas but has been disturbed.
Archaeological Significance	A pile of dumped soil at the northern end of the site, which contains artefacts including fragments of bottle glass, testifies to some disturbance having occurred within the site, and the adjacent fields have been ploughed quite recently. There does however remain potential for sub-surface deposits, perhaps relating to structures, to survive in the site area.
Historical Significance	The site may be of historical significance for association with early contact between European settlers and Aboriginal people or it may be associated with the movement of people during the gold rush era.
Hermes Number	12243
Property Number	

History

The history of the site is difficult to determine from available land records, more intensive research required.

It is likely that the site is associated with the Mt Alexander Road during the gold rush era.

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

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