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Location

37 St Helena Road GREENSBOROUGH, BANYULE CITY

Municipality

BANYULE CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO141

Heritage Listing

Banyule City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - March 31, 2010

What is significant?

The Andrew Yandell Habitat Reserve set aside in 1959 at St Helena Road, Greensborough, and comprising 6 hectares of indigenous bushland and remnant designed playground landscape by Gordon Ford, is significant. The community buildings within the Reserve are not significant.

How is it significant?

The Andrew Yandell Habitat Reserve is of local historic, scientific, social and aesthetic significance to the City of Banyule. It is also of State scientific significance.

Why is it significant?

Andrew Yandell Habitat Reserve is of local historic significance for its ability to demonstrate a growing community recognition of the importance of open space and bushland reservations in the post-war period, especially in light of rapid suburban development in the area from this time. (Criteria A & G)

Andrew Yandell Habitat Reserve is of local social significance for its ongoing importance to the Greenhills community, as demonstrated by the formation and continuing involvement of the Friends of Yandell Reserve group in its maintenance and care.

Andrew Yandell Habitat Reserve is also of local historic significance for its association with Winifred Waddell, noted naturalist, and Gordon Ford, a prominent landscape designer of the 1960s and 70s and the originator of the 'bush garden'. (Criterion H)

It is of local aesthetic and scientific significance for its Yellow Box woodland, which is an important remnant indigenous landscape.

Andrew Yandell Habitat Reserve is of scientific significance at a State level as one of the very few breeding grounds of the rare and endangered Eltham Copper Butterfly. (Criterion F)

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

Hermes Number 123469

Property Number

Physical Description 1

This site comprises some 14 acres (6 hectares) of indigenous bushland set on a hillside. It consists of remnant Yellow Box (*Eucalyptus melliodora*), with a grassy understorey and seasonal wildflowers.

It is one of the few breeding grounds of the Eltham Copper Butterfly (*Paralucia pyrodiscus lucida*), which needs Sweet Bursaria (*Bursaria spinosa*) and a particular genus of ant (*Notoncus*) to breed successfully. It is listed as a threatened species in Victoria, is very rare and its populations are isolated and declining. It is particularly vulnerable to future threats which are likely to result in its extinction, especially habitat destruction (Department of Sustainability and Environment, c.2008).

The site, which has fenced areas to protect fragile vegetation and promote revegetation, also contains three community buildings. The Greenhills Pre-School Centre built in the 1960s, and the later Greenhills Neighbourhood Centre are built in a similar style. Both feature flat corrugated iron roofs and vertical overlapping timber wall cladding, and are surrounded by fenced and well planted playgrounds. Greenhills Scout Centre is a building whose low profile is achieved by being set into a cutting in the hillside. It is of concrete block construction with a corrugated fibreglass roof. A small asphalted car park services these buildings. The local Rural Fire Brigade's shed built in the late 1950s- early 1960s no longer exists.

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