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# Langwarrin Flora And Fauna Reserve

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## Location

255 WARRANDYTE ROAD LANGWARRIN, FRANKSTON CITY

## Municipality

FRANKSTON CITY

## Level of significance

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## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7921-0020

## Heritage Listing

Vic. War Heritage Inventory

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## Physical Description 1

Historic features from the military occupation include:- site of military camp, including the fountain and mature exotic trees. - reservoir and associated constructions, built by the military. - target pits and stop butts.

## Usage/Former Usage

Heritage Inventory Present Use: Park/Reserve

## Veterans Description for Public

The Langwarrin Flora And Fauna Reserve, at 255 Warrandyte Road, was a former military site. Approximately 233 hectares of land was purchased in the 1880s for use by the military, and was transferred to the Commonwealth in 1901. The land was used for manoeuvres during the 1880s, and although there was apparently little building at this time there were some wells dug. Buildings had been erected by 1901, although there is little documentation, and the rifle range was reconstructed in 1912. German prisoners of war were detained there in 1914, in tents initially, and then in huts built in 1915.

From August 1915 venereal disease patients were also housed at the site and the camp was redesigned. The Victorian Government decided against resuming the area and, at the end of 1920, the Ministry of Defence sold all except two buildings. The Reserve was apparently little used by the Army during the Second World War. From 1974, the site was used by the Army Reserve, school cadets and Balcombe Army Apprentices' School.

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