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# Explosive Factory Barge Loading Gangway

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## Location

2 CORDITE AVENUE MARIBYRNONG, MARIBYRNONG CITY

## Municipality

MARIBYRNONG CITY

## Level of significance

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## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7822-0624

## Heritage Listing

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## Veterans Description for Public

During the 1940s, a Barge Loading Gangway was located at 2 Cordite Avenue, Maribyrnong. Barges were used to transport ammunition, explosives and other sundry items between Jacks Magazine, the Commonwealth Explosives factory and the Footscray Explosives Factory (formerly the Colonial Ammunition Company). The barges were tied along the river bank outside the Commonwealth explosives factory, and timber topped iron framed gangways hinged onto a rectangular iron frame were lowered on to the barges to enable the loading and unloading of cargo. Smoke barges were employed during armed conflicts to create a visual cover used to camouflage troop movements, and this area was also used to test smoke barges which had been primed at the explosives factory.

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