
Williamstown Rifle Range

Location

HOBSONS BAY and KOROROIT CREEK ROAD WILLIAMSTOWN, Hobsons Bay City

Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

Level of significance

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Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7822-0435

Heritage Listing

Vic. War Heritage Inventory

Other Names Merrits Rifle Range,

Hermes Number 125457

Property Number

Veterans Description for Public

The Williamstown Rifle Range was set up on the corner of Garden and Victoria Streets, in 1860, and was constantly used for volunteer forces rifle practice from 1860 onwards. Shooting ceased there in 1878, and the land was subdivided into housing lots when the new rifle range opened. The Merrit Rifle Range was used for over a century, until it was sold in 1987 for housing subdivision. Contemporary sailing directions for the area specify that vessels should keep at least 200 yards from the Rifle Range on shore, which is marked in 1897 by danger buoys, which had changed to beacons by 1907.

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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