
Tidal River Army Buildings

Location

Tidal River, Wilsons Promontory, SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Level of significance

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Heritage Listing

Vic. War Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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No assessment provided.

Hermes Number 126296

Property Number

Historical Australian Themes

Providing administrative structures and authorities - defence

Usage/Former Usage

National Park - historical site

Veterans Description for Public

During the Second World War, Wilsons Promontory was used for commando training and was closed to the public. Army buildings such as the No.7 Infantry Training Centre at Tidal River was used by the commandos. It was established in January 1941 and was renamed the Guerrilla Warfare School, Foster, in 1942.

The location was variously referred to as being at Foster, the closest town to Wilson's Promontory, Tidal River or Darby where the two training camps were actually located. It was initially commanded by Major W.J.R. Scott DSO, and from May 1941 by Major Stuart Love. Eight Australian and two New Zealand independent companies - some 3000 men - were trained before the Guerilla Warfare School was closed in November 1942. It was moved to Canungra in Queensland for conditions more appropriate to Australia's tropical wartime needs. Another four companies 2/9, 2/10, 2/11 and 2/12 were trained there. At Tidal River, the training centre buildings formed the nucleus of a post-war holiday village that gradually developed as more people visited the Promontory.

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