
YAN YEAN PIPE TRACK

Location

YAN YEAN AND DOREEN AND SOUTH MORANG AND MILL PARK AND RESERVOIR, WHITTLESEA CITY, DAREBIN CITY

Municipality

WHITTLESEA CITY

DAREBIN CITY

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7922-0281

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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The Yan Yean system remains, 150 years after it was completed, a working system where the function and use of many of the original features can still be understood and interpreted. It provides increasingly rare evidence of the evolution of engineering practices and techniques in the mid to late nineteenth century, and incorporates early technical elements such as in-line pressure reducing valves and engineered cascades to aerate incoming water that are not found in other systems in Victoria or Australia. The Yan Yean system contains representative examples of most (if not all) of the features associated with nineteenth and early-twentieth century water supply systems including storage and service reservoirs, weirs, pipe mains and reserves, aqueducts, siphons, tunnels and, as such, is one of the best representative examples of a such a system not only in Victoria, but also Australia. The system is also notable for the remnants of the early landscaping schemes around Yan Yean and Toorourrong reservoirs (thought to use planting schemes suggested by Baron Ferdinand von Mueller, Victoria's first Government Botanist and former Director of the Melbourne Botanic Gardens) and along the aqueducts and pipe reserves, which illustrate the influences of nineteenth century notions of the 'picturesque'.

Property Number

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