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# MINGARA

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## Location

175 OLD WALHALLA ROAD TOONGABBIE, LATROBE CITY

## Municipality

LATROBE CITY

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8221-0019

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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## Statement of Significance

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Local historic and scientific significance to Latrobe City.

Interpretation of Site	The ruins and trees illustrate the development of the farm from the late nineteenth to the mid-twentieth century. The site may contain further evidence of the early settlement of the Toongabbie area.
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## History

The dairy/shearing shed at 'Mingara' was constructed by William Goodwin, son of pioneer settler Robert Goodwin. Evidence of this is provided by the mark '11/9/30WG' inside the building. The farm was settled in the mid to late nineteenth century by Robert Ferguson and there was a water well used by cattle owners in the 1880-90s which included a cement trough used to bucket well water into. The site is in the area of the discovery of kerosene and oil shale in the 1880s, but location of these is unknown.

During the ownership of Robert Ferguson from 1876 onward, this property was developed for a commercial orchard. Ferguson moved into this area from Jordan near Walhalla. Fruit (predominantly apples and plums) was carted from Toongabbie by train to the markets in Melbourne and by dray to the Walhalla goldfields. Packing sheds for the processing of the fruit used to stand on a flat area above the creek's banks. The orchard trees were removed in the 1950s by Mick Affleck when he blew them up with dynamite.

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