
LAKE CORANGAMITE WIRRAWAY A20-714

Location

OFF POMBORNEIT-FOXHOW ROAD POMBORNEIT NORTH, CORANGAMITE SHIRE

Municipality

CORANGAMITE SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7521-0004

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Archaeological Significance	Site is of archaeological significance for its potential to reveal artefacts, relics and information relating to the use of the plane during WWII by the RAAF and the training camp in nearby Cressy.
Historical Significance	Site is of historical significance for its association with WWII , the RAAF and the training camp in nearby Cressy.
Interpretation of Site	Wirraway Plane crash site believed to be A20-49 which crashed into the lake on 10/05/1940.
Hermes Number	192279
Property Number	

History

Site is believed to contain the wreck of a 1945 Wirraway plane issued to the RAAF in June 1945 which crashed into Lake Corangamite, in October 1950 during a low level training exercise. The Pilot Vance Drummond sustained minor injuries and clung to the wreck until rescued by a local farmer with a small boat. Wirraways were the first aircraft to be mass manufactured in Australia, prior to the first mass manufactured Australian car. The Commonwealth Aircraft Corporation produced Wirraways for use as a general purpose trainer, but were also used in action in the defence of Malaya and Papua New Guinea.

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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