
ANDERSON'S MILL

Location

17 DAMMANS ROAD Warburton, Yarra Ranges Shire

Municipality

Yarra Ranges Shire

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8022-0135

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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The site is of historical and archaeological significance as evidence of sawmills and tramways in the Yarra Ranges in the early twentieth century. The site demonstrates the characteristic form tramway, foundations and discarded machinery belonging to the operation of the site in the early twentieth century.

The site is of archaeological significance for its potential to reveal more detailed evidence of structures on the form of footings and benches, post holes and other structural remains, and occupation deposits from the people who worked and lived on the site.

Interpretation of Site	The site straddles the O'Shannassy aqueduct and includes a large dam. Discernable features include various rough rock piles and the formation of former tramlines. The tramlines run up and down the slope along the gully of Ythan Creek, on the east side of the creek. The formation is about 3 metres wide with earth and rock embankments and spoil. The site of Andersons/Parbury's mill is recognisable to the north east of the golf clubrooms at Warburton Golf course and on the southern edge of the patch of bushland. Here concrete foundations, rail lines and machinery bases are evident on either side of Ythan Creek. About 10 metres to the north in the forested area a terrace is discernible that is likely to be part of the mill platform. To the west of this a section of 80lb rail was found but undergrowth obscures most of the ground.
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History

Located within the present day Warburton was the Anderson Sawmill, which was in operation from 1901 to 1905 and then taken over by a Mr Parbury in 1905, and became the Brookfield Sawmill. Timber from the mill were transported by tramway over the Yarra in order to meet the railway. The mill was built on the north side of the Yarra River, situated near the bottom of the present day Warburton Golf Course and nearby the part of the study area. Logs were delivered to the mill from near the summit of Mount Donna Buang, crossing a concrete bridge spanning the O'Shannassy Aqueduct. The tramway was dismantled in 1929, following the closure of the mill in 1928, and severe damage caused by a storm in 1927. However, the tramway may have been reconstructed for Horner's Mill at the top of the line in the 1930s.

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