
OLINDA VALE RESERVE SITE

Location

241 (PART) AND 259 SWANSEA ROAD LILYDALE, YARRA RANGES SHIRE

Municipality

YARRA RANGES SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7922-0526

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The Olinda Vale Reserve comprises a relatively undisturbed landscape that represents the potential for archaeological remains of at least two houses, and any associated evidence for the former use of the land for gardens, orchards and/or small-scale farming. This place represents the potential for archaeological features and deposits associated with the working and domestic lives of the people who lived and worked on these properties.

How is it significant?

The Olinda Vale Reserve is of local historical and scientific significance.

Why is it significant?

It is historically important as a site that was used by small landholders from 1898 until at least 1956. One of the properties was owned by William Winstanley, botanist from Rockhampton in Queensland, who was the first person to select land there under a miner's right. He made the allotment his home, and used the land as an orchard and general fruit and flower garden. He sold cut flowers from his property to retail florists in Melbourne. His orchard included apples, pears, apricots, plums, cherries, raspberries, gooseberries, lemons, and oranges. Amongst the flowers, he grew a wide variety of roses, tea roses, climbing roses, peony, water lily, and lily of the valley. Trees of note included six varieties of Japanese maple. While his house, near the west end of Birmingham Road, is no longer extant, the proposed VHI boundary intersects with the southern half of two of his properties (25C and 25H) which he bought in 1898, as well as the southwestern corner of the property that he purchased (29B) in 1907. It also encompasses much of David Bedford's property (25F), which was purchased in 1903, as well as the entirety of M Bedford's property (25E), which was purchased in 1905, and part of W Cross's property

(29C), which was purchased in 1908. This place has the potential to provide general information on the lives and livelihoods of the residents of these allotments from the turn of the century to the middle of the 1900s. Olinda Vale Reserve is of local historical significance, and is of moderate archaeological value.

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Property Number

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