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# OAK DRIVE AT OAK SPRINGS



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## Location

415 Healesville Koo-Wee-Rup Road PAKENHAM, Cardinia Shire

## Municipality

CARDINIA SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

## Heritage Listing

Cardinia Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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The oak drive at Oak Springs is of significance to the Cardinia Shire for its maturity, extent and its associations with one of the oldest pastoral runs in the district, the Mt. Ararat No.1 run, which was leased in the 1840s by John Dore and Michael Hennessy. Dore's son, Thomas, owned the site of the Oak Springs farm complex in the 1860s. The present complex, which may retain elements of its early Dore ownership, contains a range of buildings from later ownership. The original house has long gone but the extensive avenue of oak trees may date from the Dore ownership.

*Regional Significance*

Heritage Study/Consultant	Cardinia - Cardinia Shire Heritage Study 1996, Graeme Butler & Associates, 1996;
Construction dates	1900,
Other Names	415 Healesville Koo-wee-rup Road, Pakenham,
Hermes Number	30078
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

This long and notable English oak drive leads along a flat up to a semi-derelict timber farm complex (altered 1920s house, older ruinous barn) set on the side of a hill overlooking the quarry. There are some more mature trees near to the house complex. A new brick house is further up the hill. There is a pond and part of an ornamental garden at the rear of the 1920s house, with cordylines and other exotic plantings.

These oaks may be over 100 years old but appear to be stunted, possibly because of the close spacing.

## Physical Conditions

The oaks appear generally in poor health.

## Historical Australian Themes

Historical Themes

3.2 Selectors and small-scale farming

10.4 Selectors' houses, gardens

10.7 Farmhouses/farm complexes & outbuildings, gardens

11.0 Evidence of: Life style, housing and landscape choice of notable figures residing in the district

## Physical Description 2

Associations - Dore, Thomas?; Mitchell, Ted

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