

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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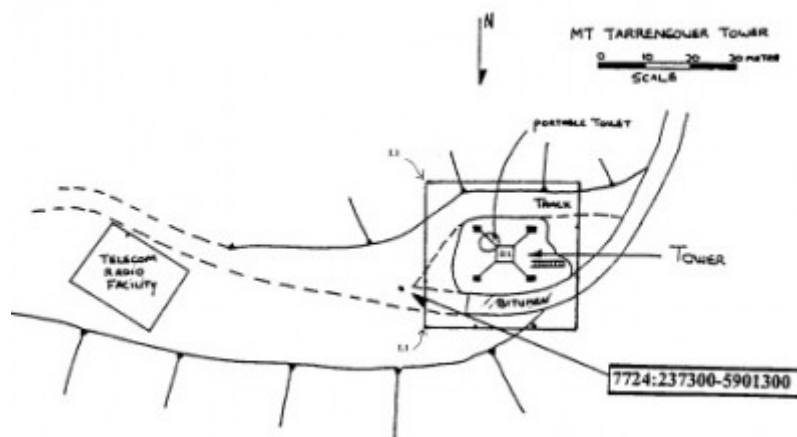
MOUNT TARRENGOWER LOOK-OUT TOWER



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Location

MOUNT TARRENGOWER ROAD MALDON, MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE

Municipality

MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1407

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO465

VHR Registration

February 12, 1998

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 19, 1999

What is significant?

In May 1923 a public meeting was convened by the Maldon Shire to investigate ways to develop the natural resources of the district in order to once more bring the town into prominence as an important mining centre, and a popular tourist resort. Ideas were especially sought for attractions to cater for the increasingly popular motor car. The first tangible action was the erection of a lookout tower on the summit of Mount Tarrengower. The tower was originally the poppet legs of the Comet Mine at Bendigo. From the late 1940s the Mount Tarrengower tower has also been used as a fire spotting tower.

How is it significant?

The Mt Tarrengower tower has historical and scientific significance to the State of Victoria

Why is it significant?

The tower is historically significant as a unique artefact associated with the development of the State's fire protection system, being a notable departure from the then-standard timber fire-spotting towers. The tower's non-combustible nature has ensured its survival as the oldest surviving fire-spotting tower in the State.

The tower is scientifically significant as the last surviving type of an early form of steel poppet head construction, similar in design to the first steel poppet head erected on the Bendigo Goldfield, at the Victoria Quartz Gold Mine, in 1896.

Permit Exemptions

EXEMPTIONS FROM PERMITS:

(Classes of works or activities which may be undertaken without a permit under Part 4 of the Heritage Act 1995)

Painting of the poppet metal work in micaceous paint, repair of timber and metal work for safety purposes where repair replaces like with like.

(note: Permits exemptions will be reviewed upon completion of a Conservation Plan approved by the Executive Director)

Construction dates 1923,
Heritage Act Categories Registered place,
Hermes Number 5382
Property Number

Extent of Registration

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION

As Executive Director for the purpose of the Heritage Act, I give notice under Section 46 that the Victorian Heritage Register is amended in that the Heritage Register Number that the Heritage Register Number that the Heritage Register Number that the Heritage Register Number 1407 is now described in the category as a Heritage Place:

Mount Tarrangower Look-out Tower, Mount Tarrangower, Maldon, Mt Alexander Shire Council.

EXTENT

1. All of the buildings marked B-1 and all of the Crown Land contained within the Maldon Historic Reserve marked L-1 being the area within a 10 metre distance measured to the north, south, east and west of the base of Mt Tarrangower Tower located at the point with Australian Map Grid co-ordinates E237300 N5901300 on 1:100,000 map sheet number 7723, Castlemaine shown on Diagram 608090A held by the Executive Director.

Dated 5 February 1998

RAY TONKIN
Executive Director

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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 data owner.

For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>