
Werribee Gorge



L10030 Werribee Gorge

Location

BACCHUS MARSH VIC 3340 - Property No L10030

Municipality

MOORABOOL SHIRE

Level of significance

State

Heritage Listing

National Trust

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 3, 2004

Werribee Gorge exhibits evidence of the recent earth movements which resulted in the Port Phillip and Ballan Sunkland, as well as the Brisbane and Lerderderg Ranges. Evidence also exists, of post-glacial and volcanic activity. The nature of the landform and the weathering that has occurred over the past 500 million years allows the study of rocks and geological formation, that provide an accurate and concise history of the processes and events which occurred to create the present landform of southern Victoria.

Some of the geological features which can be seen to advantage within the Gorge are synclines, anticlines, igneous intrusions and lava flows, pene-planation and glaciation, fossils, differential erosion and entrenched stream meanders. Consequently, the gorge has a high scenic value with precipitous terrain and good views of the surrounding countryside.

This is an area of significant geological importance with a high educational value for the study of earth sciences. The relatively native state of the vegetation to be found within the Gorge is also of importance, particularly as a reference area.

LOCATION:

The Werribee Gorge is situated on the Werribee River between Bacchus Marsh and Ballan, approximately 65kms west of Melbourne.

Note: Classified boundary varies from Werribee Gorge State Park boundary

Classified 07/06/1982

Hermes Number 70297

Property Number

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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