
Koroit Botanic Gardens

Location

Cnr Garden & High Streets, KOROIT VIC 3282 - Property No G13145

Municipality

MOYNE SHIRE

Level of significance

State

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0118

Heritage Listing

National Trust

Statement of Significance

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What is significant? How is it significant? Why is it significant?

Koroit Botanic Gardens was one of approximately twenty botanic gardens reserved and developed in regional Victoria in the first decades of the colony. How is it significant? The Koroit Botanic Gardens is significant for aesthetic/architectural/landscape, historic, social, scientific reasons at a state level. Why is it significant? Koroit Botanic Gardens, developed from 1862 as a botanic garden, enhanced for community recreation by its use for sporting purposes from 1873, and re-reserved in 1961 for purposes of public park and recreation, is of cultural significance for: -- Its development from the mid 1860's and subsequent maturity as a botanic garden, especially following the partial implementation of William Guilfoyle's plan of 1880: this is best demonstrated by the period from its reservation in 1862 as :public gardens: up until its re-reservation in 1961: the emphasis on botanical and horticultural development during the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, its integral part of the network or regional botanic gardens in Victoria; its participation in plant exchange networks and its ability to demonstrate links with nursery trade, other botanic gardens and local horticulturalists; and for its many significant mature trees and plants, especially the five conifers that can be dated to Guilfoyle's 1880 plan, and the seven trees listed on the National Trust Register of Significant Trees; and for its general layout, including the path formation as designed by William Guilfoyle, which still remains form it heyday as a botanic garden; -- Its role as a public park, offering a variety of facilities mainly for the local community, including organised sport (especially use of the "cricket ground" from 1873, Victoria Park from the 1880-/s and the tennis courts by 1885, passive recreation (such as picnics), and limited forms of organised entertainment; -- Its considerable aesthetic value, derived principally from Guilfoyle's original layout of the garden, the contrast between open lawns, specimen trees and

shrubberies/garden beds, vistas to, from and within the gardens, the maturity of the trees and plantings, and the seasonal variety in the plantings; -- For the scientific (especially horticultural and botanical) value of the trees and other plantings, especially those with known dates of planting; -- For its value to the local community as a horticultural and recreational resource, and for its considerable potential for rejuvenation using the wealth of documentary material held locally.

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