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# FORMER YALOCK HOMESTEAD

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## Location

1670-1880 MOUNT COTTRELL ROAD MOUNT COTTRELL, MELTON SHIRE

## Municipality

MELTON CITY

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7822-0115

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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Interpretation of Site	The rich alluvial flood plain has probably supported a variety of crops since the mid 1800s. Although a good crop area, it is a poor place to build a house due to imminent flooding of the plain. The river terrace plain has been ploughed heavily including up to and around the house ruins.
Archaeological Significance	As the site is in a fairly remote area with difficult access on foot or by vehicle, artefact scavenging activities may not have been prolific. The area immediately outside of the ruins has been ploughed (lessening the chance of locating intact, insitu artefacts). However, within the floor area of the ruins insitu evidence may exist for early settlers to this region before and into the gold rush period.
Historical Significance	The site represents the activities of an early pastoralist and his family in Victoria. It reflects aspects of an early settlers mindset including naivety i.e. building on a flood plain and determination in succeeding in any case. The physical remains at the site reveal cultural information about the building techniques, and the equipment deemed necessary by the site's occupants to survive in this setting.
Other Names	SURBITON PARK 14,

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## History

The first European to own this parcel of land was George Sherwin. In 1848 or 1849 James Pinkerton purchased the land and built the bluestone homestead - now in ruins. In c.1862 after much fire, drought and flood, Pinkerton sold the land to William Clark (Big Clark). The area has been used predominantly for sheep farming and market gardening. It is now owned by Western Water.

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