Victorian Heritage Database Report

Birds Land





Location:
271 Mt Morton Road, BELGRAVE HEIGHTS VIC 3160 - Property No S03275

Heritage Status / Level of Significance:
Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number:
Listing Authority: HI

Heritage Overlay Number: HO119

Statement of Significance:
Birds Land has high local significance as part of the Monbulk pastoral run, one of the earliest runs in the region, and for it's associations with a number of district pioneering families, notably the Dargons, Nixons and Brandts. More recently, Bird Land has significance for it's association with the Bird Family, and, after it's purchase by the Shire of Sherbrooke, as a popular district recreational reserve.

Description

Birds Land is a large rural property located on the Monbulk Creek. It is managed by the Shire of Yarra Ranges. The property comprises cleared paddocks in the creek valley, often with some exotic windbreak plantings. Remnant vegetation survives along the creek and on much of the sloping land.

The farmhouse, garden and orchard remains towards the southern end of the property. The house may date from as early as the 1890s. It is a timber building, with a hipped corrugated iron roof. The original entry has been altered by the enclosing of the verandah, and this has altered the internal room layout as well. There is also a later addition at the rear. There are two surviving chimneys, the earlier one being of hand-made bricks, and the later of pressed red bricks. The main indicators of a possible nineteenth century construction date are the form of the house, the thick weatherboards, and the deep double-hung sash windows.

The house is sheltered by a cypress wind break towards the creek, and elms on the south side. There are also large elms and other mature trees within the garden. Generally, the garden appears to be inter-war, created by stone walling and terraces, and informal plantings. A pair of stone pillars mark the entry on Mount Morton Road.

Good

Evidence of stages

Heritage Study / Consultant	Yarra Ranges - Shire of Yarra Ranges Heritage Study, Context Pty Ltd, 2000
Construction Date Range	1890 - 1890
Architect / Designer	
Municipality	YARRA RANGES SHIRE
Other names	
Hermes number	115142
Property number	S03275

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