Victorian Heritage Database Report

Coranderrk Aboriginal Station

Location:
19 Barak Lane Healesville, YARRA RANGES SHIRE

Heritage Status / Level of Significance:
Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number: H8022-0014-0029
Listing Authority: HI

Heritage Overlay Number: HO85

Statement of Significance:
Coranderrk Aboriginal Station is of state significance as the sole surviving evidence of Aboriginal life during the mission period within the greater Melbourne region. It is of high historical significance within the region and locally, and is of particular interest as one of only two government run missions in Victoria. To generations of Aboriginal people with associations with the mission and the locality, the mission is likely to be of high community importance. The remains of the mission are significant for their archaeological and research potential. Together with the Superintendents house, Cemetery and bushland (each separately assessed), the Coranderrk Aboriginal Station is of outstanding importance.

Description

There is a range of features relating to buildings and other places of activity located around the station property. The two-storey Superintendent's house (0027) (separately listed) is located approximately 400m along the entrance road to the station. It was constructed in 1883 of hand made bricks and has a small single-storey extension on its east wall, and a front verandah and entrance. Its dimensions are 13 metres north-south by 12.5 metres east-west (including verandah). There are a number of scarred trees around the station property. (Rhodes 1998: 46; Heritage Victoria)

A "kidney shaped" clay quarry pit and brick kiln (0024), is located approximately 100m north of the end of the entrance road. It is around 25 metres long, 12 metres wide and has a maximum depth of 2 metres. A number of possible or actual former building sites have been recorded around the station property (and have been

given the following feature numbers; (0014), (0015), (0017), (0018), (0019), (0020), (0021), (0022), (0023), (0025), (0026), (0028), (0029)). Features (0021) and (0023) have surface artefact scatters associated with them. A single surface artefact scatter has also been identified on the property (0016). (Heritage Victoria; Rhodes 1998: 32)

Various historic trees, including a row of plane trees, an oak tree, various pine trees and the remains of an orchard, exist on the property. A guest house, three dams and some associated farm buildings are located on the property. (Rhodes 1998: 31)

For the purposes of conservation of its cultural significance, the extent of the Coranderrk Aboriginal Station includes the current property boundary, extending where necessary to include specific identified places of cultural significance: that is in the south the boundary is formed by Badger Creek along to the remains of the fruit orchard, then north-west to a point close to the cemetery, along Picaninny Lane to include the stockyard site and then following property boundaries meet with the entrance road to Coranderrk, and to southeast to meet Badgers Creek. (see plan)

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Construction Date Range	
Architect / Designer	
Municipality	YARRA RANGES SHIRE
Other names	
Hermes number	115248
Property number	

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