Location:
5 Stane Brae Court WONGA PARK, Manningham City

Heritage Status / Level of Significance:
Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Number: HO156
Listing Authority: Manningham City

Statement of Significance:
Stane Brae has regional significance as an important large riverside property associated with the district's early pastoral history. During the early decades of the present century and later it was owned by the Ramsay family of graziers. It has historical significance for the evidence of the Stane Brae homestead and for remains of a concrete ammunition store and a rifle range which relate to the property's use by the RAAF and the Army during and after the Second World War. (Criterion A4, B2, H1)
Description

Local Themes

5.01 - Squatters, selectors & small farmer

The former Stane Brae house site is marked by a group of large oaks, once part of the homestead garden, and now within the Warrandyte State Park. Other garden remnants include a cedar, hawthorn hedging, japonica, bulbs. The position of the house and some of the garden bed layout is still apparent.

Nearby is the site of another house, recently demolished. The brick dairy (?) building and garden plantings mark the site. John Upton advises that this is the house relocated here after the 1962 bushfires.

There are extensive remains of the military activities on the slopes to the south-west (?) of the current house. The visible evidence includes concrete bases for structures (most using local stone as a base), extensive areas with small level areas (presumably tent sites), and a variety of metal artefacts. In one area, many anchovy tins were found and dated to the 1950s by the Stilwells. On the eastern side of the entry road, sloping towards a small creek, are other concrete structures, one of which remains substantially intact. It appears to be a small ammunition store with a protective wall (perhaps for grenade practice).

The original track into the property was from close to the corner of Hartley and Jumping Creek Roads; a current entry may be using part of that track.

Integrity Not Known

Condition Not known

Associations

Harry Ramsay

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