

Victorian Heritage Database Report CAST IRON MILEPOSTS



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Location:

LISMORE-SCARSDALE ROAD AND ROKEWOOD-SKIPTON ROAD CAPE CLEAR, GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

Heritage Status / Level of Significance:

Registered

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number:

Listing Authority: HI

Heritage Overlay Number: HO6

Statement of Significance:

What is significant? The two cast iron mileposts located adjacent to the Pitfield-Scarsdale Road and Rokewood-Skipton Road. How is it significant? The Cast Iron Mileposts are of historical significance to the State of Victoria. They satisfy the following criteria for inclusion in the Victorian Heritage Register: Criterion A Importance to the course, or pattern, of Victoria's cultural history. Criterion B Possession of uncommon, rare or endangered aspects of Victoria's cultural history. Criterion D Importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of cultural places and objects Why is it significant? The Cast Iron Mileposts are historically significant for their association with the development and use of the road transport network in Victoria in the 1870s. Cast iron mileposts replaced stone mileposts in this era, and their use demonstrates the development of the road network and the adoption of improved materials and techniques by local roads boards. The mileposts are significant as a highly visible and intact reminder of the experience of travel by road in rural Victoria in the 1870s. (Criterion A) The Cast Iron Mileposts are historically significant for their association with the preparations in Victoria for a potential land invasion during World War II. After the fall of Pearl Harbour in 1942, most of the mileposts were buried a few metres from their original location to limit navigation and wayfinding information available to a potential invading force. Most of the mileposts were subsequently re-erected following the war. (Criterion A) The Cast Iron Mileposts are significant as a rare surviving pair of 1870s cast iron mileposts. These types of mileposts were once more common but were gradually replaced by concrete alternatives or removed or relocated to cater for the rise in motor vehicle traffic. (Criterion B) The Cast Iron Mileposts are a notable example of roadside mileposts. They follow a design patented by James Hunt of Ballarat in 1871 which improved on the stone mileposts used previously. They encapsulate a key evolutionary phase in the development of the class. They have a highly functional, durable and elegant design and are high quality examples of nineteenth-century iron casting techniques. (Criterion D)

Heritage Study / Consultant	
Construction Date Range	1872 -
Architect / Designer	
Municipality	GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE
Other names	
Hermes number	560
Property number	

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