
MITCHELL'S HOMESTEAD

Location

14-52 KNEES ROAD PARK ORCHARDS, MANNINGHAM CITY

Municipality

MANNINGHAM CITY

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7922-0195

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Interpretation of Site

Heritage Inventory Interpretation: Although original Section 19B bought /leased in 1872 by Mark Marks and later Thomas Kendall, no clear evidence on the site of this period. Further subdivision and land clearance on part of section 19B created a 100 acre block on which James Mitchell created orchard and built house. House was hand sawn palings, iron roof, brick chimney, 4 rooms, verandah on south front and garden, according to Murray Bouchier, local informant. Little of this (only materials) can be seen in the archaeological remains. No foundations seen during clearing of vegetation.

Hermes Number

10393

Property Number

History

Heritage Inventory History of Site: Probably from about 1905 - orchard planted by James A Mitchell. House

probably built about 1908. Mitchell left about 1925. House then occupied by several occupants and orchard left neglected. House burned down in 1960s. Reserve bought by Council in 1978 and some "cleaning up" of homestead site resulted in "rubbish" and soil being bulldozed down slope. Reserve has been allowed to reestablish natural vegetation and orchard rows now devoid of fruit trees - only indigenous.

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

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