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Location

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

Municipality

YARRA RANGES SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO119

Heritage Listing

Yarra Ranges Shire

Statement of Significance

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

Heritage Study/Consultant	Yarra Ranges - Shire of Yarra Ranges Heritage Study, Context Pty Ltd, 2000;
Construction dates	1890,
Other Names	Birds Paddock, Birds Farm, Birdland Council Reserve, House,
Hermes Number	115142
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Physical Description 1

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.

Physical Conditions

Good

Integrity

Evidence of stages

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