
Former RAAF Transmitter Bunker



Former No 1 Flying Boat
Repair, 2001

Location

Lalbert Road LAKE BOGA, SWAN HILL RURAL CITY

Municipality

SWAN HILL RURAL CITY

Level of significance

-

Heritage Overlay Numbers

Heritage Listing

Vic. War Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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The former RAAF transmitter bunker off Lalbert Road in Lake Boga is of regional historic significance. It is associated with the brief but significant period in Lake Boga's history when the town was the site of the largest inland military airbase in Australia. On a broad level, the bunker remains as local evidence of national involvement in a major conflict. More specifically, its distinctive built form demonstrates the clandestine nature of communication networks during wartime. Along with the other surviving structures associated with the base (ie LB1 and LB3), the bunker provides valuable evidence of a significant aspect of wartime operations in Victoria. Of the few remaining buildings associated with the No 1 FBRD, the bunker is the only surviving example south of the Murray Valley Highway.

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Swan Hill Rural - Rural City Of Swan Hill Heritage Study Stage 2, Allom Lovell and Associates, 2001; |
| Hermes Number | 125820 |
| Property Number | |

Physical Description 1

The former RAAF transmitter bunker is a barrel-vaulted reinforced concrete structure, largely concealed beneath an earth mound. The street frontage has a central entrance in the form of a projecting tunnel with a sloping concrete slab roof, which contains a timber door frame, without door leaves, and concrete steps leading down into the bunker. At each end of the bunker is a projecting chimney-like shaft, and one half of the bunker has a pair of smaller projecting shafts, which apparently acted as vents.

Internally, the bunker has vaulted ceilings and an exposed earth floor. The internal space comprises a central lobby flanked by two enclosed rooms accessed via rectangular doorways with timber-door frames. At the extreme end of each room, small square hatches provide access to the vertical concrete shafts, which contain steel ladders and were evidently intended as emergency exits.

Intactness

Good

Physical Conditions

Good

Historical Australian Themes

Thematic Environmental History

13.6 The Wars

Veterans Description for Public

The former RAAF transmitter bunker off Lalbert Road in Lake Boga, dates from the Second World War. The bunker is associated with the brief but significant period in Lake Boga's history when the town was the site of the largest inland military airbase in Australia. Along with the other surviving structures associated with the base the bunker provides valuable evidence of a significant aspect of wartime operations in Victoria. It is one of the few remaining buildings associated with the Flying Boat Repair Depot, and the only one south of the Murray Valley Highway.

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