

ZIMMER FARM COMPLEX

Location

2 WYENA GROVE EPPING, WHITTLESEA CITY

Municipality

WHITTLESEA CITY

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7922-0288

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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Considered to have regional significance due to the continuing association with one of the earliest waves of German migration to Port Phillip district and relationship with Westgarthtown.

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| Interpretation of Site | REMAINS OF FARMHOUSE OF ZIMMER FAMILY WHO CONTINUOUSLY OCCUPIED THE FARM FOR APPROX 119 YEARS. THE STONE WALLS ENCLOSE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE FARM AND THE WATER TROUGHS ILLUSTRATE ADAPTATION AND INNOVATION IN FARMING. |
| Archaeological Significance | The site is a rare example of German settlement during the 1850s. There is potential for intact domestic deposits and structural remains relating to this early occupation, demonstrating farming and domestic practices. |
| Historical Significance | Local significance to the mid 19th century settlement of German migrants to the Epping area. |

Hermes Number 13070

Property Number

History

PART OF THE PROPERTY (CONTAINING HOUSE RUINS) WAS FIRST PURCHASED BY MICHAEL ZIMMER IN 1852. THE OTHER SECTION WAS PURCHASED BY ZIMMER IN 1863. ZIMMER WAS ONE OF THE FIRST GROUPS OF GERMAN IMMIGRANTS TO THE PORT PHILLIP DISTRICT; THE OLDER MEMBERS SETTLING AT WESTGARTHTOWN, WHILST MANY OF THE YOUNGER MEMBERS PURCHASED LAND AT EPPING. THE LAND STAYED IN THE HANDS OF THE ZIMMER FAMILY UNTIL 1971.

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