
Roy Roger's Tree (Eucalyptus tricarpa)



Roy Roger's Tree, viewed from the north

Location

Eaglehawk-Neilborough Road, WHIPSTICK VIC 3556 - Property No 198895

Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO854

Heritage Listing

Greater Bendigo City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

'Roy Roger's Tree' is a mature specimen of Red Ironbark (*Eucalyptus tricarpa*), and a conspicuous remnant of the indigenous forest vegetation of the Whipstick and goldfields areas. It is located within the Whipstick State Park, which forms part of the Greater Bendigo National Park.

How is it significant?

'Roy Roger's Tree' is of local historical significance.

Why is it significant?

'Roy Roger's Tree' on the Neilborough-Eaglehawk Road in the Whipstick is of local historical significance (Criterion A) as a substantial and mature specimen of Red Ironbark (*Eucalyptus tricarpa*) and remnant of the indigenous Ironbark forest vegetation of the Whipstick and goldfields areas. It is significant for being deliberately selected and retained by Forests Officer, Roy Rogers during the 1950s, as a memento of the indigenous forest flora a time when many parts of the Bendigo Whipstick were being heavily logged. Today, conspicuous by its height, 'Roy Roger's Tree' is a well known local landmark.

Theme

1. Shaping Victoria's environment

Heritage Study/Consultant Greater Bendigo - Heritage Policy Citations Review, Lovell Chen P/L, 2011;

Hermes Number 184964

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Physical Description 1

'Roy Roger's Tree' is the largest mature specimen of Red Ironbark (*Eucalyptus tricarpa*) located on the Neilborough-Eaglehawk Road and reputedly one of the oldest surviving specimens in the Whipstick. It is a remnant of the indigenous Ironbark forest vegetation of the Whipstick and goldfields areas, which was historically heavily forested and is clearly distinguished from the surrounding Mallee scrubland, and some secondary Ironbark growth, by its height of approximately 21m and even canopy spread of approximately 15m. Its diameter at breast-height measurement is approximately 1m. 'Roy Roger's Tree' appears to be in good condition, with no obvious signs of distress. The tree is located within the Whipstick State Park, which forms part of the Greater Bendigo National Park.

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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