

# ARTHUR HOGUES HOUSE

**Location**

36-38 SOMERSET DRIVE VIEWBANK, BANYULE CITY

**Municipality**

BANYULE CITY

**Level of significance**

Heritage Inventory Site

**Heritage Inventory (HI) Number**

H7922-0492

**Heritage Listing**

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Site appears to be the location of Arthur Hogue's House, constructed ca. late 1830s. Market gardens in vicinity of Yarra River during the 1850s. Continual flooding of the Yarra River during this time, and up until the 1900s. Chinese market gardens during the early 1900s however devastating floods during 1934 wipe out market gardens and the area returns to grazing. In 1926 Heidelberg City Council acquires Sills Bend for a public reserve, just 800m south west of site. In 1972 Warringal Swamp was reconstructed by Heidelberg Council to provide more bird habitat with islands being created to and varying depths of water established. In 1984 Heidelberg Council fenced off Banyule Swamp from cattle grazing and converted the site to a wildlife sanctuary. Warringal Conservation Society began extensive revegetation around the swamp in 1985. 1989-94 A series of mega plantings of indigenous trees and shrubs carried out at Banyule Flats along the margins of the Banyule Billabong by the Warringal Conservation Society.

**Interpretation of Site**

Historical  
Significance

Arthur Hogue's House site, and the wider parkland areas, is of historical significance for its association with the surviving sections of Hawdon's Banyule Estate, and the development of the prestige estates of Heidelberg by the gentlemen farmers and their tenants in the nineteenth century. Furthermore the site is signified by the status of the area as the 'Garden of Victoria', and the habitation of such prominent colonial Victorians as the Hawdon's of Banyule. In a wider context, the site of Arthur Hogue's House is of historical significance in that it was one of many market gardens in the vicinity of Sill's Bend and Fanning's Bend; all associated with the theme of tenant farming, which was a distinctive element of agriculture in the area when compared with the rest of Victoria.

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