
BOLIN SWAMP

Location

193 Bulleen Road BULLEEN, Manningham City

Municipality

MANNINGHAM CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO30

Heritage Listing

Manningham City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on -

Of State significance for its natural and cultural values.

Heritage Study/Consultant Manningham - Manningham Heritage Study Review, Context Pty Ltd, 2006;

Hermes Number 22359

Property Number

Historical Australian Themes

1.01 - Yarra River

Physical Description 1

Associations

Wurundjeri

Physical Description 2

Bolin Swamp contains one of a group of remaining billabongs within the Bulleen and Templestowe area, and one of the few along the metropolitan course of the River Yarra. Within the billabong is a fine stand of River Red Gums, individuals of which possibly predate white settlement.

The remaining vegetation is mainly exotic grasses and Solanum species, with an Elm copse to the south west slope.

Natural drainage is cut off by an embankment at the eastern end of the billabong. The southern bank is undergoing development as a residential subdivision which will be a future source of environmental weeds.

A botanical assessment and management plan is required to safeguard the billabong and Red Gums, and to direct the elimination of environmental weeds and re-establishment of an indigenous vegetation community.

A scatter of 6 artefacts on the rise above Bolin billabong (Site #7922-255)(Plate 2), it contained a core and a scraper.. Formal tools such as the scraper are apparently rare in the study area. There are equal quantities of quartz and silcrete. It is possible that the site may be a portion of a larger site which was a campsite. The position is well placed for the exploitation of the billabong and the river and there were probably more River Red Gums before the area was cultivated. The site could be as old as a few hundred years since that is the estimated age of the billabong.

Current threats to the site are few. The Board of Works is the responsible authority looking after the location. There are grazing stock on the leased property and these are the only existing threat to the site in that they seek shade under the tree where the site is.

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