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# WEATHERHEAD (HORATIO) TIMBER MILL (SITE)



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## Location

Weatherhead Hill Track TYNONG NORTH, Cardinia Shire

## Municipality

CARDINIA SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO129

## Heritage Listing

Cardinia Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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The Weatherhead (Horatio) timber mill site is important to the Cardinia Shire because of its demonstration of the timber industry development in the district; the potential for further interpretation of the site (the open forest allows much to be identified, documentary evidence via Forestry files, oral evidence from the family); the relative integrity and diversity of the site compared to others in the shire (undisturbed ground and type of relics) and the importance of the Weatherhead family to the historical background of both Tynong North and the sawmilling industry in this area.

The site is also significant for its comparative age, judged among similar sites within the Shire and rarity as a type

or reflection of past now discontinued activities (bush milling and mill villages). It also offers potential for archaeological investigation.

### *Regional Significance*

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Cardinia - Cardinia Shire Heritage Study 1996, Graeme Butler & Associates, 1996; |
| Construction dates        | 1910,  |
| Other Names               | Weatherhead Hill Track, Tynong North,  |
| Hermes Number             | 30158  |
| Property Number           |  |

## Physical Description 1

The mill site is located at the end of Weatherhead Road on Wild Dog Creek. The forest about here is scrub like but quite open. Although there is some evidence of some other previous habitation in the vicinity of the mill, the site has not been subject to any other use and as such is reasonably intact.

**Remains** Although no above ground structures have survived the open nature of the forest and the undisturbed ground formations provide a wealth of information about the mill and its operation. Both timber and log tramways are clearly evident along with the connecting tramway joining the two.

The location of the log yard is marked by the levelled ground between the mill and the log tramway. The sawdust trench, incorporating an interesting and unusual right angle turn, is both substantial and rich in remaining timbers and fittings associated with the saw benches.

Piping and ground impressions close to the trench mark where the mill engine once stood.

Charcoal, some metal fragments and a mound of baked earth suggest the location of the mill blacksmith while the site of the stables and several hut sites are scattered about the mill.

Some hut sites still provide evidence of the ground dimensions of the huts and the location of the fireplace.

## Historical Australian Themes

Historical Themes -

4.1 Timber(includes splitting, milling, charcoal burning, wattle bark stripping)

11.0 Evidence of: Life style, housing and landscape choice of notable figures residing in the district

## Physical Description 2

Associations - Weatherhead, Horatio

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