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# Monomeith Park



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## Location

490 Monomeith Road MONOMEITH, Cardinia Shire

## Municipality

CARDINIA SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO78

## Heritage Listing

Cardinia Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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Monomeith Park house and trees are of significance to Cardinia Shire and the West Gippsland Region for their representation of a long-term farming enterprise carried out by the Bourke family which achieved prominence for its beef cattle production, perhaps within the Commonwealth context. The Bourkes also held fame within the district for their horse breeding and competition, as well as possessing links with some of the first permanent settlers along the Sale Road.

*Regional Significance*

Heritage Study/Consultant	Cardinia - Cardinia Shire Heritage Study 1998, Graeme Butler & Associates, 1998;
Construction dates	1899,
Other Names	490 Monomeith Road, Monomeith,
Hermes Number	30306
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

This is a large double-fronted weatherboard verandahed farm house, comprised of many wings, with cast-iron verandah detailing which appears to date from the turn of the century. Nearby is a timber stable complex (two blocks) which was transported from the Bourke's Pakenham property. To the east is an old wool shed which was reputedly associated with Old Monomeith (not inspected).

### Landscape

Mature plantings include extensive rows of 'Cupressus macrocarpa', Monterey cypress, dating from c1915; yucca; lilly pilly, 'Acmena smithii'; loquat, 'Eriobotrya japonica'; Canary Island palm, 'Phoenix canariensis' x 3; 'Photinia serratifolia'; the windmill palm, 'Trachycarpus fortuneii'; and pittosporum. Lawn has grown over many of the c1930-40s concrete-edged garden beds. These are in various shapes such as diamonds, rectangles, etc. and were probably intended to be planted with colourful annuals.

A large 'Pinus radiata' or Monterey pine, is in the paddock behind the stables.

The former fence (now removed) at the west side of the house was of corrugated iron, while a timber picket fence, painted white, extended along the south side. Early picket fences and a gateways survive along the frontage, as do some paddock fences.

## Physical Conditions

The house, stables, picket fences and surrounding planting are in good condition

## Historical Australian Themes

**Principal Australian Historical Theme** - Engaging in primary production

**Historical Subtheme** - Developing sheep and cattle industries

## Physical Description 2

**Associations** - Bourke, David, Hugh & Michael; Murphy, William

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