

Nerre Nerre Warren (Dandenong Police Paddocks)

Location

Churchill Park Drive, ENDEAVOUR HILLS, Casey City

Municipality

CASEY CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO2

Heritage Listing

Casey City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - March 24, 2004

What is significant?

The Dandenong Police Paddocks at Churchill Park Drive, Endeavour Hills.

How is it significant?

The Dandenong Police Paddocks is of local and State (and probable National) historic significance.

Why is it significant?

The Dandenong Police Paddocks is a site of state and national significance as the location of the Central Station of the Westernport Aboriginal Protectorate Station and the Native Police Corps Headquarters in the 1837-1853 period. From 1853 to 1931 it was the site of the Victoria Police Stud Depot. The Police Paddocks site has considerable significance for its associations with pre and post-contact Aboriginal heritage. The area was originally part of the clan territory of the Wurundjeri and on the border of the country of the Bunurong tribe. (AHC criteria A4, B2, D2 and H1)

Hermes Number 62902

Property Number

Physical Description 1

Most the buildings associated with the historic use of the Dandenong Police Paddocks have been demolished or are in ruins. In 1962 a stone house and barracks were pulled down to make the site safe for scouts attending the 1964-65 World Jamboree at the Police Paddocks. Many roads and services were constructed at this time. In 1969 an area was set aside for a golf course (now under the ownership of the City of Berwick), and since 1973 tip sites in the area have been operated by the Cities of Berwick and Dandenong. (1)

Today many features of historical, social and archaeological significance remain in the Police Paddocks, dating from various periods in the history of the area. They include ruins of buildings, remains of an old bridge, Aboriginal stone artefacts, trees and rubbish dumps. (2)

The site of the headquarters buildings of the Native Police Corps has been reserved as an Historic Zone in the Dandenong Police Paddocks Reserve Management Plan. A committee of management now administers the area. (3)

Sources

1. Dandenong Police Paddocks Reserve Management Plan. March 1992. pp.19-20
2. Ibid. p.20
3. 2. Ibid. p.20, 46 (Historic Zone indicated on map)

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