
Collins Settlement Site



B2168 Sorrento Graves

Location

2700 - 3148 Point Nepean Road,, SORRENTO VIC 3943 - Property No B2168

Municipality

MORNINGTON PENINSULA SHIRE

Level of significance

State

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1050

Heritage Listing

National Trust

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 21, 2007

The Collins Settlement Site is of State historical, social, political and cultural significance regardless of physical deposit or evidence. It is important as a place because of the role that the site plays in the colonising and settlement of Australia; and how its location and the nature of its landscape informs our understanding of this, is of great significance to all Australians.

The site is important as the place of first settlement in Victoria and as a strategic place, chosen to guard and defend sea routes against other nations, important in terms of trade, supply and warfare. It was one of the earliest settlements outside the bounds of Sydney, pre-dating the beginnings of settlement in Hobart.

The Collins Settlement is important as a place of contact between Aboriginals and Europeans in Victoria. Prior to, and following settlement, the place was a popular Aboriginal campsite, which had been returned to regularly over a period spanning hundreds of years. The archaeological deposits located on the site are of scientific significance and may hold valuable information regarding Aboriginal life and customs in the area; the impact of contact, settlement and abandonment of the site by Europeans on the aborigines of the area, and details about the European settlement itself.

The Collins Settlement Site is important for educative reasons. The location, history and landscape values of the site informs our community of its early history in terms of European and Aboriginal occupation and European strategies of colonisation. It could also be used to erode the myth of Terra Nullus and of peaceable acquisition of Aboriginal lands.

Classified: 30/06/1981

See also file L10051

Other Names First Settlement Site, Sorrento Graves, Sullivan's Bay,

Hermes Number 66306

Property Number

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