
The Hermitage Garden

Location

161 Maroondah Highway, NARBETHONG VIC 3778 - Property No G13051

Municipality

MURRINDINDI SHIRE

Level of significance

National

Heritage Listing

National Trust

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 2, 2004

The Hermitage, property of noted photographer John William Lindt, commenced in 1894 and developed until his death in 1926, then continued in use as a guest house by Joan Anderson, is of National significance:

- as amongst the best surviving examples of a nineteenth century hill station in Australia, exemplifying such characteristics as terraced layout, use of natural water features, a mix of exotic and indigenous planting, picturesque timber buildings and, sharing a characteristic of many Mount Macedon hill stations, having creators who were members of Victoria's scientific and cultural community;
 - for its retention of many features from Lindt's ownership (1894-1926); these include a balance between forest and cleared land, mature tree plantings, terraced garden beds and paths, remnants of the lily pond, garden buildings, meadow planting of bulbs; and subsequent sympathetic planting by later owners;
 - for its retention of a rustic lych gate, now a rare surviving nineteenth century Victorian example of such a structure;
 - for several outstanding plants such as the *Cryptomeria japonica* 'Elegans' and *Eucalyptus cypellocarpa*, both listed on the National Trust's Register of Significant Trees of Victoria for their outstanding size;
 - as a complementary setting for a house, studio and outbuildings of architectural and considerable historical significance;
 - for its place in the history of Victorian tourism, being a major early site in the Healesville/Black Spur area.
- Classified: 13/02/1991

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