

HAWTHORN HEDGES (*Crataegus monogyna*) IN
THE DEFINED AREA,
ELTHAM-YARRA GLEN ROAD, KANGAROO
GROUND-ST. ANDREWS ROAD AND KANGAROO
GROUND-WARRANTYTE ROAD,
KANGAROO GROUND.

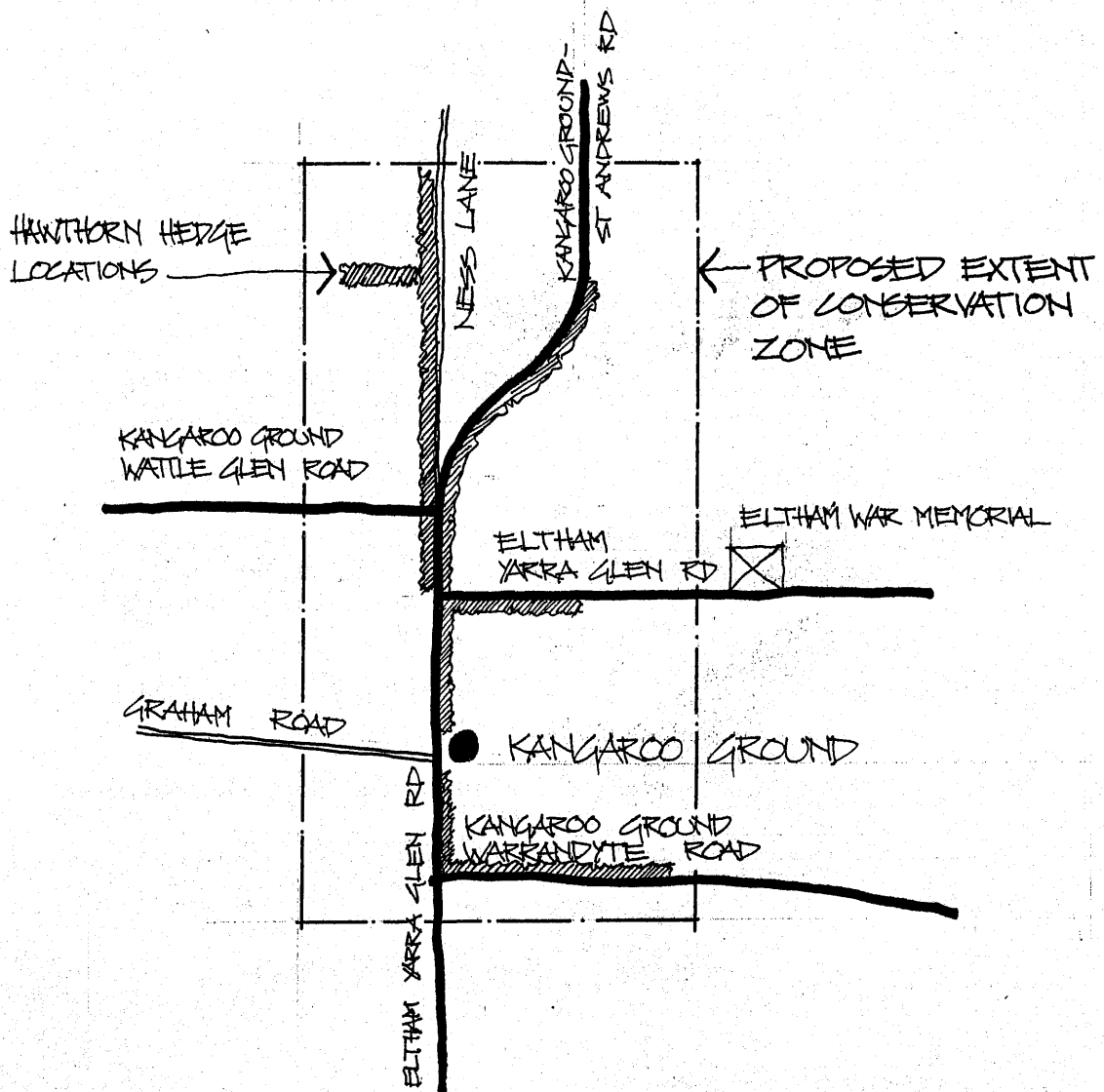
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WELLER'S PUB

PLANTED:	19TH AND 20TH CENTURY
THEMES ILLUSTRATED BY THIS PLACE:	EARLY SETTLEMENT FARMING CHARACTERISTIC LANDSCAPE FEATURES PRIVATE PLANTING
BASIS OF SIGNIFICANCE:	ILLUSTRATION OF THE THEMES RARITY HISTORY HORTICULTURAL STREETScape
DEGREE OF SIGNIFICANCE:	REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE
EXTENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:	ALL HEDGE ROWS IN THE CONSERVATION AREA AND THEIR SITES TO A RADIUS OF 100 METRES
RECOMMENDATIONS:	REGISTER OF THE NATIONAL ESTATE - ADD LOCAL PLANNING PROTECTION CONSERVATION AREA - KANGAROO GROUND



Kangaroo Ground Hawthorn Hedges Cont.

SKETCH PLAN SHOWING THE LOCATIONS OF THE HAWTHORN HEDGES



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CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE:

The Kangaroo Ground hawthorn hedges are a traditional European farm fencing technique which was once common in farming, as opposed to pastoral areas of Victoria, established from the 1850s, but is now rare in and close to Melbourne. Kangaroo Ground was one of the early settled areas near Melbourne due to the rich volcanic soils and the hedges are a direct link with the settlers of those early decades, their daily life and aspirations. The undulating topography makes these hedges major landscape and roadscape elements. The grid pattern of paddocks that they define is very different from farm landscapes of today and is the last reminder of the traditional farming use of this area, which has very largely disappeared due to the pressures for rural residential land in the Shire of Eltham.

HISTORY:

Original Use: Farm paddock fencing.

Present Use: Paddock fencing.

The exact origins of these hedges are unknown, but it is reasonable to assume that planting of them began in the 19th century, possible from the 1860s/1870s onwards.

DESCRIPTION:

There are extensive lines of mature Hawthorn hedges in these locations, mostly along the road frontages. The plantings form dense hedges of about 3 metres in height, are deciduous and bear red berries.

CONSERVATION GUIDELINES

Establishment of a Conservation Area is recommended to ensure preservation of this important cultural landscape, in which the hedges bounding paddocks are the principal elements.

The field pattern should be preserved by prohibition of subdivision or any other development within the Conservation Area that compromises the appearance of the existing cultural landscape.

In order to minimise the environmental threat from this species in locations beyond the Conservation Area, the hedges should be maintained at a maximum height of 3 metres and width of 1 metre.

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