

Site:	Westfield Reserve	Significance:	C
Address:	Yarra Bend Road, Fairfield	Map Ref:	30 H12
Access:	Unrestricted	Survey Date:	8/5/98



Intactness:		Condition:	
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Existing Heritage Listings:		Recommended Heritage Listings:	
Victorian Heritage Register	<input type="checkbox"/>	Victorian Heritage Register	<input type="checkbox"/>
Register of the National Estate	<input type="checkbox"/>	Register of the National Estate	<input type="checkbox"/>
Planning Scheme	<input type="checkbox"/>	HO Controls	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
National Trust	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Description

The Westfield Reserve, off Yarra Bend Road, Fairfield, has a remnant quarry face along the Merri Creek. The quarry was believed to have operated since the 1840s, and was accessed directly from Heidelberg Road.

Remnant Fabric (Man Made)

The quarry is located on the bank of the Merri Creek. Quarrying activities have left sheer cliffs that are quite prominent from the western bank of the creek (Hall Reserve).

Remnant Fabric (Vegetation)

None noted. The creek is lined with Willows (*Salix* sp.) that are most likely weedy. They obscure the views from Hall Reserve to the quarry faces.

Potential Threats

Complete obstruction of the views from Hall Reserve to the quarry face. Removal of access to the east bank of the Merri Creek from Westfield Reserve.

Management Steps

The site is currently difficult to access from Westfield Park. Preparation of an overall interpretation scheme for the old quarry sites along the Merri Creek should address access from within Westfield Park as part of this scheme, that is construction of formal paths or boardwalks. It should also outline control measures for the Willows along the creek to allow interpretation of the site from the west bank of the creek. The site would be included as part of an interpretation scheme along the Merri Creek of old quarry sites that now form part of a linear park system.

Statement of Significance

Westfield Park is of local interest as an example of an early and important industry along the Merri Creek, which offers considerable interpretive possibilities.

References

Hall, R. *Merri Creek Parklands: Aboriginal and Historical Heritage Survey*. Unpublished report prepared for the Merri Creek Bicentennial Committee, 1989.

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