

Site:	Gahan Reserve	Significance:	C
Address:	Park Street, Collingwood	Map Ref:	2C J10
Access:	Unrestricted	Survey Date:	25/3/98



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Existing Heritage Listings:

Victorian Heritage Register	<input type="checkbox"/>
Register of the National Estate	<input type="checkbox"/>
Planning Scheme	<input type="checkbox"/>
National Trust	<input type="checkbox"/>

Recommended Heritage Listings:

Victorian Heritage Register	<input type="checkbox"/>
Register of the National Estate	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Description

Gahan Reserve, in Park Street, Collingwood, is a large rectangular park surrounded on three sides by residential development, and a railway line on the western side.

Remnant Fabric (Man Made)

A series of paths radiate from a circular garden bed located at the centre of the park. The paths are constructed of asphalt with a basalt pitcher edge. A child health centre is located on the western side of the park. It was opened in 1927, and is constructed of brick with a rendered finish on the upper half of the wall. Both surfaces are painted green, and the roof is clad with corrugated iron. A suite of play equipment, located in the northern section of the site, is of no significance.

Remnant Fabric (Vegetation)

The park is bounded by mature Plane Trees (*Platanus x acerifolius*) and features a number of specimen Canary Island Date Palm (*Phoenix canariensis*) throughout the site. The central garden bed is densely planted, although some species, such as Cherry (*Prunus serrata*), are inappropriate to the character of the park.

Potential Threats

Introduction of new plantings to the site, which would change the existing simple layout. Failure to maintain the central garden bed to an appropriate standard, or further introduction of inappropriate species that challenge the heritage character of the park.

Management Steps

Preparation of a detailed management plan for the ongoing conservation of the park. It would include guidelines for the maintenance and replacement of trees and shrubs, which would seek to reinforce the character of the existing plantings, and ensure the heritage character of the place is maintained.

Statement of Significance

Gahan Reserve is of local interest as a large formal park in the Collingwood area. The park has maintained much of its heritage character, with few modern accretions.