

BOLIN SWAMP

		Place No.	150												
ADDRESS	193 Bulleen Road Bulleen	Last Update													
DESCRIPTION	<p>Bolin Swamp contains one of a group of remaining billabongs within the Bulleen and Templestowe area, and one of the few along the metropolitan course of the River Yarra. Within the billabong is a fine stand of River Red Gums, individuals of which possibly predate white settlement.</p> <p>The remaining vegetation is mainly exotic grasses and Solanum species, with an Elm copse to the south west slope.</p> <p>Natural drainage is cut off by an embankment at the eastern end of the billabong. The southern bank is undergoing development as a residential subdivision which will be a future source of environmental weeds.</p> <p>A botanical assessment and management plan is required to safeguard the billabong and Red Gums, and to direct the elimination of environmental weeds and re-establishment of an indigenous vegetation community.</p> <p>A scatter of 6 artefacts on the rise above Bolin billabong (Site #7922-255)(Plate 2), it contained a core and a scraper.. Formal tools such as the scraper are apparently rare in the study area. There are equal quantities of quartz and silcrete. It is possible that the site may be a portion of a larger site which was a campsite. The position is well placed for the exploitation of the billabong and the river and there were probably more River Red Gums before the area was cultivated. The site could be as old as a few hundred years since that is the estimated age of the billabong.</p> <p>Current threats to the site are few. The Board of Works is the responsible authority looking after the location. There are grazing stock on the leased property and these are the only existing threat to the site in that they seek shade under the tree where the site is.</p> <table><tr><td>Condition</td><td>-</td><td>Integrity</td><td>Not known</td></tr><tr><td>Threats</td><td></td><td>Key elements</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Designer</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>			Condition	-	Integrity	Not known	Threats		Key elements		Designer			
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contained only 6 artefacts at the time of documentation and is very disturbed, though it may be the edge of a larger site. It may have sub-surface material.

Creation Date**Change Dates****Associations****Local Themes**

Wurundjeri

1.01 - Yarra River

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE Of State significance for its natural and cultural values.

LEVEL**RECOMMENDATIONS****Heritage Register Listings****Register****Reference****Zoning****Status**

None Specified

Extent**Heritage Schedule**

External Paint Controls:

On VHR:

VHR Ref No:

Internal Alteration Controls:

Prohibited Uses:

Tree Controls:

Aboriginal Heritage Place:

Outbuildings or Fences:

Incorporated Plan:

Incorporated Plan Details

Description:

Conservation Management**Extra Research****BIBLIOGRAPHY**