

RUFFEY LAKE PARK

Place No. 159

ADDRESS - King, George and Victoria Streets
Doncaster

Last Update

DESCRIPTION

Condition - **Integrity** Not known
Threats **Key elements**
Designer

HISTORY

An extensive park notable for its topographical form of grassed slopes falling to internal creek lines.

Most of the park is covered by closely mown exotic grasses.

Woody vegetation consist of some relic stands of Eucalypt (Box Stringybark), old Monterey Pine windbreaks and a heterogeneous but sparse planting of exotic and native species, some in strangely solitary geometrical groups. This is a park awaiting a design.

South of Cricklewood Drive, an artificial cliff is formed by the work face of a former stone quarry. As well as having picturesque qualities, the quarry face shows the area's geological structure. There are two former quarries within the gardens, and they were worked well into the late 1940s.

The eastern section of the park (east of Church Road) was within the property of the early German settlers, the Thieles, who called the area "Waldau", meaning 'a clearing in the forest'. The homestead 'Friedensruh' remains today in Waldau Court (see Theme 5.02), and a pear tree from Thiele's orchard remains within the gardens (see Theme 1.05).

Creation Date

Change Dates

Associations

Local Themes

1.03 - Municipal parks

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE Of local significance primarily for its historical associations with the Waldau settlement and Thiele family.

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

BIBLIOGRAPHY