

BARAK'S BIRTHPLACE

Place No. 326

ADDRESS	Brushy Creek (near) Wonga Park	Last Update
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DESCRIPTION Large tree located near Brushy Creek is said by locals to be close to or to have some association with the site of Barak's birthplace. Not inspected in the present study.[1]

Condition Not known **Integrity** Not known

Threats Not known **Key elements**

Designer

HISTORY William Barak (or Barak), an initiated man of the crow division is famous for being present at the signing of the Batman treaty, attending the first school at Merri Creek and joining the Native Police Corps. When his uncle Simon Wonga died, he became the head of the Yarra Tribe and custodian of the Mt William greenstone quarries.

SOURCES

[1] Workshop Place 7

[2] Extract from Aboriginal Historical Places: Place Documentation Form (10-1-1) held by Aboriginal Affairs Victoria. Part of this record is confidential and was not provided to the consultants. Based on interviews with Frank Endacott; Barwick, D.E. (1985) "Wandin geneology" (an unpublished manuscript, and Wiencke, S. (1984) "When the wattle blooms again".

Barak was born at Brushy Creek, close to or at the gorge where Brushy Creek enters the Yarra River, sometime around 1823 and died at Coranderrk on August 15, 1903 aged 85.

The Yarra River gorge may well have been a site of significance, being the site of the legend of Buk-ker-til-bul mentioned by Shaw in a letter to Howitt. This story was reproduced in Smyth (1878:456).

Creation Date -

Change Dates

Associations

Local Themes

William Barak

1.05 - Landmark trees

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE A site of Aboriginal historical significance; consultation with the Healesville Aboriginal Co-operative is required to enable the place to be assessed within the context of other Aboriginal places within Wonga Park. (Criterion H1)

LEVEL

RECOMMENDATIONS

Heritage Register Listings

Register	Reference	Zoning	Status
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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