

the campsite appeared in a local press report of the Opening Ceremony in December 1955 by the Governor General.

Seven miles of all-weather roads had been made on the Clifford property as well as the construction of a big dam and causeway and a great arena for “the VIPs to sit and watch the pageants and displays”. A “mighty boomerang arch” was erected on Reception Hill, where the camp HQ was located. This symbolised the Australian land and its original people. There was also a new building, a “charming little cottage hospital”, erected on the top of Hospital Hill. The Scout Township at the Jamboree had its own electric light, water and septic tanks, and temporary structures for banking, catering, and a souvenir Scout Shop. The Chief Scout, Lord Rowallan, who attended, described this as “the finest Scout camp in the world.”[13]

A map provided by the National Bank titled “Where To Find Him” showed some of the Jamboree structures, a number of chapels, a cinema area and the location of the hospital and Boomerang Arch. [14]

Later, from December 1961 to January 1962, the 7th World Rover Moot was staged at Clifford Park. It was the first World Rover Moot to be held in the Southern Hemisphere. Officially opened by the Governor-General of Australia, Viscount de L’Isle, it was attended by 970 Rover Scouts from all Australian States and 15 overseas countries. Later in January, after the Moot had ended, all the Rover Huts erected for the use of the World Moot were destroyed by bushfire. Rowallan Hall (now gone) survived these fires.[15]

SOURCES

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- [4] Parish of Warrandyte Parish Plan.
- [5] Lilydale Express, 4 Dec. 1940.
- [6] Shire of Lillydale RB 1913-14 SW Riding No.2050.
- [7] Milne, p.152.
- [8] Lilydale Express, 2 Dec. 1955.
- [9] Lilydale Express, 2 Dec. 1955.
- [10] Milne, p.152.
- [11] Milne, p.122.
- [12] Milne, pp.136-137.
- [13] Lilydale Express, 2 Dec. 1955.
- [14] A copy held SLV Map Room.
- [15] Milne, p.157.

Creation Date -	Change Dates
Associations	Local Themes
Lord Clifford, Scouting movement	6.09 - Forming associations

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE This property has high regional significance as the site of large Scout Jamborees in 1948-49 and 1955-56, and of the 1961 World Scout Moot, significant events for Victoria. Extensive evidence remains of these scouting activities, some within Clifford Park and other features within the Warrandyte State Park. Clifford Park has historical significance for its associations with Lord Clifford, successful businessman with a long interest in scouting, and owner from c1940 of the Yarra Brae property, the site of Clifford Park created after the 1948 Jamboree. (Criterion A4, H1)

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

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