

# WITTONS RESERVE

Place No. 283

**ADDRESS** - Reserve Road  
Wonga Park

**Last Update**

**DESCRIPTION** Public Reserve and picnic ground on the banks of the Yarra River dating from 1957. Plantings include Ash (*Fraxinus* spp.) and a Silky Oak (*Grevillea robusta*). Much of the area is used for vehicle access. The river bank is eroding; a revegetation area has been established by the Friends of Wittons Reserve.

**Condition** Deteriorated

**Integrity** Altered

**Threats** Deterioration

**Key elements**

**Designer**

**HISTORY** Established 1957. The land was donated by Captain A.E. Payne to Council in an endeavour to close public access to the top end of Mt Lofty. This was opposed by locals as the area was listed as a watering place for stock. [1]

**Creation Date** -

**Change Dates**

**Associations**

**Local Themes**

1.02 - Bush remnants (including parks &

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE** Of interest as a public reserve, retaining some of its earlier plantings, but much damaged by inappropriate vehicle access. Restoration of indigenous species is now occurring. (Criterion D2)

## 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** [1] John Upton, comments on draft Heritage Study, 1997.