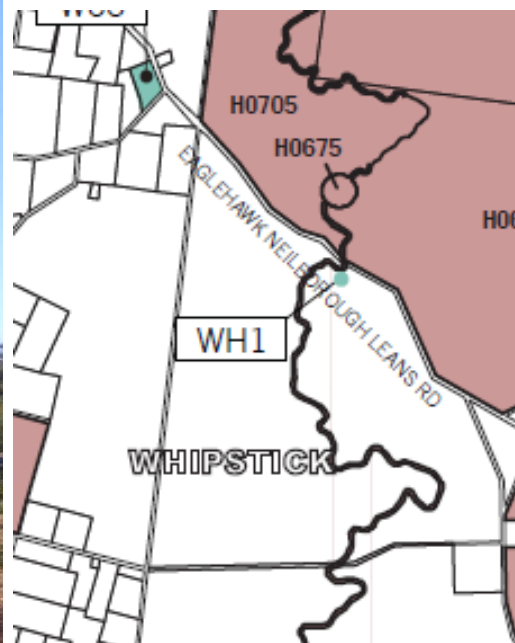


<b>Name</b>	Roy Roger's Tree ( <i>Eucalyptus tricarpa</i> )	<b>Reference in 1998 Marong Study</b>	WH1
<b>Address</b>	Eaglehawk-Neilborough Road, near Notley's picnic ground, the Whipstick	<b>Map reference</b>	VicRoads 44 E3
<b>Building type</b>	N/A	<b>Survey date</b>	June 2010
<b>Date of construction</b>	N/A	<b>Recommendation</b>	Include in the Schedule to the Heritage Overlay
<b>Significance</b>	'Roy Roger's Tree' is of local historical significance.		



Left: Roy Roger's Tree, viewed from the north (Source: Deon Marks, Parks Victoria). Right: Proposed Heritage Overlay map with the tree indicated (WH1).

**Intactness**                      Good                      Fair                      Poor

**History**

In the 1950s, many parts of the Bendigo Whipstick were logged as 'firewood blocks'.<sup>1</sup> One such area was just west of Notley's eucalyptus distillery, which is today a popular picnic reserve. As the designated area was being logged, the then local Forest Officer of the former Forests Commission of Victoria, Roy Rogers, determined that a good remnant specimen tree of the Red Ironbark (*Eucalyptus tricarpa*) forest should be preserved and saved from logging.<sup>2</sup> That tree stands on the side the Neilborough-Eaglehawk Road today, and is a prominent landscape feature as viewed from the north and south. The specimen is known locally known as 'Roy Roger's Tree'.

**Victoria's Framework of Historical Themes**

Victoria's themes and sub-themes:

- 1.6: Appreciating and protecting Victoria's natural wonders

## **Description & Integrity**

'Roy Roger's Tree' is the largest mature specimen of Red Ironbark (*Eucalyptus tricarpa*) located on the Neilborough-Eaglehawk Road and reputedly one of the oldest surviving specimens in the Whipstick. It is a remnant of the indigenous Ironbark forest vegetation of the Whipstick and goldfields areas, which was historically heavily forested and is clearly distinguished from the surrounding Mallee scrubland, and some secondary Ironbark growth, by its height of approximately 21m and even canopy spread of approximately 15m. Its diameter at breast-height measurement is approximately 1m. 'Roy Roger's Tree' appears to be in good condition, with no obvious signs of distress. The tree is located within the Whipstick State Park, which forms part of the Greater Bendigo National Park.

## **Comparative Analysis**

N/A

## **Assessment Against Criteria**

*Amended Heritage Victoria Criteria (based on Heritage Victoria Landscape Assessment Criteria, updated January 2009)*

*Criterion A: Importance to the course, or pattern, of the City of Greater Bendigo's cultural history.*

'Roy Roger's Tree' on the Neilborough-Eaglehawk Road in the Whipstick is of historical significance as a substantial and mature specimen of Red Ironbark (*Eucalyptus tricarpa*), and a remnant of the indigenous Ironbark forest vegetation of the Whipstick and goldfields areas. It is significant for being deliberately selected and retained by Forests Officer, Roy Rogers during the 1950s, as a memento of the indigenous forest flora a time when many parts of the Bendigo Whipstick were being heavily logged. Today, conspicuous by its height, 'Roy Roger's Tree' is a well known local landmark.

*Criterion B: Possession of uncommon, rare or endangered aspects of the City the of Greater Bendigo's cultural history.*

N/A

*Criterion C: Potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of the City of Greater Bendigo's cultural history.*

N/A

*Criterion D: Importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of cultural places or objects.*

N/A

*Criterion E: Importance in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics in the context of the municipality.*

N/A

*Criterion F: Importance in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement at a particular period.*

N/A

*Criterion G: Strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons. This includes the significance of the place to Indigenous peoples as part of their continuing and developing cultural traditions.*

N/A

*Criterion F: Special association with life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance in the City of Greater Bendigo's history.*

N/A

### Statement of Significance

*What is significant?*

'Roy Roger's Tree' is a mature specimen of Red Ironbark (*Eucalyptus tricarpa*), and a conspicuous remnant of the indigenous forest vegetation of the Whipstick and goldfields areas. It is located within the Whipstick State Park, which forms part of the Greater Bendigo National Park.

*How is it significant?*

'Roy Roger's Tree' is of local historical significance.

*Why is it significant?*

'Roy Roger's Tree' on the Neilborough-Eaglehawk Road in the Whipstick is of local historical significance (Criterion A) as a substantial and mature specimen of Red Ironbark (*Eucalyptus tricarpa*) and remnant of the indigenous Ironbark forest vegetation of the Whipstick and goldfields areas. It is significant for being deliberately selected and retained by Forests Officer, Roy Rogers during the 1950s, as a memento of the indigenous forest flora a time when many parts of the Bendigo Whipstick were being heavily logged. Today, conspicuous by its height, 'Roy Roger's Tree' is a well known local landmark.

### Recommendations

'Roy Roger's Tree' is recommended for inclusion in the Schedule to the Greater Bendigo Heritage Overlay.

External Paint Colours	No
Internal Alterations Controls	No
Tree Controls	Yes
Outbuildings and fences exemptions	No
Victorian Heritage Register	No
Prohibited uses may be permitted	No
Incorporated plan	No
Aboriginal heritage place	No

### Identified By

Andrew Ward

### References

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*Specific:*

<sup>1</sup> Pers comm, William Perry, author, and Ray Wallace, local historian, 1986, cited in 'Ropy Roger's Tree' citation, Andrew Ward *et al*, City of Greater Bendigo Heritage Study (Marong) Study Area, Stage 2, 1998.

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