

BELLARINE HERITAGE STUDY RECORD SHEET

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Site Name				McLeod's waterholes	

Key Dates: Original Major Changes

Existing Use/Type
Park/reserve

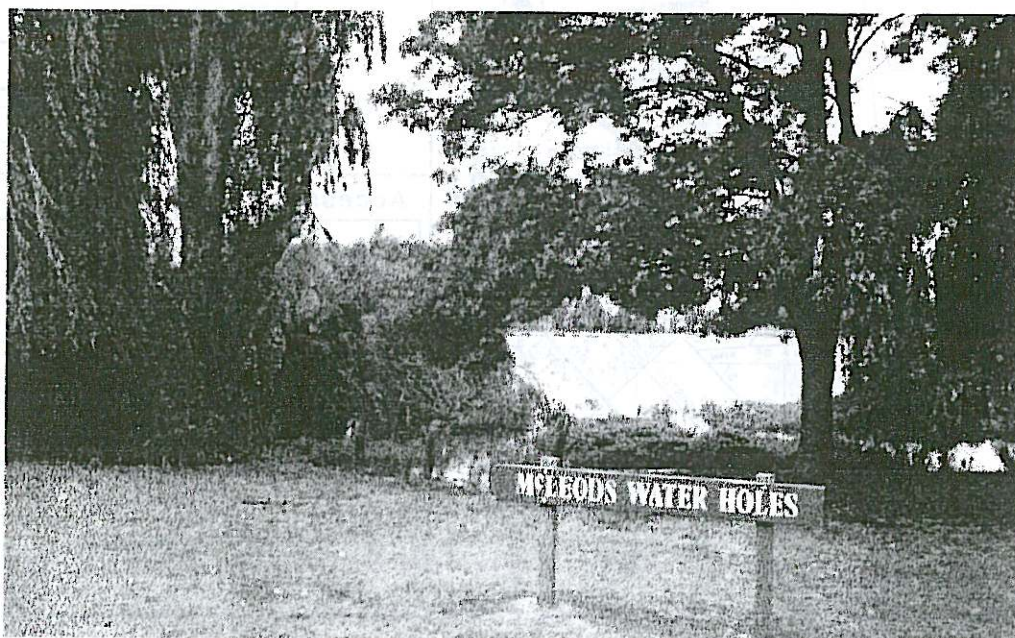
Precinct Name

Survey Date
22/12/1995

Neg. No.
10/14

Video Track No.

Recorded By
RL/KF



Heritage Status:

CATEGORY REGISTRATION NUMBER

National Estate:

Nominated ☐

Registered ☐ ☐

Historic Buildings Register

Nominated ☐

Registered ☐ ☐

National Trust Register:

☐ ☐

Planning Scheme:

☐ ☐

Historical Archaeological Register :

Other:

BHS Degree of Significance

☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D

Condition of the fabric:

☐ Excellent ☒ Good

☐ Fair ☐ Poor

☐ Ruinous ☐ Unexposed

Integrity of the site:

☐ Excellent ☐ Good

☒ Fair ☐ Poor

☐ Partially excavated

☐ Fully excavated

Present Threats:

☐ Human; mining

☐ Human; visitor erosion

☐ Human; vandalism

☒ Human; development

☐ Human; conservation/maintenance

☐ Human; stock

☐ Natural Forces; erosion

☐ Natural Forces; vegetation

☐ Not threatened

Significant Architectural Features:

☐ Original Materials

☐ Original Chimneys

☐ Wall Decoration

☐ Verandah Structure

☐ Verandah Decoration

☐ Original Parapet

☐ other prominent elevations

Original Roof

Original Openings

Original Decoration

Original Finish

☐ Early Garden

☐ Early Fence

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Site Plan/ Location Sketch Not To Scale		Australian Map Grid Co-ordinates <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> Map <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> Scale <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div>
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Ownership: <input type="checkbox"/> Crown <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Resident owner <input type="checkbox"/> Occupier only Local Govt Area <input type="checkbox"/> City of Greater Geelong		Cadastral Location: County <input type="text" value="Grant"/> Parish <input type="text" value="Bellarine"/> Allotment <input type="text"/> Block <input type="text"/>
Physical Description of Site: <p>The site is adjacent to the tennis courts and oval recreation reserve. There are mature exotic cypress pine, oak, willow and poplar trees. The native species complement the waterholes and remain aesthetically pleasing as a recreation reserve for the local community.</p>		
Relevant Special Interest Groups: <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; margin-top: 10px;"></div>		

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Types of Sites:

<input type="checkbox"/> monument	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> maritime	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> tree(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> machinery
<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> relic/ruin	<input type="checkbox"/> garden	<input type="checkbox"/> building
<input type="checkbox"/> agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> residential	<input type="checkbox"/> fence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> miscellaneous
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> recreational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/> gate	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	

Historical Themes:

Early Settlement <input style="width: 180px;" type="text" value="esDwellings"/> Maritime <input style="width: 180px;" type="text"/> Tourism <input style="width: 180px;" type="text"/> Workforce <input style="width: 180px;" type="text"/> Townships <input style="width: 180px;" type="text"/>	Communities <input style="width: 180px;" type="text"/> Landscapes <input style="width: 180px;" type="text" value="dscRecreational"/> The Wider World <input style="width: 180px;" type="text"/> Cultural Activity <input style="width: 180px;" type="text" value="caRecreation"/> Miscellaneous <input style="width: 180px;" type="text"/>
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History of Site/Object/Place:

The waterholes were named after Dr Angus McLeod a district pioneer and it was the site of considerable Aboriginal activity.(1) Around McLeod's Waterholes more than a dozen Aboriginal oven mounds have been found dating from between 3,000 and 5,000 years before the present.(2)

In 1853 land was sold for subdivision quarter of a mile from the Waterholes with the beginnings of the township of Drysdale and the establishment of an active community.(3) The site was used as a recreation area with Boxing Day Races being held at the Waterholes racecourse in 1873.(4)

The Waterholes provided ample water supply for Drysdale in 1871. At this time the Acclimatisation Society stocked the lake with fish and water from the south side of the railway line near Swan Bay was diverted into it.(5)

Over the years the area has been developed with an oval, tennis courts, netball facilities and a recreation reserve for the local community.

References:

1. Wynd, I. (1988) *Balla-wein, A history of the Shire of Bellarine*, p.131
2. *ibid.*, p.23
3. *ibid.*, p.25
4. *ibid.*, p.69
5. *ibid.*, p.132

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Statement of Cultural Significance:

The area of McLeod's Waterholes contains Aboriginal oven mounds dating from between 3,000 and 5,000 years before the present. The place which has been named after a district pioneer, supplied water for Drysdale in 1871 and water was diverted into the waterholes for this purpose. In the same year the lake was stocked with fish and two years later Boxing Day races were held at the Waterholes racecourse. The area has mature exotic and native trees and is presently developed as a community recreation reserve with oval, tennis courts and netball facilities.

McLeod's Waterholes has aesthetic, historic, scientific and social value to the Drysdale community.

McLeod's Waterholes provides an environmentally pleasing sporting area for the community whilst preserving the important Aboriginal sites and associations with early settlement water supply and recreational pursuits.

It is of **LOCAL** cultural significance.

Additional Information