

HISTORIC PLACES DOCUMENTATION SHEET

PLACE NAME: CANOE TREE
 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CITY OF NEWTOWN

Geelong Regional Commission

Sheet 347

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)

STYLE OR PERIOD: Aboriginal

PLAQUE ATTACHED TO TREE READS:

"LEST WE FORGET

The bark of this tree was removed by
 Aborigines of this district to make
 a canoe.

As the tree is thus of historical
 interest, the public should assist
 in its Preservation."



NEGATIVE FILE:

☐ Australian Heritage Commission
 Register of National Estate

☐ National Trust of Aust. (Vic)
 Classified/Recorded
 File No.

☐ Historic Buildings Preservation Council
 Register No.
 File No.

☒ Geelong Regional Commission
 Register No. 116

IDENTIFICATION DATA

PLACE NAME
 ADDRESS
 Canoe Tree
 Queens Park,
 Newtown 3220.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA City of Newtown
 TITLE INFORMATION

MAP REFERENCE

PRESENT USE
 PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE Newtown City Council
 ADDRESS 263 Pakington St,
 Newtown. 3220. TELEPHONE

OTHER NOTES

NAME CANOE TREE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CITY OF NEWTOWN

DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

This site should be the subject of an archaeological investigation and report by the Victoria Archaeological Society.

No research into the date or origins of this site has been undertaken.

See:

W.R. Lang, 'Geelong's Monuments and Plaques',
No. 25, Geelong Historical Records Centre.

CITATION

The Canoe Tree in Queens Park is witness to the presence of aboriginal communities in the Geelong Region prior to European Settlement.

The bark scar, in the shape of an elongated dish, marks the removal of sound bark to fabricate a crude canoe.

The site is of permanent archaeological significance.

SIGNIFICANCE OF PLACE

- ☐ Its creative and/or technical accomplishment.
☒ Its demonstration of a way of life, custom, process or function no longer practised, in danger of being lost or of exceptional interest.
☒ Its strong association with an important figure or figures, development, or cultural phase.
☐ Its townscape and/or landscape value.
☒ Its scarcity value.

SIGNIFICANCE

- ☐ LOCAL ☐ REGIONAL ☒ STATE ☐ NATIONAL ☐ WORLD

CONDITION

- ☐ EXCELLENT ☐ GOOD ☐ FAIR ☐ DETERIORATED ☐ RUINS

INTEGRITY

- ☐ HIGH ☐ LOW ☐ ALTERED ☐ DAMAGED

RECOMMENDATIONS: PROTECTIVE MEASURES

Geelong Regional Commission Register

DOCUMENTATION -

Geelong Regional Commission,
Cnr. Fenwick & Lt. Malop Sts., Geelong

SIGNATURE.....

DATE.....