



PLACE NAME: CANOE TREE  
 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: CITY OF NEWTOWN

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)

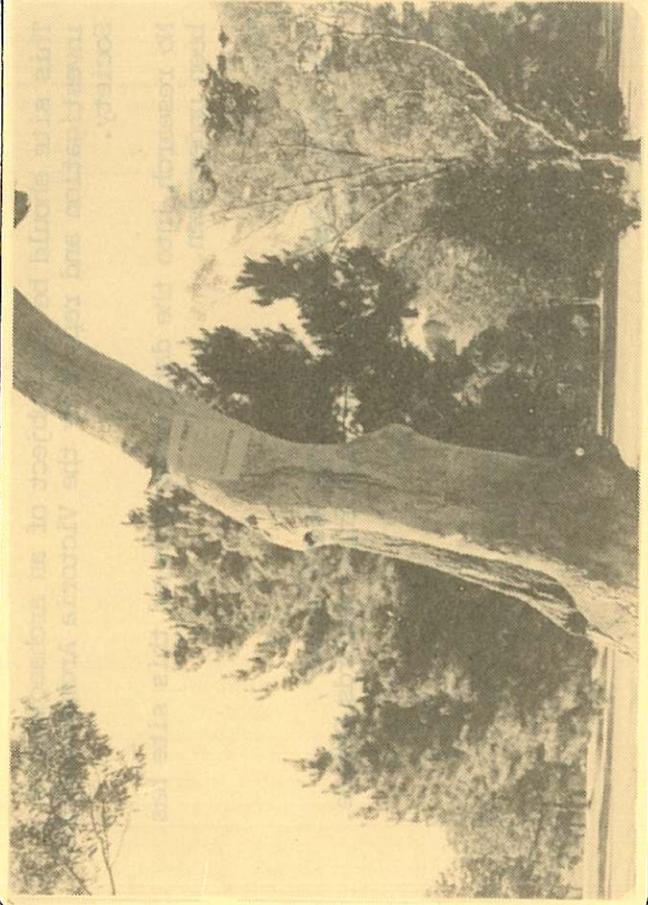
STYLE OR PERIOD: Aboriginal

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: Canoe Tree  
 ADDRESS: 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

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**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,  
Chr. Fenwick & Lt. Malop Sts., Geelong

**SIGNATURE** .....

**DATE** .....