

HERITAGE PLACE

NAME OF PLACE: MINE MANAGER'S HOUSE

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE: 10 Broome Crescent WONTHAGGI

STUDY NUMBER: 544

HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER: HO150

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Bass Coast Shire

PARISH: PARISH OF WONTHAGGI

SIGNIFICANCE RATING: Local



Mine Manager's House, 10 Broome Crescent, Wonthaggi

Image Date: March 2002

EXTENT OF LISTING:

Whole allotment.

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Location 10 Broome Crescent WONTHAGGI

PARISH OF WONTHAGGI

COUNTY OF MORNINGTON

WONTHAGGI (T)

Planning Authority

Ward Hovell

Access Description

Map Number

0

Map Scale 1:100000

Latitude

Longitude

UMG Zone

Easting

Northing

Location Validity

Spatial Accuracy

Extent of Listing

Whole allotment.

Published Extent of Listing

Significance Local

Statement of Significance

The former Mine Manager's House at 10 Broome Crescent is of local historic and aesthetic significance. The house is of historic significance, in its construction as the first Mine Manager's residence in the new township of Wonthaggi, built to service the State Coal Mine and Victorian Railways. It is demonstrative of the importance of the Mine Manager to the mine operations. The house is of aesthetic significance as a largely intact and good example of an Edwardian villa.

Gazettal Details

Permit Exemptions

Exemptions Policy

Assessment Against Criteria

AHC A.4 Importance for association with events, developments or cultural phases which have had a significant role in the human occupation and evolution of the nation, State, region or community.

AHC E.1 Importance for a community for aesthetic characteristics held in high esteem or otherwise valued by the community.

AHC H.1 Importance for close associations with individuals whose activities have been significant within the history of the nation, State or region.

Date Assessed 13/08/2004 Assessed By F Woodhouse

Comparisons

Rare Assessment

Intact Assessment

Include in VHR Include in RNE Include in Local Planning Scheme No Recommendations for Inclusions

Recommended Management

Investigate original paint colours when next due for painting.

Heritage Act Categories

Heritage Item Groups

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Title Details

Architectural Style

Federation/Edwardian Period (1902-c.1918) Domestic Queen Anne

Physical Description

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The former mine manager's house at 10 Broome Street Wonthaggi is a large single-storey Edwardian red-brick villa with a gambrel terracotta tiled roof and a return verandah with a timber fretwork valance. The front elevation contains a projecting gabled bay with a half-timbered gable end and roughcast infill. The roof is decorated with terracotta ridge capping and finials and features brick chimneys with roughcast rendered caps and terracotta pots. The property also contains a fibro-cement shed and an original or early gable roofed weatherboard outbuilding.

Physical Condition and/or Archaeological Potential

Good

Usage Residence.

Associated People

Historical Notes

Wonthaggi was established as a mining town in 1909 to supply the Victorian Railways with black coal, and thus make Victoria independent of the privately owned New South Wales coalfields, the previous source of coal for the railways. The decision to proceed with mining coal from the Powlett Coalfield was prompted by the coal miners in New South Wales strike in 1909. When established, the coal was worked by the State Coal Mine from the Dudley and Kirrak Basins. The township of Wonthaggi is located on a ridge between the two basins. Initially the miners lived in a tent city; by 1910 the Government had laid out a model township. By 1921 Wonthaggi had a population of 5,000, making it one of the largest towns in Gippsland at the time. Wonthaggi's population peaked at around 12,000 in the mid-1920s when the mine was at its operational peak. The township was divided into commercial and residential areas. Its infrastructure provided for housing, water, churches, schools, and other social facilities.

Designed and built by the Public Works Department, this house was constructed in 1910 as the residence for the manager of the State Coal Mine. The first General Manager of the mine, George H Broome lived there from 1910 until 1932. (Broome Crescent was named after him.) Subsequent managers who resided there include John McLeish (1933-45), Tom Johnson (1946-56) and James Byrne, who moved there in 1957.

Historic Themes

Thematic Environmental History

13.1 Larger Centres Wonthaggi, the site of the former State Coal Mine, was established to supply coal to the Victorian Railways and eventually other industries. Today it is a flourishing town and the largest shopping centre in South Gippsland. Wonthaggi's commercial area includes an extensive range of shops. As a tourist destination, the area supports hotels, motels, caravan parks and accommodation for holiday rentals. Nearby attractions include Cape Paterson and its fine surf beaches and the adjoining Bunurong Marine Park. Sporting is also an attraction for tourists, and includes an 18 hole golf course, bowling greens, tennis and squash courts and heated indoor pool. Other nearby beaches include Harmer's Haven, popular for its long walks or family fossicking through the rocks. The State Coal Mine and Mining Museum, now a tourist attraction, is managed by Parks Victoria.

Listings

References

Author	Title	Year	Shelf	Location
Department of Land and Survey	Parish Plan of Township of Wonthaggi, Parish of Wonthaggi, County of Mornington			
John Bordignon, pers. Comm.		2004		
John M Coghlan	The State Coal Mine and Wonthaggi 1909-1968	1979		
T.J. Gannon (ed.)	Wonthaggi and District, Past and Present	1934		
Wonthaggi District Historical Society	(Datasheet compiled for the National Trust.)			

Conservation Plans

Owner Type

Section 32 Recommendation

Owners/Occupants/Managers

Other Notes

Application Detail

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Adviser Comments

Planning Scheme Amendments

Overlay Controls

Planning Scheme Schedule

External Paint Controls? No

Included in Vic Heritage Register? No

Internal Alteration Controls? No

Prohibited uses may be permitted? Yes

Tree Controls? No

Name of incorporated plan No

Outbuildings/fences not exempt? No

Aboriginal Heritage Place? No