

# HERITAGE PLACE

**NAME OF PLACE:** 'MERRICOURT'

**ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE:** 1715 Loch-Wonthaggi Road BLACKWOOD FOREST

**STUDY NUMBER:** 414

**HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:** HO17

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**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA:** Bass Coast Shire

**ALLOTMENT:** 15

**PARISH:** PARISH OF JUMBUNNA

**SIGNIFICANCE RATING:** Local



'Merricourt', 1715 Loch-Wonthaggi Road, Blackwood Forest

**Image Date:** March 2002

**EXTENT OF LISTING:**

From the front boundary and nominally 20 metres all around house.

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Location 1715 Loch-Wonthaggi Road BLACKWOOD FOREST

PARISH OF JUMBUNNA

COUNTY OF MORNINGTON

15

Planning Authority

Ward Leadbeater

Access Description

Map Number

0

Map Scale 1:100000

Latitude

Longitude

UMG Zone

Easting

Northing

Location Validity

Spatial Accuracy

Extent of Listing

From the front boundary and nominally 20 metres all around house.

Published Extent of Listing

Significance Local

Statement of Significance

'Merricourt' at 1715 Loch-Wonthaggi Road, Blackwood Forest, is of local aesthetic and historical significance. Built in the inter-War period, when local agriculture was changing from forestry to dairying. It demonstrates a significant phase in the development of the Blackwood Forest area and the appreciation and means of the early settlers.

Gazettal Details

Permit Exemptions

Exemptions Policy

Assessment Against Criteria

AHC A4: 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 C2: Importance for information contributing to a wider understanding of the history of human occupation of Australia.

AHC D2: Importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of the range of human activities in the Australian environment (including way of life, philosophy, custom, process, land use, function, design or technique).

AHC E1: Importance for a community for aesthetic characteristics held in high esteem or otherwise valued by the community.

Date Assessed 26/07/2004 Assessed By Fay Woodhouse

Comparisons

Rare Assessment

Intact Assessment

Fair

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

Recommended Management

Reconstruct demolished original verandah.

Heritage Act Categories

Heritage Item Groups

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Architect/Designers

Unknown

Builders/Makers

Unknown

Construction Started

1920s

Circa No

Completed

Circa No

Physical Description

'Merricourt' at 1715 Loch-Wonthaggi Road, Blackwood Forest, is a single-storey, double-fronted 'Edwardian' weatherboard cottage with hipped corrugated galvanised steel roof. Original windows are timber-framed, double-hung sashes. The front verandah has been replaced with a flat-roofed verandah and a skillion roofed addition to the rear is clad in fibro-cement faux weatherboards. The front yard is enclosed by a low hedge with a timber framed fence and a woven wire gate in a lych frame.

Physical Condition and/or Archaeological Potential

Good

Usage Residence

Associated People

Historical Notes

This house is located on land originally part of Allotment 15 in the parish of Jumbunna, which was originally sold to F Edwards in March 1896. This sale was part of a larger pattern of development triggered by the opening up of the Blackwood Forest Reserve for selection in 1890, which saw land sold in the surrounding area from the late 1890s onwards. The sales reflected a move from timber milling towards dairying, as dense forests were gradually cleared for pasture. The house dates from the c.1920s.

Historic Themes

Thematic Environmental History

10.1 Grazing: While the Archies Creek and Blackwood Forest Reserve was originally selected for timber-getting and sawmills were initially established, by the late nineteenth century, the cleared became suitable for pastoral selection. This house forms part of the development of the area that eventually led to the productive dairy industry located in this part of the Bass Coast Shire.

Listings

References

Author	Title	Year	Shelf	Location
Department of Lands & Survey	Parish plan of Jumbunna, County of Mornington	1931		
Westwood, Phil (ed.)	Archie's Creek: Back to Archie's Creek - 1985	1985		

Conservation Plans

Owner Type

Section 32 Recommendation

Owners/Occupants/Managers

Other Notes

Application Detail

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

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Outbuildings/fences not exempt? No

Aboriginal Heritage Place? No