

# **Rural City of Wangaratta Heritage Study**

## **Volume 1**

### **Part E**

## **Heritage Precincts**







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# PRECINCT: the 1944 Housing Commission Project, Vincent Rd & Smith Crescent, Wangaratta

034

Study Item Number

**Heritage Level (and Precinct if any):** **Signif. Code: L+**

**Local (+ possibly State) heritage significance**

Heritage Precinct.

**Other Names or Uses:**

**Address:** Vincent Road & Smith Crescent  
WANGARATTA

**Location Notes:** Conservation area including all the houses in Smith Crescent and 1944 Commission houses on the south side of Vincent Road

**Topo Map:** 8125-2-4 BONTHARAMBO 1:25,000

**AMG Easting:**

**AMG Northing**

**CFA Map:**

**VicRoads Map:** 313

**CFA Site:**

**VicRoads Ref:** 7L & 8L

**Inspected By:** CD & MD

**When:** April 2000

**How:** Inspected from Road (fairly close)

**More Photos ?** yes - see jpg files & research notes



( 034-c44-14a.bmp ) Typical single cottage and duplex facing Vincent Road.

**When Built:** 1944 to 1945

**StyleType:** Mid-Twentieth Century (1940-60) Austerity

**Designer:** Buchan, Laird & Buchan, Geelong

**Builder:** Coe or Murphy

**Description:** A group of 60 cottages of varying designs, but consistent styles in brick veneer or timber clad. Some have terra cotta tile roofs, some have corrugated asbestos cement roofing, which may have been the original cladding for most of the houses. 26 houses were built in Group 1 in 1944 - nos. 7 - 31 on the south side of Vincent Rd, & nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 30, 32, 34, 36, 53, 55, & 57 in Smith Cr, comprising 21 brick veneer and 5 weatherboard clad. Groups 2 and 3, comprising the rest of Smith Cr, were completed in 1945. The architects, Buchan Laird and Buchan, produced about 9 different designs for the first 60 houses, some being mirror images of another plan.

**Current Use:** privately owned or rented dwellings

**Condition:** Generally good. Most of the houses have stood the test of time and have been minimally altered.

**History Notes:** The first public housing by the Housing Commission in Victoria was built in Melbourne in 1938. Public housing construction eased off during the war years, but by the closing years of the War, construction picked up again. Wangaratta was one of the earlier country towns to get public housing, and its first 26 Commission houses were built in the new Yarrunga Estate in 1944, in time for the first of thousands of servicemen who would be returning from the war and starting families, and in time for the expected boom in industry in Wangaratta. The builders used an imported (from outside Wangaratta) construction team housed in long, multiple roomed pre-fab huts, of a type later extensively used in remote civil works. One of these huts survives (2002) on a site in Murdoch Road. Buchan Laird and Buchan, the architects of the first 60 houses to be built, also produced a range of designs for farm houses for Soldier Settlers, several of which have been identified in this Heritage Study. Most early Wangaratta Commission houses have long been converted to private ownership. In 1952 the tenant of a house in Smith Cr applied to build a timber garage. In 1957 the then private owner of a house in Smith Cr applied to add a skillion extension on the back of his house.

**References:** Local residents. Architectural site layout drawings. Housing Commission drawings. Building applications 154/52 and 166/57.

**External Australian HC:** ---

**Heritage Victorian HR:** ---

**Listings: National Trust :** ---

**Typological Group:** Residential buildings (private)

**Category:** Public housing

**Historic Themes:** 4. Building Settlements and Towns

**Sub-Themes:** 4.8.2 Houses:- Workers' Housing and Housing Estates

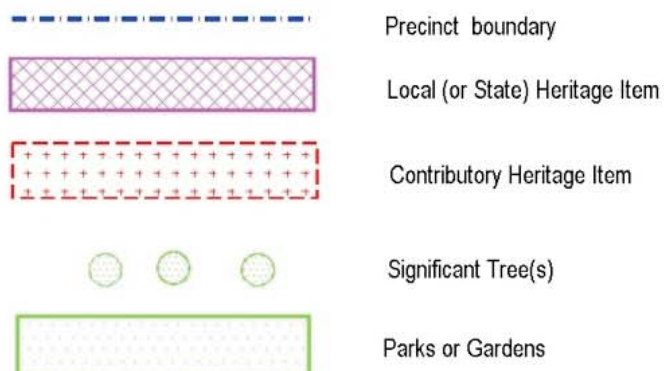
**Notes on Significance:** ARCHITECTURAL: Well thought out series of plan layouts, producing an interesting and varied streetscape of very well-built small houses. The well-known (& still existing) architectural firm of Buchan Laird and Buchan, were in the forefront of design for mass produced housing in the 1940s. Their quite individual, economical and mostly attractive designs, for the Housing and Soldier Settlement Commissions, can still be found throughout the State. The subject houses in Wangaratta are thought to be one of their earliest ventures of the type. HISTORICAL/SOCIAL: One of the earlier examples of Government built and owned mass public housing outside Melbourne. The start of a very large Housing Commission development forming a significant proportion of Wangaratta's housing stock, and satisfying needs of a growing industrial workforce and the pent-up demand from wartime restrictions.



# PRECINCT No. 034



## THE 1944 HOUSING COMMISSION PROJECT





# PRECINCT: Bruck Mills & Associated Buildings & Items, Sisely Ave & Bruck Crt, Wangaratta

247

Study Item Number

Heritage Level (and Precinct if any): Signif. Code: **P**

## Heritage Precinct

Heritage Precinct.

## Other Names or Uses:

Bruck Fabrics. Wangaratta Aluminium Factory

Address: Sisely Avenue & Bruck Court

WANGARATTA 3677

Location Conservation area bounded by Sisely Avenue,  
Notes: Alumatta St/Frank Hayes Drive, Gibson St & Kerr  
St. and including Bruck Court.

Topo Map: 8125-2-4 BONTHARAMBO 1:25,000

AMG Easting:

AMG Northing

CFA Map:

VicRoads Map: 312

CFA Site:

VicRoads Ref: 6G & 6H

Inspected By: CD & MD

When: Various

How: Inspected Exterior and some or all of the Interior

More Photos? yes - see jpg files and/or research notes



( 247-c19-09a.bmp ) The second Bruck boiler house, which generated steam for use within the textile mill.

When Built: 1943 & later

StyleType: various

Designer:

Builder:

Description: Listing includes : Buildings, structures and artefacts on the Bruck Mills site, as listed in item 247a; Gardens & Lamp Posts; Bruck House; and company housing in Bruck Court and in Sisely Avenue east of the Mill boundary.

Current Use:

Condition: variable

History Notes: When WW2 started, it became obvious that Australia would have to make large quantities of aluminium for fabricating, & do it well away from Sydney. Wangaratta was the chosen site. An area of land (about 100 acres) south of Sisely Ave was resumed under the Land Acquisition Act on 13 May 1943. Building started even before that but at War's end, only the furnaces were operating to remelt scrap. The whole site was put up for disposal. The plant went to India, and the buildings were leased to the Bruck Silk Mills, of Cowansville, Canada on 1 Jan 1947. The Bruck Mills were the largest employer in Wangaratta (over 1000 people in earlier years & still about 500), they built houses for employees, lent money to Council for the Water Works, sponsored sporting bodies, lent Bruck House (item 247b) for the use of visiting dignitaries. Brucks acquired the factory land from the Government in May 1958.

References: (1) D.M. Whittaker, Wangaratta, pub. Wangaratta Council, 1963; (2) The Chronicle, letters, 1 Oct 1999; (3) Supplement to the Chronicle 31 Jan 2000; (4) WHS notes: J.K. Jensen, Aluminium Fabrication Plant, Wangaratta, 17/12/1962; (5) Various site plans from Bruck Mills; (6) Statement of Evidence for Panel Hearing, October 2003; (7) The Oxford Companion to Australian Gardens re John Stevens; (8) Various websites, the National Library and the State Library of Victoria re Wolfgang Sievers

External Australian HC:

Heritage

Victorian HR:

Listings:

National Trust :

Typological Group: Manufacturing and Processing

Category: Textile Mill

Historic Themes: 2. Local & Regional Economies

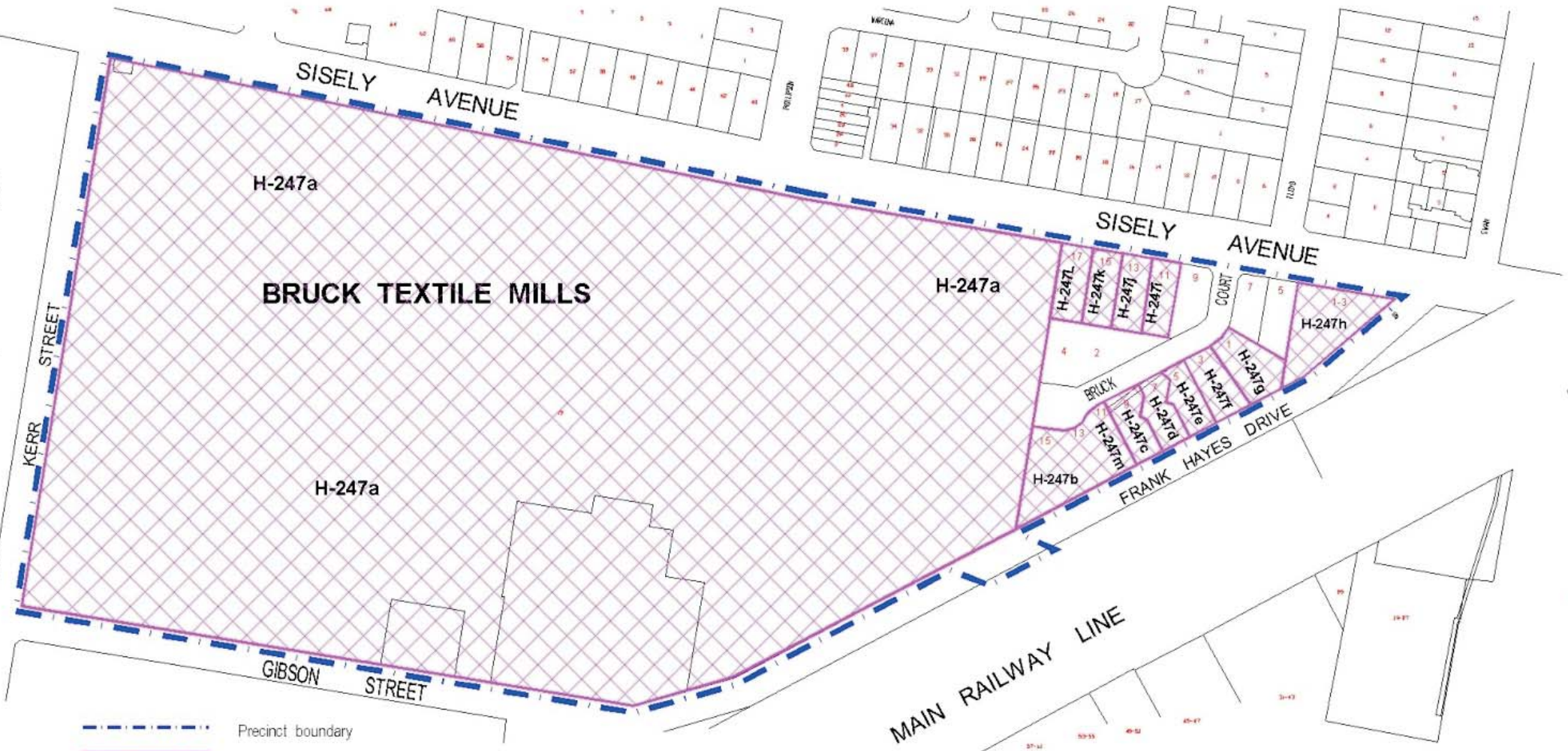
Sub-Themes: 2.2.4 Developing a Manufacturing Capacity:- Yarn and Textile Mills

2.2.3 Developing a Manufacturing Capacity:- Aluminium

Notes on Significance: Bruck Textile Mills Precinct is significant as the site of an ambitious attempt to boost Australia's industrial capabilities during WW2, an attempt abandoned due to cessation of hostilities, but which led to the establishment of Wangaratta's largest industrial enterprise soon after the War. It is also significant for its associated cluster of company-built employee housing close to the mill, and the company sportsgrounds. In the 19th Century, there were some famous factories which had whole villages devoted to the welfare of employees (Port Sunlight near Liverpool & the Quaker Cadburys' Garden Village at Bournville come to mind). Such concern for the outside lives of employees was extremely rare in Australia in the 20th Century, and in most cases, both the estates and the companies concerned have been dissipated or dissolved. The Bruck company enterprises were of course on a miniature scale compared to Sunlight et al, but the intention was evident, and both the company and the infrastructure still exist (in 2003).



# PRECINCT No. 247



- Precinct boundary
- Local (or State) Heritage Item
- Contributory Heritage Item (none here)



<b>H-Study Item No.</b>	<b>Signif. Code</b>	<b>Item Name</b>
247a	L	Bruck Textiles Pty. Ltd., 19 - 81 Sisely Avenue, Wangaratta
247b	L+	Bruck House, 11 to 15 Bruck Court, Wangaratta
247c	L+	House, 9 Bruck Court, Wangaratta
247d	L+	House, 7 Bruck Court, Wangaratta
247e	L+	House, 5 Bruck Court, Wangaratta
247f	L	House, 3 Bruck Court, Wangaratta
247g	L	House, 1 Bruck Court, Wangaratta
247h	L	Bruck Social Club, 1 to 3 Sisely Avenue, Wangaratta
247i	L	House, 11 Sisely Avenue, Wangaratta
247j	L	House, 13 Sisely Avenue, Wangaratta
247k	L	House, 15 Sisely Avenue, Wangaratta
247l	L	House, 17 Sisely Avenue, Wangaratta
247m	L+	11 Bruck Court, Wangaratta (Part of the Bruck House site)







# PRECINCT: the Beersheba Barracks, 83 Sisely Avenue, Wangaratta

248

Study Item Number

Heritage Level (and Precinct if any): **Signif. Code: L+**

**Local (+ possibly State) heritage significance**  
Heritage Precinct.

**Other Names or Uses:**

4th /19th Prince of Wales' Light Horse Depot

**Address:** 83-85 Sisely Avenue  
WANGARATTA 3677

**Location Notes:** Conservation area comprising the whole Army Depot, bounded by Osboldstone Rd, Sisely Ave & Kerr Street. The Entrance is on the west side of Kerr Street, close to Sisely Avenue

**Topo Map:** 8125-2-4 BONTTHARAMBO 1:25,000

**AMG Easting:** **AMG Northing**

**CFA Map:** **VicRoads Map:** 312

**CFA Site:** **VicRoads Ref:** 6G

**Inspected By:** CD **When:** Dec.1999

**How:** Close look at Exterior

**More Photos ?** yes - see research notes



( 248-c19-23a+26a.bmp ) Top: 3 of the smaller Nissen style huts used as dormitories. Bottom: The 2 large Nissen style huts used for soldiers' amenities.

**When Built:** 1940s

**StyleType:** Mid-Twentieth Century (1940-60) Government/Public Works

**Designer:**

**Builder:**

**Description:** A collection of 16 standard size Nissen/Quonset style huts, 2 large size Nissen/Quonset style huts, several A.C. sheet clad, gable roofed, traditional style small barracks buildings (typical WW2 "temporary" barracks accommodation, to be found on old military depots all around Australia). There are also several more recent buildings (ablution block, garage etc.) with single pitch roofs, and vast expanses of concrete with a paucity of greenery.

**Current Use:** said to be disused since Dec.1999, but possibly to re-open as an army depot.

**Condition:** good

**History Notes:** Wangaratta's association with housing army units started in WW1. The Chronicle Supplement of 31 Jan 2000 has a photo of men of the "3rd platoon at Wangaratta Training Centre in April 1918". There is no indication as to where this was located. In WW2 the Showgrounds was taken over as a military camp. A large area of land (about 60 acres) south of Sisely Avenue was resumed by the Commonwealth Government under the Land Acquisition Act on 13 May 1943. Most of this land was used for the proposed aluminium factory (now Bruck Mills, item 247), but it appears that a left-over corner was allocated to the Army, and became the present Depot, whether during or after the War is not clear. The Nissen style huts and the traditional gable roofed barracks buildings would have been moved to the site from elsewhere. In 1999 there was much discussion in the local papers about the imminent closure and sale of the Depot, but this seems to have passed and the Depot is still (April 2002) owned by the Army.

**References:** Parish Maps. Cuttings from The Chronicle, 1 Oct 1999, 26 Nov 1999, 8 Mar 2000, 14 Jul 2000. Supplement to the Chronicle 31 Jan 2000.

**External Heritage Listings:** **Australian HC:**

**Victorian HR:**

**National Trust :**

**Typological Group:** Military

**Category:** Barracks & housing

**Historic Themes:** 8. Developing Cultural Life

**Sub-Themes:** 8.5.3 Rallying Together:- Volunteer Defence

4. Building Settlements and Towns

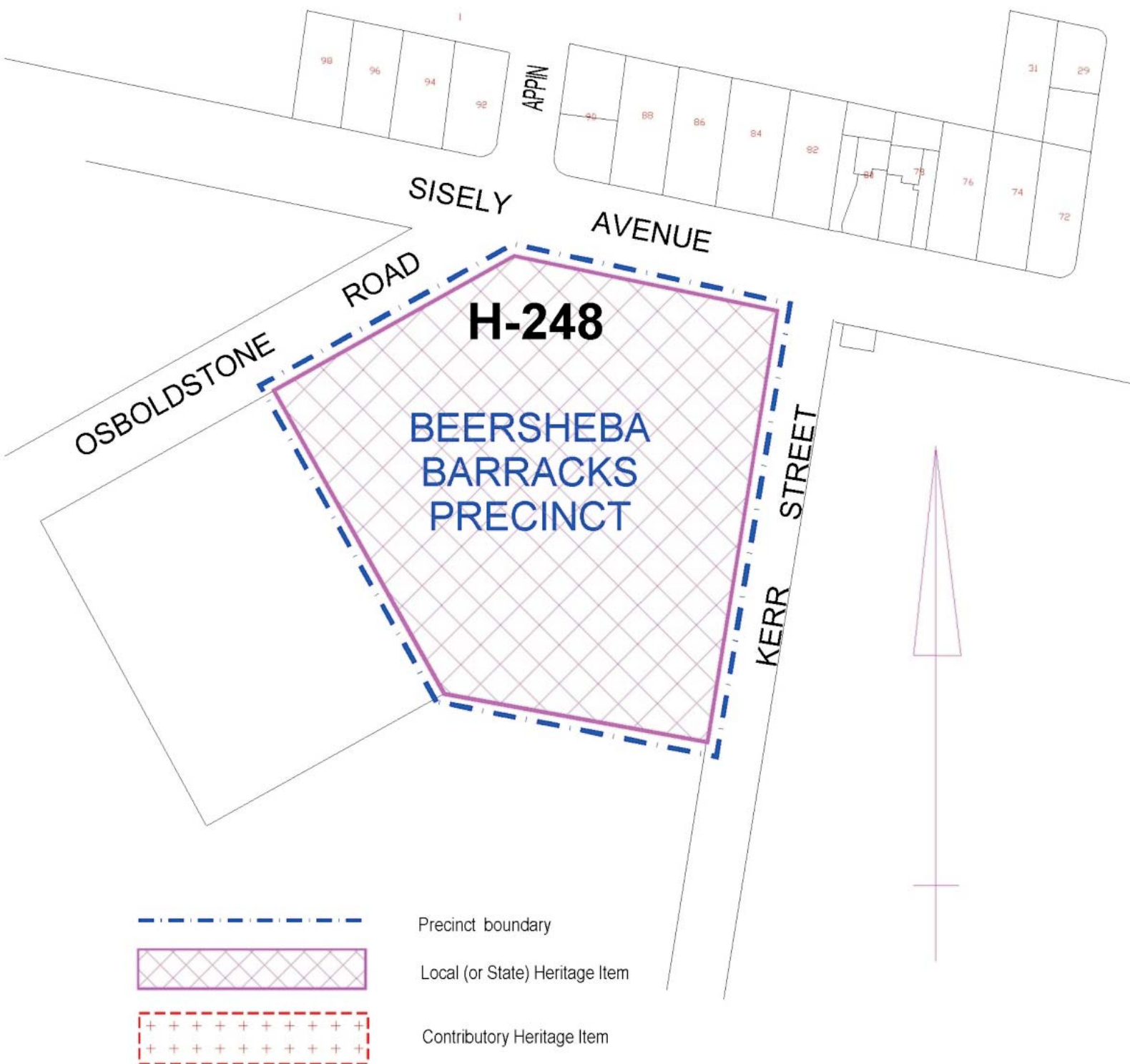
4.8.1 Houses & Other Buildings

**Notes on Significance:** This small Depot contains a number of buildings of types which were common all around Australia in military barracks and depots during WW2. The Nissen type huts (and even the gable roofed huts) have become quite rare, and it is unusual to find such a representative and well cared for group of buildings in a place, not necessarily open to the public to enter, but highly accessible for viewing. The Depot site does not have a long history as an Army Depot, but it is probably the only place in town which is representative of the Army's long association with the town.



BEERSHEBA BARRACKS

PRECINCT No. 248





# PRECINCT: Wangaratta Racecourse

249

Study Item Number

Heritage Level (and Precinct if any): Signif. Code: **P**

## Heritage Precinct

Heritage Precinct.

Other Names or Uses:

Address: Racecourse Road  
WANGARATTA 3677

Location Notes: Conservation area north of Racecourse Road, extending from Three Mile Creek in the West to Osboldstone Road in the east (exact area to be defined).

Topo Map: 8125-2-4 BONTHARAMBO 1:25,000

AMG Easting: AMG Northing

CFA Map: VicRoads Map: 312

CFA Site: VicRoads Ref: 6E

Inspected By: CD When: Dec.1999

How: Close look at Exterior

More Photos? yes - see research notes



( 249-c19-33a.bmp ) Detail of the grandstand.

When Built: 1907 & later StyleType:

Designer: Grandstand - Mr Tuxem, of Melbourne

Builder:

Description: The listing includes the rows of covered horse stalls, an old timber-railed walking ring, a recent portal-framed open-sided pavilion, the 1907 grandstand, and the racetrack itself. It does not include the obtrusive judges box built on the roof of the grandstand. The grandstand is built with attractive apricot coloured bricks, a hipped, green painted c.g.i. roof, pressed metal ram's horn finials, fluted cast iron columns, and geometrically patterned cast iron lace in frieze, brackets and balustrade. The balustrade has the letters WTC (Wangaratta Turf Club) cast as the centrepiece to each panel. There is a large set of racing/training stables on the other side of Purbrick Street from the race track.

Current Use: Flat racing course operated by Wangaratta Race Course

Condition: The major structures appear to be in excellent condition. The older horse stalls are showing their age.

History Notes: The first recorded horse race meeting in Wangaratta was held in about 1845. About 1856, a group of racing aficionados (squatters & townsmen) chose the present site on 3 Mile Creek for a racecourse. The 1st race meeting on this site was held in 1857. The organisers were presumably the men who clubbed together to buy the site. They formed the Wangaratta Jockey Club in 1859. It was amalgamated with the Turf Club (when formed ?) in 1904, and the larger organisation re-modelled the race track and built the present Grandstand.

References: D.M. Whittaker, Wangaratta, pub. Wangaratta Council, 1963.

External Australian HC:

Heritage Victorian HR:

Listings: National Trust :

Typological Group: Recreation and Entertainment

Category: Racecourse

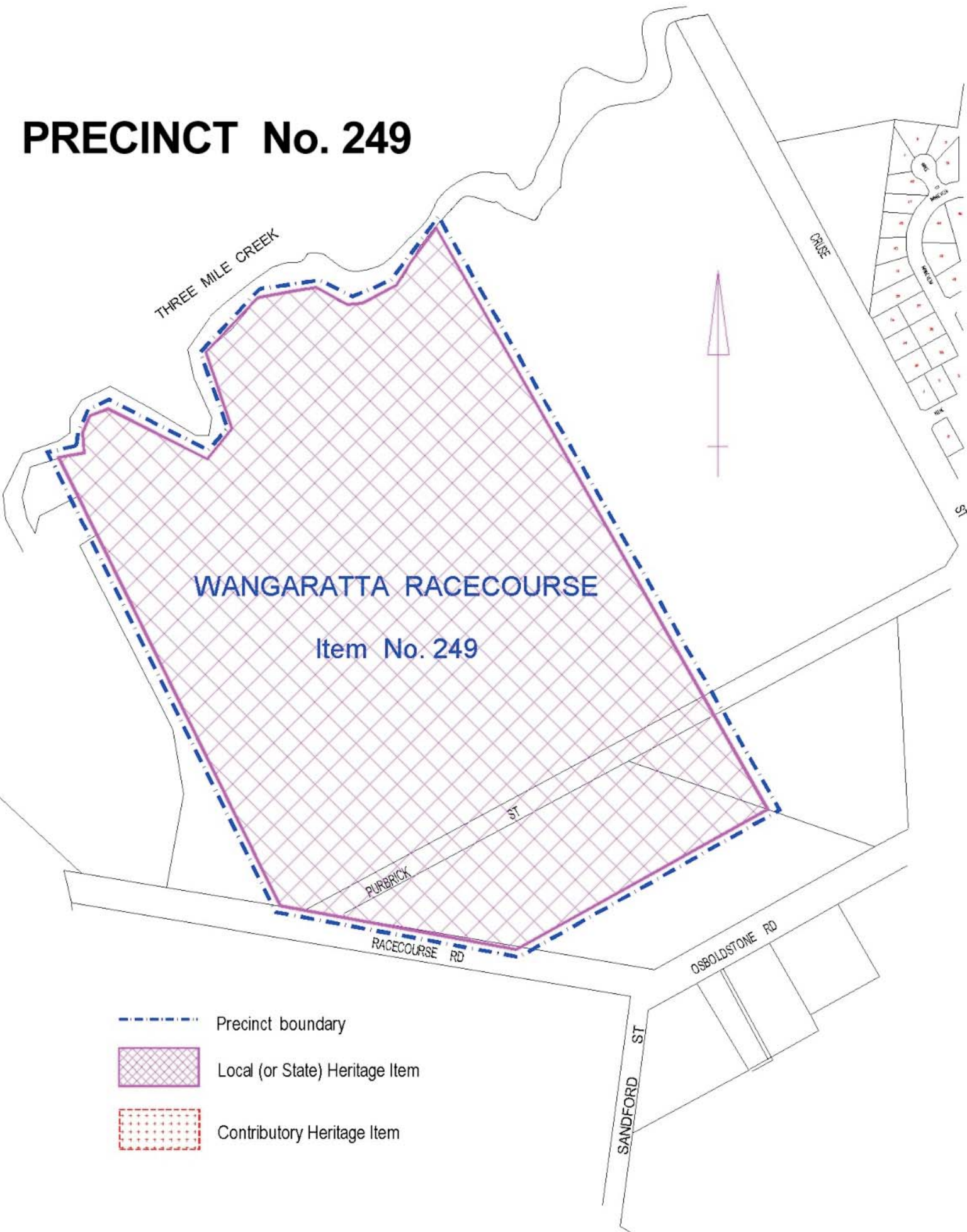
Historic Themes: 8. Developing Cultural Life

Sub-Themes: 8.2.1 Organising Recreation:- Sporting Life

Notes on Significance: The Wangaratta Race Course on 3 Mile Creek has played a significant role in Wangaratta's sporting life, crossing all social boundaries, for more than 140 years. The Grandstand and the racetrack, in particular, have symbolised the sport to Wangaratta for much of that time (95 years). The other items listed, although their age is not noted, are part of the normal operation of the race meetings and thus an evocative part of the ambience of the Racecourse. Although the stables across Purbrick Street are very recently built (2001 ?) they contribute positively to the heritage quality and racing/horsey atmosphere of the race course precinct. These stables and the open-sided pavilion illustrate the opportunities available for (and positive benefits of), incorporating compatibly designed modern structures into a heritage precinct



# PRECINCT No. 249





**Heritage Level (and Precinct if any):** Signif. Code: **P**

## Heritage Precinct

Heritage Precinct.

**Other Names or Uses:**

**Address:** Turner Street

WANGARATTA 3677

**Location** The length of Turner Street, from near Swan St

**Notes:** to One Mile Creek

**Topo Map:** 8125-2-4 BONTARAMBO 1:25,000

**AMG Easting:** 4380

**AMG Northing:** 59771

**CFA Map:** -

**VicRoads Map:** 312

**CFA Site:** -

**VicRoads Ref:** 3J

**Inspected By:** MD

**When:** May 2000

**How:** Inspected from Road (fairly close)

**More Photos ?** yes - see research notes



( 282-c55-34.bmp ) Looking down Turner Street from near the corner of Swan Street.

**When Built:** c1935 to 1954

**StyleType:** n/a

**Designer:**

**Builder:**

**Description:** This conservation area includes the cottages, on both sides of the street, with gardens and street trees. Local Heritage items & Contributory items are: on the north side of the street - Nos. 2, 4, 6, 8, 12, 14, 16, 18 & 20 ; on the south side of the street - Nos. 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, & 13.

**Current Use:** various private houses

**Condition:** Mostly good.

**History Notes:** Turner Street was one of the earlier subdivisions in the West End of Wangaratta - that is, a subdivision west of the former Borough boundary at Swan Street.

**References:** Various

**External** *Australian HC:*

**Heritage** *Victorian HR:*

**Listings:** *National Trust :*

**Typological Group:** Residential buildings (private)

**Category:** House

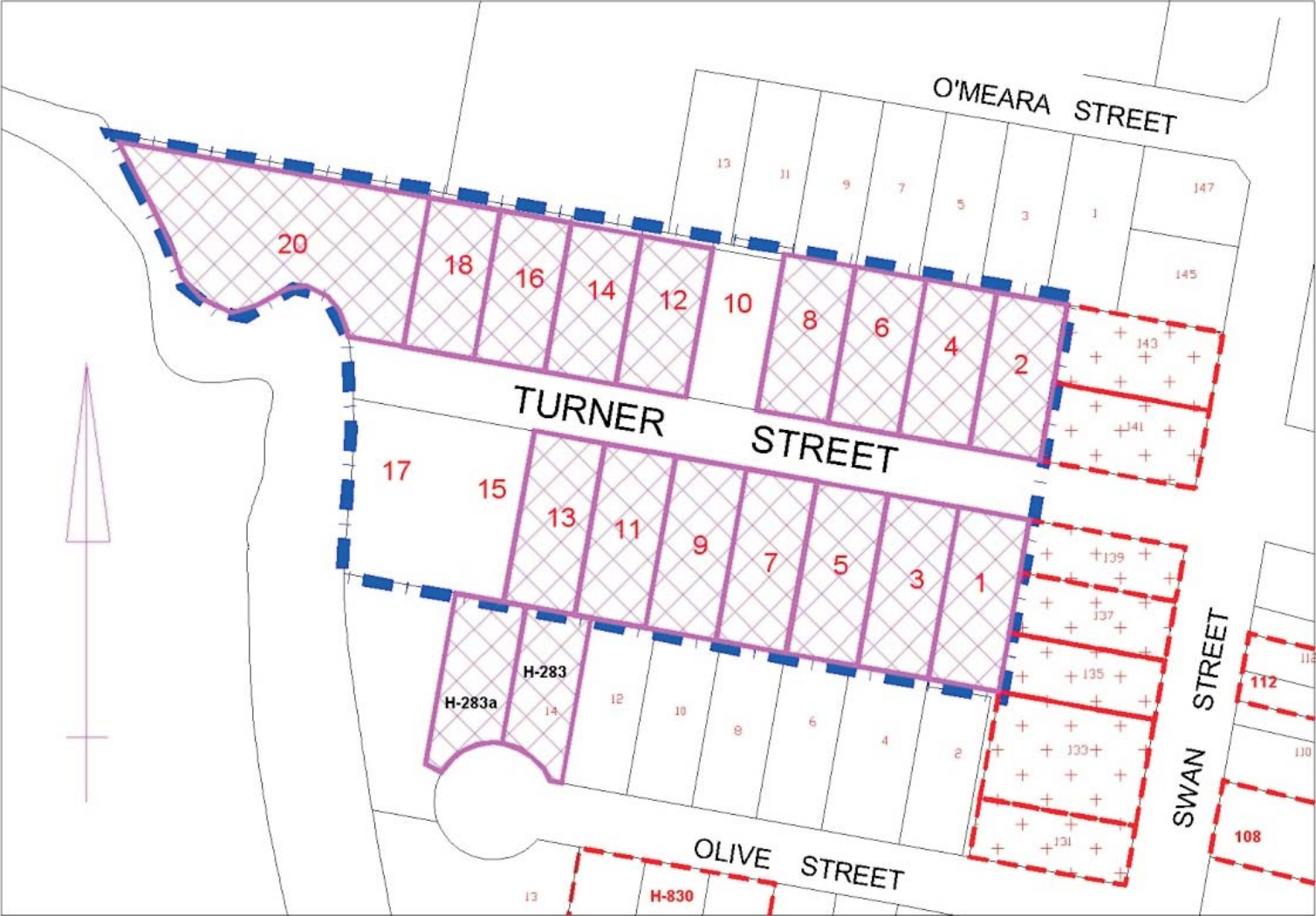
**Historic Themes:** 4. Building Settlements and Towns

**Sub-Themes:** 4.8.1 Houses:- Houses in the District

**Notes on Significance:** The subject houses (or cottages) range in time of building from around 1935 to about 1955, a period of twenty years throughout which the floor plans and structure of such small houses changed very little, the way of life of the occupants changed even less, and only the outward appearance of the houses changed - from the off-the-shelf decorative appurtenances of the vernacular bungalow of the 1930s at the east end of the street, to the functionalism and absence of decoration in the Austerity bungalows of the 1940s and 1950s at the west end. The street is a microcosm of working class housing developments in a country town from 1935 to 1955.



# TURNER STREET PRECINCT - Item No.282



Precinct boundary



Local (or State) Heritage Item



Contributory Heritage Item



<b>H-Study Item No.</b>	<b>Signif. Code</b>	<b>Item Name</b>
282a	L	1 Turner Street, Wangaratta (Turner Street Precinct)
282b	L	2 Turner Street, Wangaratta (Turner Street Precinct)
282c	L	3 Turner Street, Wangaratta (Turner Street Precinct)
282d	L	4 Turner Street, Wangaratta (Turner Street Precinct)
282e	L	5 Turner Street, Wangaratta (Turner Street Precinct)
282f	L	6 Turner Street, Wangaratta (Turner Street Precinct)
282g	L	7 Turner Street, Wangaratta (Turner Street Precinct)
282h	L	8 Turner Street, Wangaratta (Turner Street Precinct)
282i	L	9 Turner Street, Wangaratta (Turner Street Precinct)
282j	L	11 Turner Street, Wangaratta (Turner Street Precinct)
282k	L	12 Turner Street, Wangaratta (Turner Street Precinct)
282l	L	13 Turner Street, Wangaratta (Turner Street Precinct)
282m	L	14 Turner Street, Wangaratta (Turner Street Precinct)
282n	L	16 Turner Street, Wangaratta (Turner Street Precinct)
282o	L	18 Turner Street, Wangaratta (Turner Street Precinct)
282p	L	20 Turner Street, Wangaratta (Turner Street Precinct)







# PRECINCT: Street Trees, Ryan Avenue, Wangaratta

467

Study Item Number

Heritage Level (and Precinct if any): Signif. Code: **P**

## Heritage Precinct

Heritage Precinct.

Other Names or Uses:

Address: Ryan Avenue  
WANGARATTA 3677

Location Conservation area bounded by One Mile Creek  
Notes: and the north side of Ryan Avenue.

Topo Map: 8125-2-4 BONTHARAMBO 1:25,000

AMG Easting: 4387 AMG Northing 59754

CFA Map: - VicRoads Map: 312/313

CFA Site: - VicRoads Ref: 6K, 7K, 7L

Inspected By: MD When: May 2000

How: Inspected from Road (fairly close)

More Photos? yes - see research notes



( 467-c53-34a.bmp ) North-western end of Ryan Avenue, viewed looking south-eastwards. The street trees, parkland and One Mile Creek are to the left.

When Built: 1940s? StyleType: n/a

Designer:

Builder:

Description: Spotted gums (Eucalyptus maculata). A row of trees planted at intervals all along the creek side of Ryan Avenue on the edge of (mostly) parkland.

Current Use: Street trees and public park.

Condition: Trees appear to be healthy.

History Notes: The trees are thought to have been planted in the late 1940s

References:

External Australian HC:

Heritage Victorian HR:

Listings: National Trust :

Typological Group: Parks, Gardens and Trees

Category: Tree group - Street Trees

Historic Themes: 8. Developing Cultural Life

Sub-Themes: 8.1.3 Appreciating the Environment:- Special Trees and/or Street Trees

8.1.2 Appreciating the Environment:- Urban Parks and Gardens

Notes on Significance: These very beautiful trees (and the ones in Crisp St - item 627) are an unusual diversion from the characteristic exotics used as street trees in the older parts of Wangaratta township. They partly reflect the post-WW2 change to a fashion which favoured native trees for parks and gardens



# RYAN AVENUE PRECINCT - Item No. 467



----- Precinct boundary



Local (or State) Heritage Item



Contributory Heritage Item



Significant Tree(s)



Parks or Gardens





# PRECINCT: Galen College Area Trees & Gardens

900

Study Item Number

Heritage Level (and Precinct if any): Signif. Code: **P**

## Heritage Precinct

Heritage Precinct.

Other Names or Uses:

Address:

WANGARATTA 3677

Location Conservation area around Galen College

Notes: including College St, Phillipson St & Park Lane.

Topo Map: 8125-2-4 BONTHARAMBO 1:25,000

AMG Easting:

AMG Northing

CFA Map:

VicRoads Map:

CFA Site:

VicRoads Ref:

Inspected By: MD & CD When: Various

How: Inspected from Road (fairly close)

More Photos ?



( 278-c16-37 Park Lane garden.bmp ) The garden at 57 Park Lane, viewed from College Street

When Built:

StyleType:

Designer:

Builder:

Description: Rows and avenues of street trees, both exotics and natives, plus several fine gardens

Current Use:

Condition:

History Notes:

References:

External Australian HC:

Heritage Victorian HR:

Listings: National Trust :

Typological Group: Parks, Gardens and Trees

Category: Tree groups - street

Historic Themes: 8. Developing Cultural Life

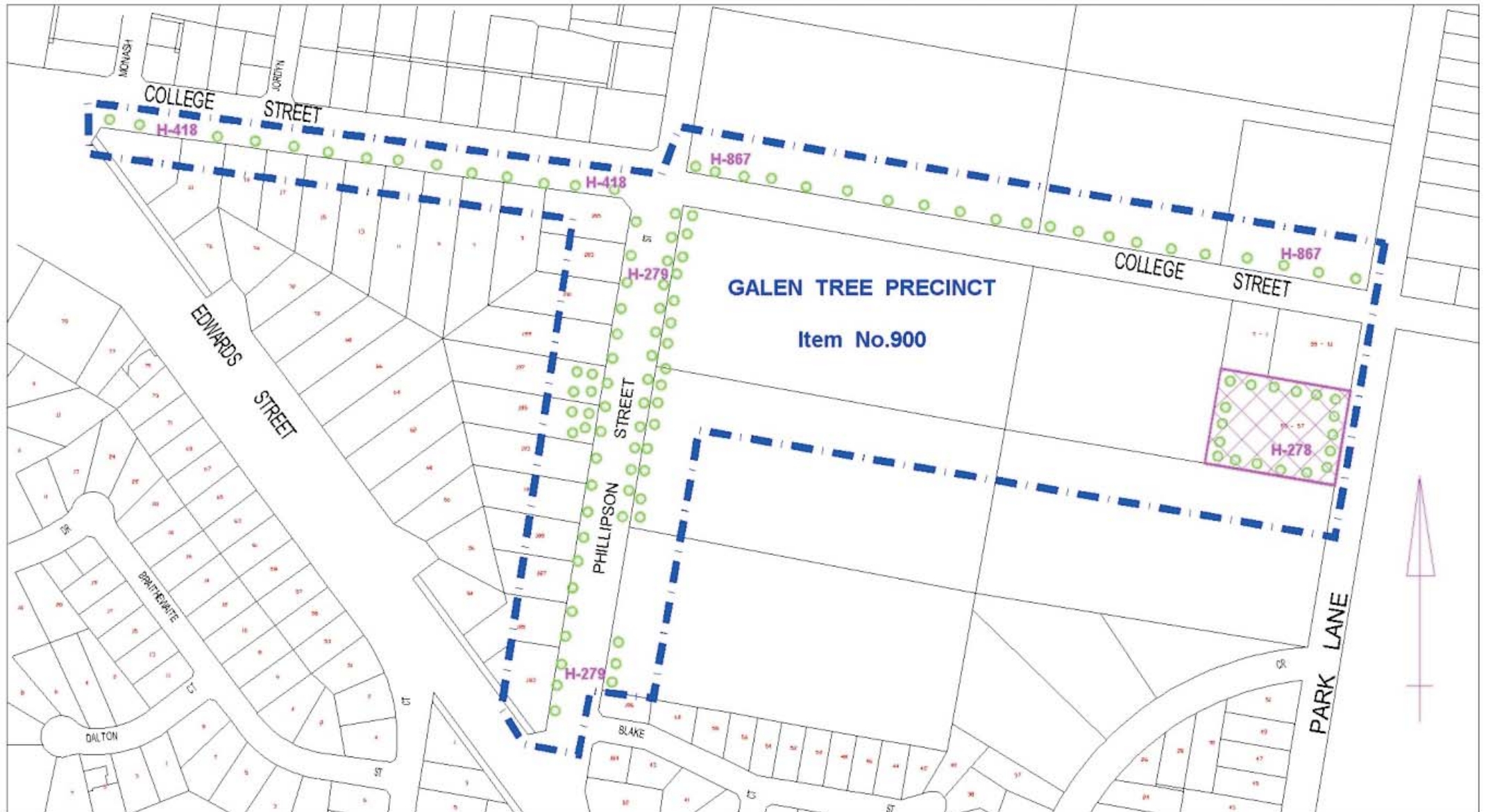
Sub-Themes: 8.1.3 Appreciating the Environment:- Special Trees and/or Street Trees

8.1.2 Appreciating the Environment:- Urban Parks and Gardens

**Notes on Significance:** This Precinct is notable for a variety of outstanding street tree plantings and complementary suburban front gardens, particularly some of those in Phillipson Street opposite Galen College. Although of relatively recent development, at least 50 years later than some of the inner suburban street plantings, these plantings rival the older ones in amenity. The significant modern planting of exotic trees in Phillipson Street and in Galen College grounds (item 279) will in time will rival the older inner city street plantings in size. At present they provide grateful shade in the summer, a tracery pattern against the landscape in winter, and a burst of fresh life in spring. The native trees in College Street (items 418 & 867) are an unusual diversion from the characteristic exotics used as street trees in the older suburbs of Wangaratta. The paperbarks are a spectacular sight when in flower, and it is unfortunate they have not been able to reach their natural full height. The large garden in Park Lane (item 278) is quite outstanding, probably one of the best in Wangaratta and is historically significant. The site is one of the earlier subdivisions in Wangaratta. The family which first lived on the site and established the original garden plantings was important in the industrial development of Wangaratta.



# GALEN TREE PRECINCT - Item No. 900



Local (or State) Heritage Item



Contributory Heritage Item



Precinct boundary



Significant Tree(s)



Parks or Gardens



<b>H-Study Item No.</b>	<b>Signif. Code</b>	<b>Item Name</b>
278	L	House & Garden, 53 to 57 Park Lane, Wangaratta
279	T	Avenue of Oak, Ash & Elm Trees, Phillipson Street, Wangaratta
418	T	Row of Paperbark Trees, College St, between Monash Drive & Phillipson St, Wangaratta
867	T	Row of Trees, north side of College Street, between Phillipson & Park Streets, Wangaratta







# PRECINCT: Wangaratta Show Grounds

901

Study Item Number

Heritage Level (and Precinct if any): Signif. Code: **P**

## Heritage Precinct

Heritage Precinct.

### Other Names or Uses:

The precinct includes various items within the Show Grounds & trees in Golf Links lane

Address: Evans St & Golf Links Lane

WANGARATTA 3677

Location The area north of Evans Street and along golf

Notes: Links lane

Topo Map: 8125-2-4 BONTARAMBO 1:25,000

AMG Easting:

AMG Northing

CFA Map: Wangaratta

VicRoads Map: 312

CFA Site: 15

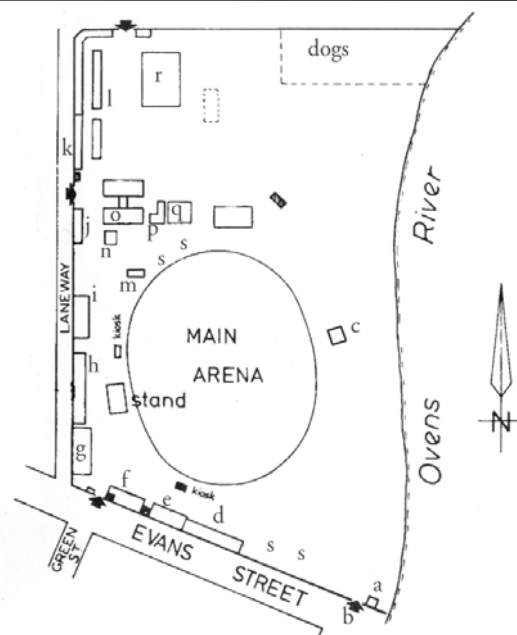
VicRoads Ref: 3K & 3L

Inspected By: CD & MD

When: Nov. 1999

How: Close look at Exterior

More Photos ?



( 284-siteplan.bmp ) Site plan of the Showgrounds. Letters "a" to "s" show approximate locations of each listed item. The Cedar trees are in the lane west of the Showgrounds.

When Built:

StyleType:

Designer:

Builder:

**Description:** The Precinct includes the Show Grounds (Items 284 & 284a-s), plus a row of trees (Item 285) in Golf Links Lane. It covers an area of around 10 acres, bounded by the Ovens River on the east, Evans St to the south & Golf Links Lane to the west. It includes 19 heritage items, numbered 284a to 284s plus a row of Atlantic Cedars (item 285) in Golf Links Lane. The Show Ring, or Main Arena (aka the football field) is within the curtilage, although it is not separately listed.

**Current Use:** Showgrounds and football field and adjoining laneway

**Condition:** Various

**History Notes:** The Ovens and Murray Agricultural and Horticultural (later Pastoral) Society was founded in 1859. It was soon granted 10 acres of land on the Ovens River. The first show was held in 1860. The earliest building to survive until recently was the Secretary's office, unfortunately demolished in the 1970s. Another early building (item 284p), once also used as offices, probably dates from the 1870s and has survived until now (2002). The charming old horse loose-boxes, on the west boundary under the cedar trees, are nearly 100 years old. In 1940 the Defence Department took over the Showgrounds for military purposes. It was returned to the Society in 1945. A new grandstand was opened in 1959, and the original c1870s grandstand, where the Football Clubrooms now stand, was demolished in 1973. An interesting sidelight on the construction of new offices under the second grandstand in 1989 was that the building work was done by a Women-in-Trades class from Wangaratta TAFE. The Showground is the home ground of the Wangaratta Magpies Australian Football Club. It is used for cricket matches and State teams have played on it and once a touring English team. The Wangaratta Athletic Club hosts an athletic carnival on the grounds each year in January. It is thought that the row of Atlantic Cedar trees were planted to provide shade for the stables and other animal pavilions inside the Showgrounds.

### References:

External *Australian HC:*

Heritage *Victorian HR:*

Listings: *National Trust :*

**Typological Group:** Community Facilities

**Category:** Showground

**Historic Themes:** 2. Local & Regional Economies

**Sub-Themes:** 2.1.9 Developing Primary Production:- Agricultural and Pastoral Shows and Associations

8. Developing Cultural Life

8.1.3 Appreciating the Environment:- Special Trees and/or Street Trees

**Notes on Significance:** The Wangaratta Showgrounds have been an important community centre for more than 140 years. The Agricultural Shows, held in almost every year since 1860, have been instrumental in bringing town and country together, introducing townspeople to agricultural pursuits which have been the backbone of the town's economy, and bringing country people from far and wide into town, to meet together in competition and show off their accomplishments to their urban neighbours. The Showgrounds have also been the centre of many sporting activities - cricket for a very long time, but football and athletics have been equally important more recently. The Showgrounds were home to the North-East raised 2/24 Infantry Battalion during World War 2, and so contributed substantially to the war effort. The row of magnificent Atlantic Cedar trees in Golf Links Lane are undoubtedly a landmark for the Showgrounds and were probably originally planted to provide shade for pavilions inside the Showgrounds.



# PRECINCT No. 901

## WANGARATTA SHOWGROUNDS PRECINCT

Item No. 901

Includes  
Trees  
Item No. 285

### Wangaratta Showgrounds Item No. 284

Individual sub-Items No. 284a to 284s  
have not been plotted.  
(See site plan with Item No. 284 inventory sheet.)

OVENS RIVER

DIXON ST

GREEN ST

EVANS STREET

GREY ST



Local (or State) Heritage Item



Contributory Heritage Item



Precinct boundary



Significant Tree(s)



<b>H-Study Item No.</b>	<b>Signif. Code</b>	<b>Item Name</b>
284	L	Wangaratta Show Grounds Conservation Area, Evans Street, Wangaratta
284a	L	Cloak Rooms & Ticket Office - Wangaratta Show Grounds, Evans Street, Wangaratta
284b	L	Main Gates - Wangaratta Show Grounds, Evans Street, Wangaratta
284c	L	Scoreboard Pavilion - Wangaratta Show Grounds, Evans Street, Wangaratta
284d	L	Women's Arts & Crafts Pavilion - Wangaratta Show Grounds, Evans Street, Wangaratta
284e	L	WDCA, Junior Cricket Centre - Wangaratta Show Grounds, Evans Street, Wangaratta
284f	L	Wangaratta Umpires Board Offices - Wangaratta Show Grounds, Evans Street, Wangaratta
284g	C	Industrial Pavilion - Wangaratta Show Grounds, Evans Street, Wangaratta
284h	L	Bird Pavilion - Wangaratta Show Grounds, Evans Street, Wangaratta
284i	C	J.A. McLaughlin Pavilion - Wangaratta Show Grounds, Evans Street, Wangaratta
284j	L	Scarecrow Pavilion - Wangaratta Show Grounds, Evans Street, Wangaratta
284k	L	1905 Horse Boxes - Wangaratta Show Grounds, Evans Street, Wangaratta
284l	L	Horse Superintendent Office & Horse Stalls - Wangaratta Show Grounds, Evans Street, Wangaratta
284m	L	Former Fire Truck Garage & Water Column - Wangaratta Show Grounds, Evans Street, Wangaratta
284n	L	"New" Publican's Booth - Wangaratta Show Grounds, Evans Street, Wangaratta
284o	L	Sheep Pavilion - Wangaratta Show Grounds, Evans Street, Wangaratta
284p	L	Former Agricultural Society Offices - Wangaratta Show Grounds, Evans Street, Wangaratta
284q	L	Poultry Pavilion - Wangaratta Show Grounds, Evans Street, Wangaratta
284r	C	Edgar Ellis Cattle Pavilion - Wangaratta Show Grounds, Evans Street, Wangaratta
284s	T	Four Peppercorn Trees ( <i>Schinus molle</i> ) - Wangaratta Show Grounds, Evans Street, Wangaratta
285	T	Row of Cedar Trees ( <i>Cedrus atlantica</i> ), Golf Links Lane, Wangaratta







# PRECINCT: Templeton & Rowan Streets West

903

Study Item Number

Heritage Level (and Precinct if any): Signif. Code: **P**

## Heritage Precinct

Heritage Precinct.

Other Names or Uses:

Address:

WANGARATTA 3677

**Location Notes:** Conservation area extending west from the Railway line to Swan St, north to Evans Street and including part of Green Street south of Rowan Street

**Topo Map:** 8125-2-4 BONTHARAMBO 1:25,000

**AMG Easting:**

**AMG Northing**

**CFA Map:**

**VicRoads Map:** 312 & 313

**CFA Site:**

**VicRoads Ref:** 3-4/J-L

**Inspected By:** CD & MD

**When:** July 2001

**How:** Inspected from Road (fairly close)

More Photos ?



( 903-Precinct Map.bmp )

**When Built:**

**StyleType:**

**Designer:**

**Builder:**

**Description:** This precinct is the heart and core of suburban Wangaratta. It encompasses very early subdivisions, starting in 1848 between the Railway line and Grey St, then along the Ovens River in the 1850s and west towards Swan St from the 1860s to 1880s. The first block of land sold on 28 June 1849, on the corner of Grey & Rowan Sts, now holds the Royal Oak Store (item 014). The precinct has always been an area predominantly of middle to working class housing - of professional men, small-business men, shopkeepers, tradesmen, clerks, and labourers, with one or two exceptions. One large house, built on a large corner block c1910 (item 261) had a slice of its garden removed in a recent re-subdivision. Other gentleman's residences were probably spread over several allotments, however the 1871 subdivision of six blocks, bought by the Docker family (see items 263, 268 & 262) was the only such place clearly identified. Although the subdivisions started at the very beginning of Wangaratta, sadly, not a single dwelling from the 1850s could be found. It is evident that, perhaps with a few exceptions, all the earliest buildings have been demolished, or so built over as to be unrecognisable. Several buildings might pre-date 1880, eg., cottages in Grey St (items 286 & 286a), a small villa (item 289) & "Towera" (item 294). Later a building boom spread across the 30 years between 1880 & 1910, and seemed little affected by the 1890s Depression. Perhaps the agriculture based economy of Wangaratta had an immunity which the Melbourne suburbs lacked. WW1 had a greater effect on house building. There appears to have been little activity between 1915 and the late 1920s. Incongruously, the number of houses built increased again in the late 1920s and the 1930s, when the rest of the world was in the grip of the Great Depression.

**Current Use:**

**Condition:**

**History Notes:** See Description

**References:**

**External Australian HC:**

**Heritage Victorian HR:**

**Listings: National Trust :**

**Typological Group:**

**Category:**

**Historic Themes:** 4. Building Settlements and Towns

**Sub-Themes:** 4.8 Houses & other buildings

**Notes on Significance:** The precinct still largely reflects the two periods of busiest construction in Wangaratta (ie. c1880-1910 and 1920-1940). Buildings are mostly little altered (seen from the street), and there are relatively few recent intrusions in the coherent streetscapes. Streets have the characteristic layout of a 19th Century Victorian country town - wide enough for a bullock dray to turn and, thankfully, wide enough for the avenues of superb shade trees, which mostly, like the houses, still survive. The precinct reflects the egalitarian nature of a country town supported by an agricultural & pastoral economy. There are no narrow streets of narrow terraces, or tiny uniform cottages built for domestic servants, factory workers or coal miners (like Lithgow in NSW), nor boulevards with rows of mansions for the gentry. In Wangaratta, the gentry mostly lived on their rural properties, and the urban upper classes mixed it with their employees and servants, local tradesmen and labourers, often in adjoining houses. The historic, aesthetic (architectural) and social significance of the precinct is expressed in the broad streets and shady trees as well as in the eclectic mix of housing, of a wide range of sizes and in styles developing over time. The buildings contributing to this significance are shown on the urban precinct maps. Buildings which have some special significance, or are of a quality which makes them stand-out representatives of the significance of the precinct are listed separately as heritage items, and described in the heritage study inventory under individual item numbers.



# TEMPLETON & ROWAN STREETS WEST

PRECINCT No. 903





<b>H-Study Item No.</b>	<b>Signif. Code</b>	<b>Item Name</b>
014	L	Royal Oak Store, 64 Rowan Street, Wangaratta
260	C	House, 108 Rowan Street, Wangaratta
261	L	House, 113 Rowan Street, Wangaratta
262	L	House, 104 Rowan Street, Wangaratta
263	L	Victorian Villa, 109 Templeton Street, Wangaratta
264	L	House, 152 Templeton Street, Wangaratta
265	L	House, 119 Templeton Street, Wangaratta
266	C	House, 117 Templeton Street, Wangaratta
267	C	House, 115 Templeton Street, Wangaratta
268	L	House, 105 Templeton Street, Wangaratta
286	L	One of a Pair of Victorian Cottages, 37 Grey Street, Wangaratta
286a	L	One of a Pair of Victorian Cottages, 39 Grey Street, Wangaratta
287	L	"Raleigh", 23 Grey Street, Wangaratta
288	C	Cottage, 24 Grey Street, Wangaratta
289	L	Villa, 111 Rowan Street, Wangaratta
290	C	Victorian House, 75 Green Street, Wangaratta
290a	C	House, 77 Green Street, Wangaratta
291	L	One house of a Victorian Terrace, 66 Templeton Street, Wangaratta
291a	L	One house of a Victorian Terrace, 68 Templeton Street, Wangaratta
291b	L	One house of a Victorian Terrace, 70 Templeton Street, Wangaratta
292	C	"Kilnock", 63 Templeton Street, Wangaratta
293	L	"Eskdale", 73 Templeton Street, Wangaratta
294	L	"Towera", 92 Templeton Street, Wangaratta
295	L	House, 94 Templeton Street, Wangaratta
297	C	Victorian Cottage, 98 Templeton Street, Wangaratta
298	L	House, 114 Templeton Street, Wangaratta



<b>H-Study Item No.</b>	<b>Signif. Code</b>	<b>Item Name</b>
407	L	"St Marys", 55-59 Green Street, Wangaratta
408	L	Californian Bungalow, 103 Rowan Street, Wangaratta
409	L	"Westham" Federation Villa, 88 Rowan Street, Wangaratta
410	C	One of a Matching Pair of Federation Cottages, 94 Rowan Street, Wangaratta
410a	C	One of a Matching Pair of Federation Cottages, 96 Rowan Street, Wangaratta
411	L	"Carnacoo", 109 Rowan Street, Wangaratta
412	L	"Hilton Villa", 89 to 91 Rowan Street, Wangaratta
413	L	Victorian House, 78 Rowan Street, Wangaratta
414	C	One of a Pair of Matching Federation Cottages, 72 Rowan Street, Wangaratta
414a	C	One of a Pair of Matching Federation Cottages, 74 Rowan Street, Wangaratta
415	C	"Cooee", 81 Rowan Street, Wangaratta
416	L	Victorian House, 77 Rowan Street, Wangaratta
419	C	Victorian House, 54 Rowan Street, Wangaratta
420	C	"Nyora" Cottage, 60 Rowan Street, Wangaratta
422	L	Cottage, 82 Rowan Street, Wangaratta
423	C	House, 124 Templeton Street, Wangaratta
424	C	House, 76 Rowan Street, Wangaratta
428	C	House, 86 Templeton Street, Wangaratta
430	C	House, 111 Templeton Street, Wangaratta
431	C	House, 113 Templeton Street, Wangaratta
439	C	Bungalow, 62 Rowan Street, Wangaratta
858	L	House, 30 Grey Street, Wangaratta



# PRECINCT: Templeton Street East

904

Study Item Number

Heritage Level (and Precinct if any): Signif. Code: **P**

## Heritage Precinct

Heritage Precinct.

Other Names or Uses:

Address:

WANGARATTA 3677

**Location Notes:** Templeton Street from Ovens St to the Railway, & including some items on the north side of Rowan St East and small portions of Mackay and Baker Sts.

**Topo Map:** 8125-2-4 BONTTHARAMBO 1:25,000

**AMG Easting:** **AMG Northing**

**CFA Map:** **VicRoads Map:** 313

**CFA Site:** **VicRoads Ref:** 4-5 /L-M

**Inspected By:** CD & MD **When:** July 2001

**How:** Inspected from Road (fairly close)

More Photos ?



( 904-Precinct Map.bmp )

**When Built:**

**StyleType:**

**Designer:**

**Builder:**

**Description:** The precinct centred on Templeton St. east of the railway line encompasses the fringes of the original urban centre of Wangaratta, and the very earliest suburban housing subdivisions starting in 1848 & 1849 near Ovens and Baker Streets and progressing to the west along the Ovens River. Some of this land was developed, or settled, some years before the first formal subdivisions and government land sales, as for instance the site of the Sydney Hotel (item 230), first occupied in circa 1840, next to the first punt across the river (now the site of the Footbridge - item 229). Virtually none of the physical structure of the first developments survives in this precinct. The open ground of the 1850 Police Paddock and later stock saleyards survives in the King George Vth Gardens (item 221). The existing Uniting Church (item 365) is a reminder of the 1849 first land grant for a Church in Wangaratta. Parts of the Manse (item 367) next door to the church are probably the oldest domestic structure still existing in Wangaratta. All other very early buildings in the precinct were overtaken by expanding commercial development from the CBD, or the demolition necessitated by building the Railway and, recently, the Rowan Street underpass. Other inventoried items are a selection, mostly domestic, illustrative of some typical characteristics of the periods Late Victorian (item 378), Edwardian (items 379, 380, 382 & 379a) and Inter-War (items 384 & 388). □

**Current Use:**

**Condition:**

**History Notes:** See Description

**References:**

**External Australian HC:**

**Heritage Victorian HR:**

**Listings: National Trust :**

**Typological Group:**

**Category:**

**Historic Themes:** 4. Building Settlements and Towns

**Sub-Themes:** 4.8 Houses & other buildings

**Notes on Significance:** The historic, aesthetic (natural & architectural) and social significance of this precinct is expressed in the survival of evidence (or records) of the earliest public amenities (the earliest river crossing, public accommodation, the first church land, early industry, the police paddock - later saleyards) and the later still extant public amenities such as parks, gardens, street trees and a universal sewerage system contributing to public health advances. The domestic residences in the precinct are reminders of the time when this area was predominantly residential. □ The sites and buildings that contribute to this significance in some way are shown thus on the heritage overlay maps. Those buildings which have some special individual significance, or which are of a quality which makes them stand-out representatives of the general significance of the precincts are listed separately as heritage items, and described in the inventory under individual item numbers.



# TEMPLETON STREET EAST

# PRECINCT No. 904





<b>H-Study Item No.</b>	<b>Signif. Code</b>	<b>Item Name</b>
138	Lh	Site of Former Flour Mill, 22 Templeton Street, Wangaratta
221	Lt	King George V Memorial Gardens, Ovens Street, Wangaratta
229	L	The Ovens River Footbridge, between Ovens & Bickerton Streets, Wangaratta
230	L	The Sydney Hotel, 2 Templeton Street, Wangaratta
242	T	Group of London Plane Trees, Baker Street, Wangaratta
365	L	Emmanuel Uniting Church, 8 Rowan Street, Wangaratta
366	C	Bungalow, 32 Templeton Street, Wangaratta
367	L	The Manse, 12 Rowan Street, Wangaratta
376	C	Victorian Weatherboard Cottage & Garden, 37 Templeton Street, Wangaratta
377	C	Victorian Weatherboard Cottage, 39 Templeton Street, Wangaratta
378	L	Victorian Semi-Detached Pair of Cottages, 47 & 47a Templeton Street, Wangaratta
379	L	"Camborne", one of a Pair of Cottages, 51 Templeton Street, Wangaratta
379a	L	One of a Pair of Edwardian Cottages, 53 Templeton Street, Wangaratta
380	L	The Railway Hotel, 56-60 Mackay Street, Wangaratta
382	L	"La France", one of a pair of small Edwardian villas, 28 Rowan Street, Wangaratta
382a	L	One of a pair of small Edwardian villas, 30 Rowan Street, Wangaratta
383	T	Row of London Plane Trees, Templeton Street, between Baker & Mackay Streets, Wangaratta
384	L	Californian Bungalow, 31 Templeton Street, Wangaratta
385	C	Victorian Cottage, 30 Templeton Street, Wangaratta
386	C	Victorian Cottage, 24 Templeton Street, Wangaratta
387	C	Victorian Cottage, 16 Templeton Street, Wangaratta
388	L	Templeton Street Waste Water Pumping Station, King George V Memorial Gardens, Wangaratta







# PRECINCT: Docker Street West

905

Study Item Number

Heritage Level (and Precinct if any): Signif. Code: **P**

## Heritage Precinct

Heritage Precinct.

Other Names or Uses:

Address:

WANGARATTA 3677

**Location Notes:** Conservation area including Spearing St, one block of Docker St west of the railway, & parts of Green, Grey, Rowan & Cusack Sts.

**Topo Map:** 8125-2-4 BONTARAMBO 1:25,000

**AMG Easting:**

**AMG Northing**

**CFA Map:**

**VicRoads Map:** 312 & 313

**CFA Site:**

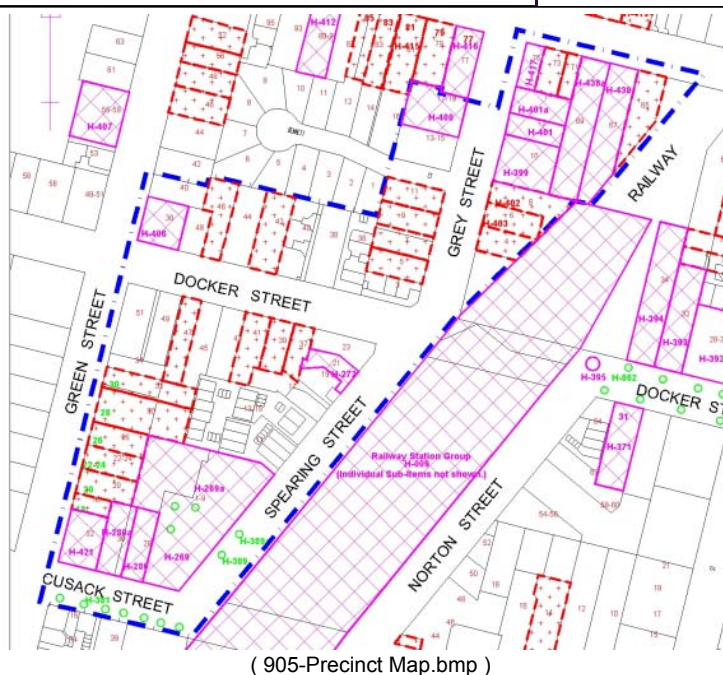
**VicRoads Ref:** 4-5/K-L

**Inspected By:** CD & MD

**When:** July 2001

**How:** Inspected from Road (fairly close)

More Photos ?



**When Built:**

**StyleType:**

**Designer:**

**Builder:**

**Description:** This precinct is centred between the Wangaratta Railway Station and the Wangaratta Hospital, both of which were started in the same decade, the 1870s, and both of which had a strong effect on the type of development that occurred in the area. Along the railway line, a number of the original subdivisions of the 1850s and 1860s had to be entirely re-arranged to accommodate the diagonal intrusion of the permanent way, and some properties were resumed. No buildings could be found which predated the Railway, and many existing buildings have had some connection with either Railway or Hospital or both. The principal residential clientele of the North Eastern Hotel (item 269), built soon after the Station, would have been travellers, commercial or otherwise, and hospital visitors. A small cottage nearby (item 272) was possibly built for railway workers, & if so is the only Railway house found. In 1906 Mr Clements, then owner of the flour mill in the Railway Precinct (item 270), built himself a house to retire to almost next door (item 399). Cottages in Cusack St (item 280 & 280a) and Green St appear to have been spec built, and are thought to have been residences for hospital staff at various times. A "Spanish Mission" villa opposite the hospital (item 406) has been converted to doctors' consulting rooms. Other inventoried items include some outstanding trees (items 381, 389 & 389a) and a selection of houses illustrative of some typical characteristics of the periods Late Victorian (items 417 & 421), Edwardian (items 400, 438 & 438a) and Inter-War (items 401 & 401a).

**Current Use:**

**Condition:**

**History Notes:** See Description

**References:**

**External Australian HC:**

**Heritage Victorian HR:**

**Listings: National Trust :**

**Typological Group:**

**Category:**

**Historic Themes:** 5. Establishing Transport and Communications  
7. Educating and Caring

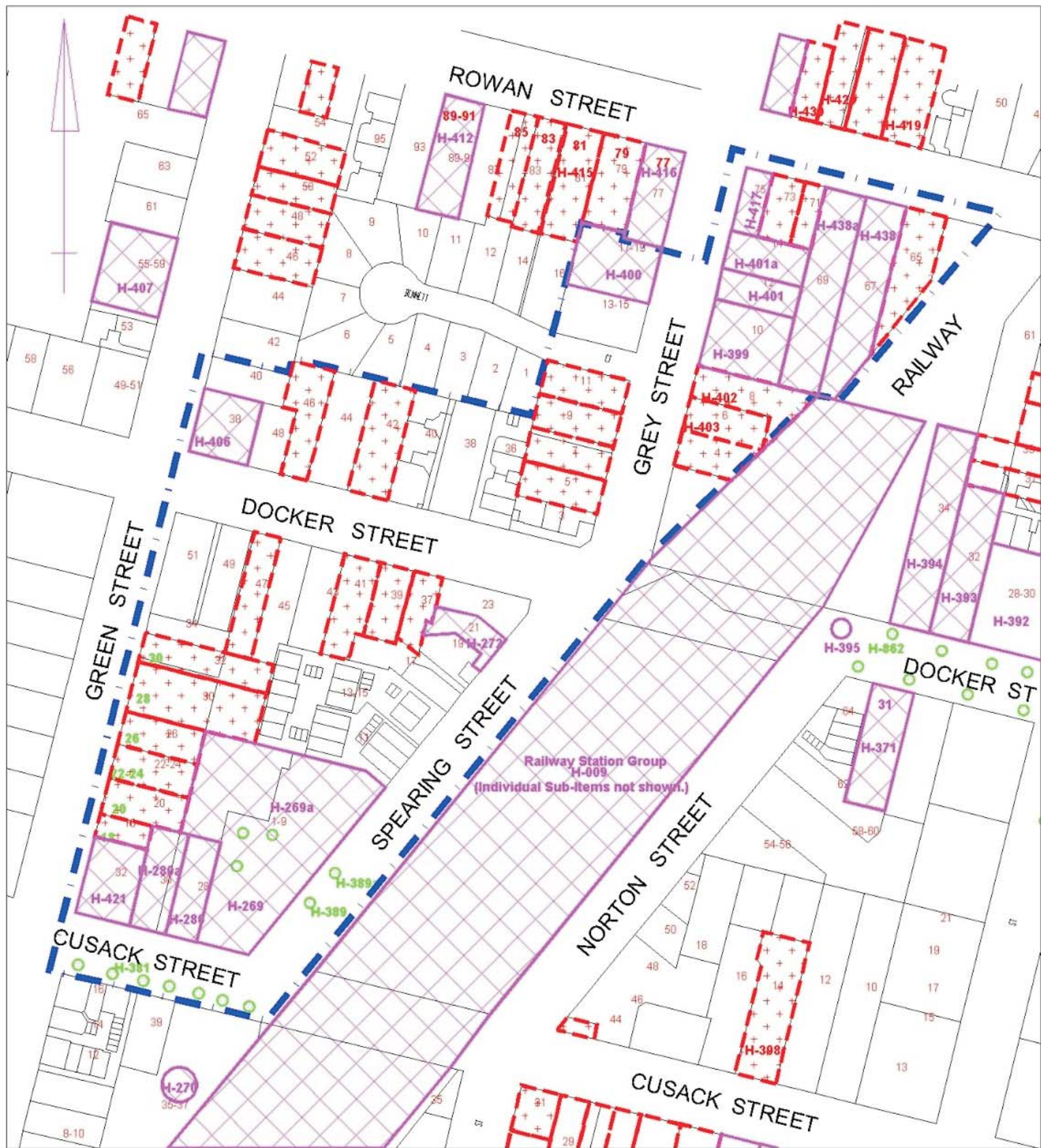
**Sub-Themes:** 5.3.1 Railway Network and Development:- North-Eastern Railway  
7.3 Hospitals and Community Welfare

**Notes on Significance:** The historic and social significance of this Precinct is mostly expressed through its connections with the development of the Railway Station on one side and the Wangaratta Hospital on the other. Most of the heritage items and contributory items in the Precinct have acquired much of their significance through their associations with the either the Railway or the Hospital, or, in some cases, both. Like most of inner suburban Wangaratta, architecturally, the listed buildings are an eclectic mixture of building types and periods, with a few outstanding examples of their type. Their main links are the historical connections with railway and hospital.



# DOCKER STREET WEST

# PRECINCT No. 905



- Precinct boundary
- Significant Tree(s)
- Local (or State) Heritage Item
- Contributory Heritage Item



<b>H-Study Item No.</b>	<b>Signif. Code</b>	<b>Item Name</b>
269	L	North Eastern Hotel, 1 to 9 Spearing Street, Wangaratta
269a	L	North Eastern Hotel Stables, 9 Spearing Street, Wangaratta
272	L	Victorian Cottage, 21 Spearing Street, Wangaratta
280	L	One of a Pair of Cottages, 28 Cusack Street, Wangaratta
280a	L	One of a Pair of Cottages, 30 Cusack Street, Wangaratta
381	T	Row of London Plane Trees, Cusack Street between Green & Spearing Streets, Wangaratta
389	T	Norfolk Island Pine Specimen Tree, Spearing Street, outside the North Eastern Hotel, Wangaratta
389a	T	London Plane Specimen Tree, Spearing Street, outside the North Eastern Hotel, Wangaratta
399	L	"Tarawera" Victorian Villa, 10 Grey Street, Wangaratta
400	L	"Narooma", 19 Grey Street, Wangaratta
401	L	One of a Pair of Bungalows, 12 Grey Street, Wangaratta
401a	L	One of a Pair of Bungalows, 14 Grey Street, Wangaratta
402	C	Cottage, 8 Grey Street, Wangaratta
403	C	Victorian Cottage, 6 Grey Street, Wangaratta
406	L	Villa, 38 Green Street, Wangaratta
417	L	Weatherboard Cottage, 75 Rowan Street, Wangaratta
421	L	Victorian Villa, 32 Cusack Street, Wangaratta
438	L	One of a pair of Federation Villas, 67 Rowan Street, Wangaratta
438a	L	"Wyton", One of a pair of Federation Villas, 69 Rowan Street, Wangaratta







# PRECINCT: Docker Street East

906

Study Item Number

Heritage Level (and Precinct if any): Signif. Code: **P**

## Heritage Precinct

Heritage Precinct.

Other Names or Uses:

Address:

WANGARATTA 3677

**Location Notes:** Conservation area including Docker St east of the Railway, and parts of Mackay & Baker Sts close to Docker St.

Topo Map: 8125-2-4 BONTARAMBO 1:25,000

AMG Easting:

AMG Northing

CFA Map:

VicRoads Map: 313

CFA Site:

VicRoads Ref: 5L

Inspected By: CD & MD

When: July 2001

How: Inspected from Road (fairly close)

More Photos ?



( 906-Precinct Map.bmp )

When Built:

StyleType:

Designer:

Builder:

**Description:** Docker Street East Precinct is in an area similar to the Templeton Street East Precinct in that it was mostly originally subdivided for residential purposes, but the residential areas have largely been overtaken or obliterated by expansion of commercial activities from the CBD. The distinguishing items of this precinct are the outstanding street and garden trees, which help to hide the less attractive structures, and provide changing glimpses of the heritage streetscape. The precinct is also notable for some excellent public buildings and spaces. The Cathedral (in a separate precinct including the whole of The Close) is bounded by the miniature park of the War Memorials (item 370) on one side and the formal classicism of the TAFE building (item 391) and its palm trees on the other. At the far end of Docker St. the Concrete Water Tower (item 395) is almost hidden by the trees in Docker Street and the nearby villa gardens. On the north side of Docker St. the Baptist Church (item 390) echoes the cathedral across the road. Other inventoried items on the north side are a few houses illustrating characteristics of the periods Late Victorian (items 393 & 394), Edwardian (item 392) and Inter-War (items 240 & 240a). The latter pair, built in Spanish Mission style, are the work of a notable Wangaratta builder of the 1920s and 1930s. At the west end of Docker St, opposite the Victorian villas, is a small California Bungalow (item 371), now part of the TAFE College.

Current Use:

Condition:

History Notes: See Description

References:

External Australian HC:

Heritage Victorian HR:

Listings: National Trust :

Typological Group:

Category:

Historic Themes: 8. Developing Cultural Life

Sub-Themes: 8.1.3 Appreciating the Environment:- Special Trees and/or Street Trees

4. Building Settlements and Towns

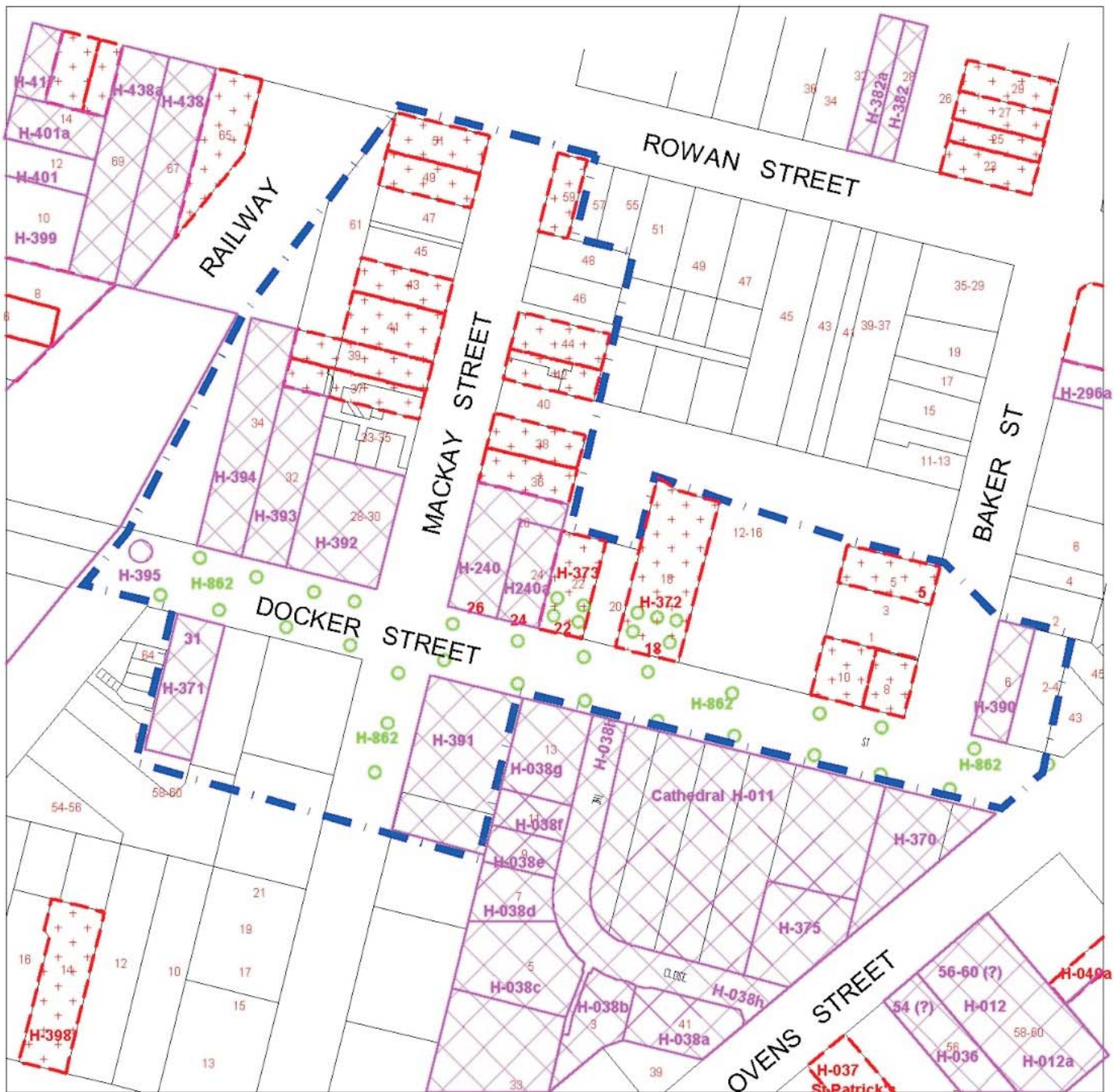
4.9 Supplying Services


**Notes on Significance:** This precinct has to be considered in conjunction with the adjoining Cathedral Close Precinct (No. 908). The two precincts represent a marriage of good quality residential stock, from various periods and styles, with major religious and educational buildings, all held together by the outstanding gardens and street trees.



# DOCKER STREET EAST

## PRECINCT No. 906



- 
- Precinct boundary
- Local (or State) Heritage Item
- Contributory Heritage Item
- Significant Tree(s)

Amendment 1: (7 April 2004) South-east boundary changed to remove Item H-370 - transferred to Precinct H-908.



<b>H-Study Item No.</b>	<b>Signif. Code</b>	<b>Item Name</b>
240	L	Spanish Mission Style Villa, 24 Docker Street, Wangaratta
240a	L	Spanish Mission Style Villa, 26 Docker Street, Wangaratta
371	L	Californian Bungalow Style Cottage, 31 Docker Street, Wangaratta
372	C	Garden & Trees at House, 18 Docker Street, Wangaratta
373	C	Garden & Trees at House, 22 Docker Street, Wangaratta
390	L	Baptist Church, 2-6 Docker Street, Wangaratta
391	L	Building A, Goulburn-Ovens Institute of T.A.F.E., Docker Street, Wangaratta
392	L	Edwardian Villa, Garden & Trees, 28-30 Docker Street, Wangaratta
393	L	Victorian Villa, 32 Docker Street, Wangaratta
394	L	"Fenwick" Victorian Villa, 34 Docker Street, Wangaratta
395	L	Concrete Water Tower, cnr Docker & Norton Streets, Wangaratta
862	T	Street Trees, Mackay St. & Docker St. East, Wangaratta







Heritage Level (and Precinct if any): Signif. Code: **P****Heritage Precinct**

Heritage Precinct.

Other Names or Uses:

Address:

WANGARATTA 3677

Location Conservation area

Notes:

Topo Map: 8125-2-4 BONTHARAMBO 1:25,000

AMG Easting:

AMG Northing

CFA Map:

VicRoads Map: 312

CFA Site:

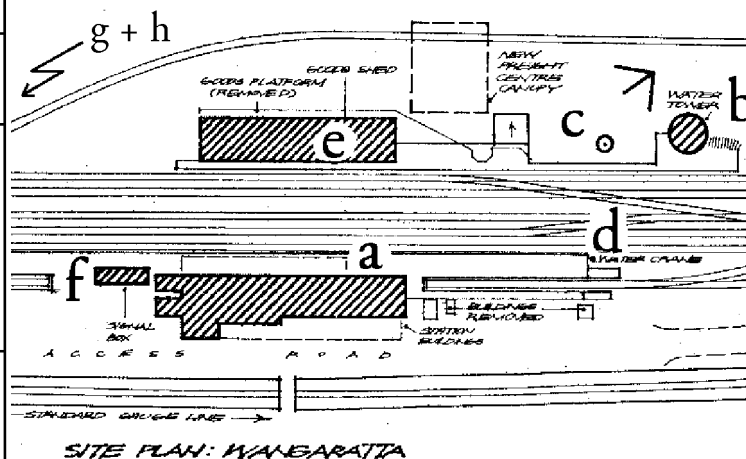
VicRoads Ref: 5K

Inspected By: CD &amp; MD

When: July 2001

How: Inspected from Road (fairly close)

More Photos ?



( 009-siteplan.bmp )

When Built:

StyleType:

Designer:

Builder:

**Description:** For descriptions see: 009a - Railway Station Building and platform; 009b - Water Tower; 009c - Goods Crane; 009d - Water Crane; 009e - Goods Shed; 009f - Signal Box; 009g - Pedestrian Bridge; 009h - Signals; For a plan of the Railway Station lay-out, see the sketch plan above, which shows the location of most of the associated items. The Railway Station Precinct also includes Whitty's Silo (item 270). The location of the silos is shown on the Precinct Map.

Current Use:

Condition:

**History Notes:** The North-eastern Railway main line section from Benalla to Wangaratta was opened for traffic on 28th October 1873. The next section, from Wangaratta to the terminus at Wodonga, was opened only a month later, on 21st November 1873. Construction of the principal buildings of the Wangaratta Railway Station Group was started in 1874. Wangaratta became the terminus for several branch railways in the 1870s to 1890s - notably lines to Peechelba, Beechworth, Bright, and Whitfield. Andrew Ward (see Refs) notes an old station sign reading "Wangaratta - Change here for Bright, Whitfield, Beechworth, Mt Buffalo National Park, Mt Feathertop, ..... , Mt Hotham." The branch lines were all closed by the mid 1950s. In 1962 the Standard Gauge line from Albury to Melbourne was built through Wangaratta Station in a deep cutting between Norton Street & the buildings. This fortunately was routed sufficiently far from the station buildings to avoid the need for wholesale destruction of historic structures (as happened in some other towns on the line). Whitty's Silos (item 270) were built on the site of an earlier (1884) flour mill, the site obviously chosen for its convenience to rail transport.

References:

External Australian HC:

Heritage Victorian HR:

Listings: National Trust :

Typological Group:

Category:

**Historic Themes:** 5. Establishing Transport and Communications

**Sub-Themes:** 5.3.1 Railway Network and Development:- North-Eastern Railway

2. Local & Regional Economies

2.2.1 Developing a Manufacturing Capacity:- Milling


**Notes on Significance:** ARCHITECTURAL: The Railway Station is a fine example of an 1870s standard Victorian large country town station design, surviving with its contemporary water tower, and later complementary infrastructure including signal box (1887) & signals, Goods Shed (c1874) & goods crane (c1930), water crane, early footbridge, sidings and former branch line platform. HISTORICAL/SOCIAL: the presence of nearby hotels, silos, former shops and possible former railway housing attest to the historical importance of this railway station, when trains were the principal means of transporting people & goods. The complex is important as a major centre on the inter-colonial railway to Albury and Sydney. REPRESENTATIVE VALUE: The station is one of the best and most complete 19thC. country Victoria representatives of railway operations in their heyday. RARITY: its intact state causes it to be rare at the State level. SILOS: The silos and the former flour mill on their site were integral with the railway operations for at least 80 years. The silos have a strong landmark value associated with the railway.



**RAILWAY STATION etc.**

## PRECINCT No. 907



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<b>H-Study Item No.</b>	<b>Signif. Code</b>	<b>Item Name</b>
009	V	Wangaratta Railway Station Group, Norton Street, Wangaratta
009a	V	Wangaratta Railway Station - Platform & Station Building, 37 Norton Street, Wangaratta
009b	V	Wangaratta Railway Station - Water Tower, near Spearing Street, Wangaratta
009c	V	Wangaratta Railway Station - Stiff-leg Derrick Goods Crane, near Spearing Street, Wangaratta
009d	V	Wangaratta Railway Station - Water Crane, near Norton Street, Wangaratta
009e	V	Wangaratta Railway Station - Goods Shed, near Spearing Street, Wangaratta
009f	V	Wangaratta Railway Station - Signal Box, near Norton Street, Wangaratta
009g	V	Wangaratta Railway Station - Pedestrian Bridge, opposite Cusack Street, Wangaratta
009h	V	Wangaratta Railway Station - Signals, near Roy Street, Wangaratta
270	L	Whitty's Silos, 35 to 37 Cusack Street, Wangaratta







# PRECINCT: The Cathedral Close

908

Study Item Number

Heritage Level (and Precinct if any): Signif. Code: **L+**

Local (+ possibly State) heritage significance  
Heritage Precinct.

Other Names or Uses:

Address:

WANGARATTA 3677

Location Conservation area bounded by Docker, Ovens & Cusack Streets and including the Cathedral, "The Close" buildings, the Deanery, the Bishop's Palace & the War Memorials.

Topo Map: 8125-2-4 BONTHARAMBO 1:25,000

AMG Easting:

AMG Northing

CFA Map:

VicRoads Map: 313

CFA Site:

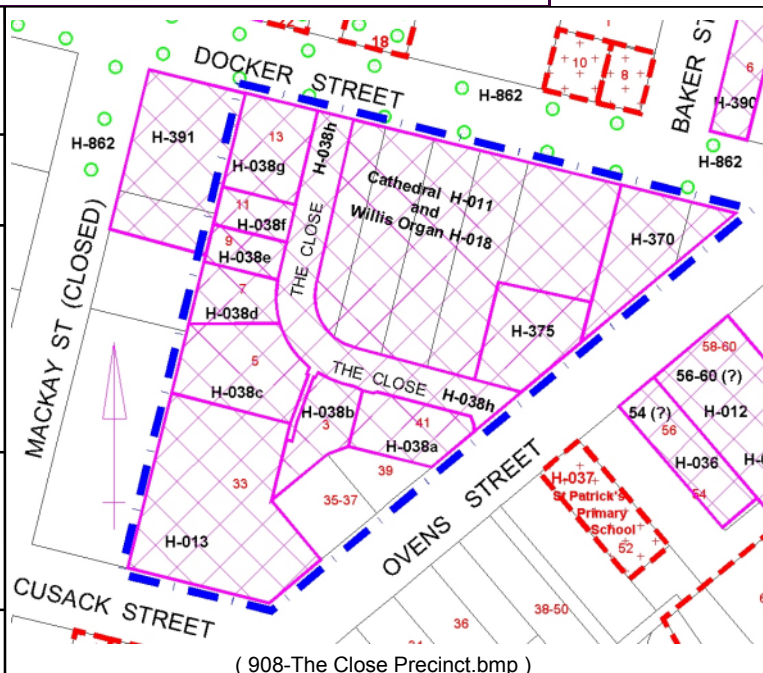
VicRoads Ref: 5L

Inspected By: CD & MD

When: July 2001

How: Inspected from Road (fairly close)

More Photos ?



( 908-The Close Precinct.bmp )

When Built:

StyleType:

Designer:

Builder:

**Description:** In the appropriate meaning, a close is an enclosed space, or the precincts of a Cathedral. Here, the close consists of buildings and grounds along both sides of a short gated road curving around the Cathedral from Ovens to Docker Sts. On one side of the road, lawns & gardens sweep down from the Cathedral walls. On the other, 8 houses & gardens are arrayed. The Bishop's Lodge (013) is reached by a footpath leading off "The Close" between two houses. The Cathedral (011) contains the listed Willis Organ (018). The Deanery (375) is the oldest building in "The Close", and one of the oldest houses in Wangaratta. Other listed items are: (038a) - 1 The Close or 41 Ovens St, the Archdeacon's House, aka Armstrong House; (038b) - 3 The Close, aka the Choirmaster's House; (038c) - 5 The Close, aka "Holy Trinity House", a former Boys' Hostel; (038d) - 7 The Close; (038e) - 9a & 9b The Close; (038f) - 11 The Close; (038g) - 13 The Close, aka The Bishop's Registry or The Diocesan Offices; (038h) - The Close Gates; and (370) the War Memorials and their garden. A separate small building, 4 The Close, between the Deanery and the Cathedral, is not listed. There are excellent gardens and some superb specimen trees at the Bishop's Lodge and throughout The Close. The low garden fences are predominantly formed from blocks of local granite, said to have been retrieved from the demolition of the original church building.

Current Use:

Condition:

**History Notes:** The seeds of The Close were planted with construction of the first Anglican Church on the site in 1856, and, c1860, building of the Deanery. The Bishop's Lodge (item 013), built 1904, was the next surviving building at the opposite end of a long site. Armstrong House (built for the Archdeacon) on Ovens St filled in a gap along one side of the site in 1933. The Close, as a formal entity appears to have been first proposed c1939, in a period of expansion and new building around the Cathedral which started then, and restarted after the War. A site plan for a house proposed for Dr Davies (item 038g) now the Diocesan Registry) shows a rearrangement of the surveyed allotments to allow for an expansive garden front to Docker St for the new house and a new proposed road running between the house and the Cathedral. The next Council B.A. seen (No. 64 of 1946) gives the address of No.9 The Close for item 038e. The two sets of gates were erected in 1963 and 1975. It said that they are closed for one day every year, presumably to maintain The Close as a private road.

References:

External Australian HC:  
Heritage Victorian HR:  
Listings: National Trust :

Typological Group:

Category:

Historic Themes: 8. Developing Cultural Life

Sub-Themes: 8.3.1 Worshipping:- Worshipping in Wangaratta

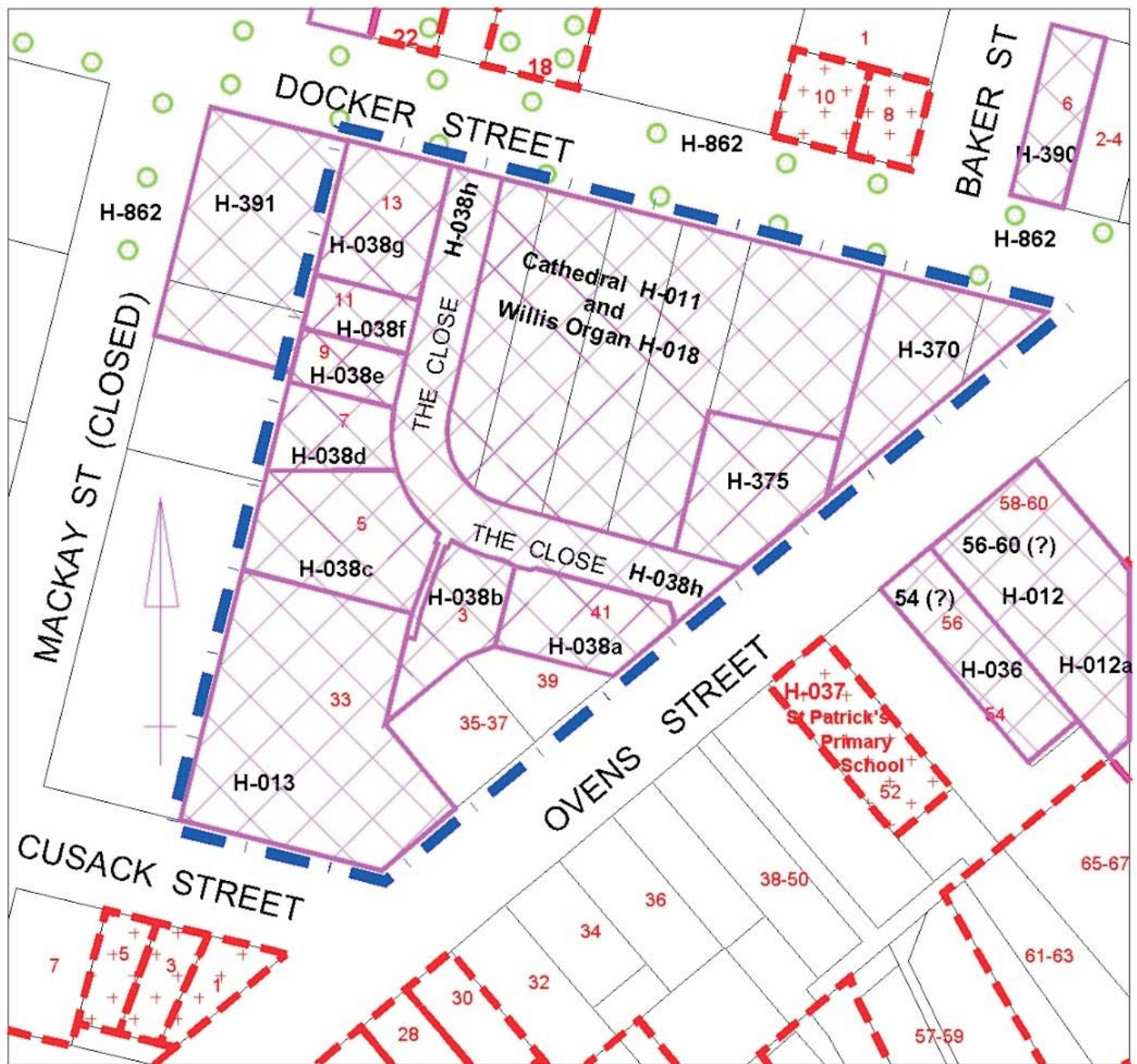
4. Building Settlements and Towns

4.8.1 Houses:- Houses in the District





**Notes on Significance:** The Close, as a whole, has historic, cultural, social, architectural and aesthetic significance at a State and possibly a National level. It has high rarity value as the only known Cathedral Close in Australia, set out in the style of a traditional English Cathedral Close. It has high group value, in that it forms a cohesive and connected collection of structures, and yet is highly readable in terms of its architectural development and history. Its integrity is high. Although some buildings have had a change of use, they are still virtually unaltered in appearance.



# PRECINCT No. 908



## THE CATHEDRAL CLOSE

-  Precinct boundary
-  Local (or State) Heritage Item
-  Contributory Heritage Item
-  Significant Tree(s)

Amendment 1: (7 April 2004) North-east boundary adjusted to include Item H-370.



<b>H-Study Item No.</b>	<b>Signif. Code</b>	<b>Item Name</b>
011	L+	Holy Trinity Anglican Cathedral, Docker Street, Wangaratta
013	L+	Bishop's Lodge & Garden, 33 Ovens Street, Wangaratta
018	L+	Willis Organ, Anglican Cathedral, Docker Street, Wangaratta
038	L+	The Cathedral Close, Wangaratta
038a	L+	"Armstrong House", 41 Ovens Street or 1 The Cathedral Close, Wangaratta
038b	L+	The Choirmaster's House, 3 The Cathedral Close, Wangaratta
038c	L+	"Holy Trinity House", 5 The Cathedral Close, Wangaratta
038d	L+	House, 7 The Cathedral Close, Wangaratta
038e	L+	House, 9 The Cathedral Close, Wangaratta
038f	L+	House, 11 The Cathedral Close, Wangaratta
038g	L+	The Diocesan or Bishop's Registry, 13 The Cathedral Close, Wangaratta
038h	L+	The Gates to The Cathedral Close, Wangaratta
370	L	War Memorial Garden, cnr Ovens & Docker Streets, Wangaratta
375	L+	Holy Trinity Deanery, 2 The Close, Wangaratta







# PRECINCT: The Vicinity of St Patrick's Church

909

Study Item Number

Heritage Level (and Precinct if any): Signif. Code: **P**

## Heritage Precinct

Heritage Precinct.

Other Names or Uses:

Address:

WANGARATTA 3677

Location Conservation area bounded by Ovens, Ford and

Notes: Ryley Streets

Topo Map: 8125-2-4 BONTARAMBO 1:25,000

AMG Easting:

AMG Northing

CFA Map:

VicRoads Map: 313

CFA Site:

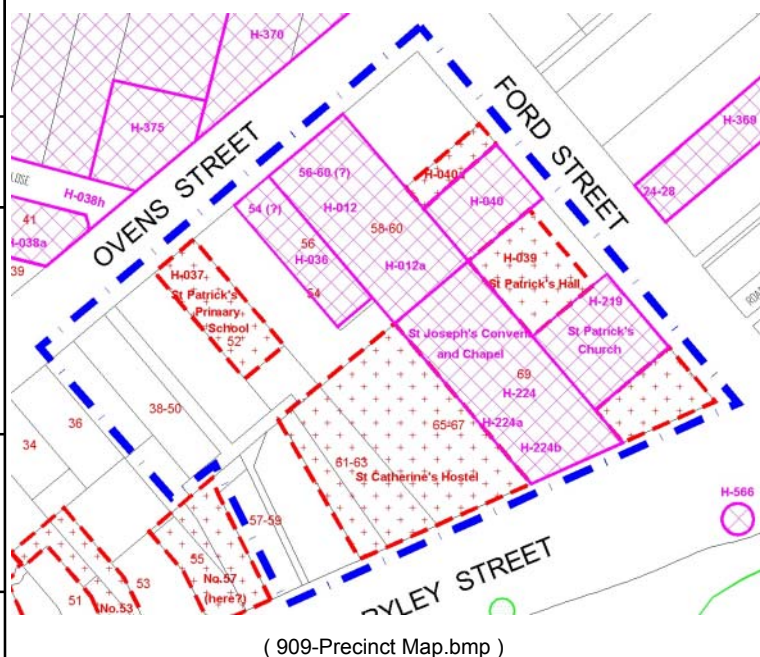
VicRoads Ref: 5/K-L

Inspected By: CD & MD

When: July 2001

How: Inspected from Road (fairly close)

More Photos ?



When Built:

StyleType:

Designer:

Builder:

**Description:** This precinct, on the fringe of the CBD, is centred on Catholic Church property. The listed church buildings include St Patrick's Church (item 219) and St Joseph's Convent (item 224), Chapel & Grotto. However, other church buildings contribute to the heritage ambience of the precinct, including St Patrick's Hall, almost hidden behind an office building on Ford St; the well integrated 1950s Presbytery on the corner of Ford & Ryley Sts; the brand new St Catherine's Hostel further along Ryley St; and some sections of St Patrick's Primary School on Ovens St. These buildings surround the site of Averleigh (item 036), a former gentleman's residence and now containing commercial offices and consulting rooms and the former Presbyterian Church (item 012) now a Municipal Art Gallery, both facing Ovens St, and the former Fire Station (item 040), now a museum, on Ford Street.

Current Use:

Condition:

**History Notes:** Construction of St Patrick's was started on land granted to the Church in the late 1850s. Later the Church bought other adjoining blocks, starting in the 1870s and gradually expanding its holdings along Ford and Ryley Streets until Church buildings dominated the area. The ecclesiastical bent of the precinct was accentuated by the building of the Presbyterian Church and its Hall in the 1890s.

References:

External Australian HC:

Heritage Victorian HR:

Listings: National Trust :

Typological Group:

Category:

Historic Themes: 8. Developing Cultural Life

Sub-Themes: 8.3.1 Worshipping:- in Wangaratta

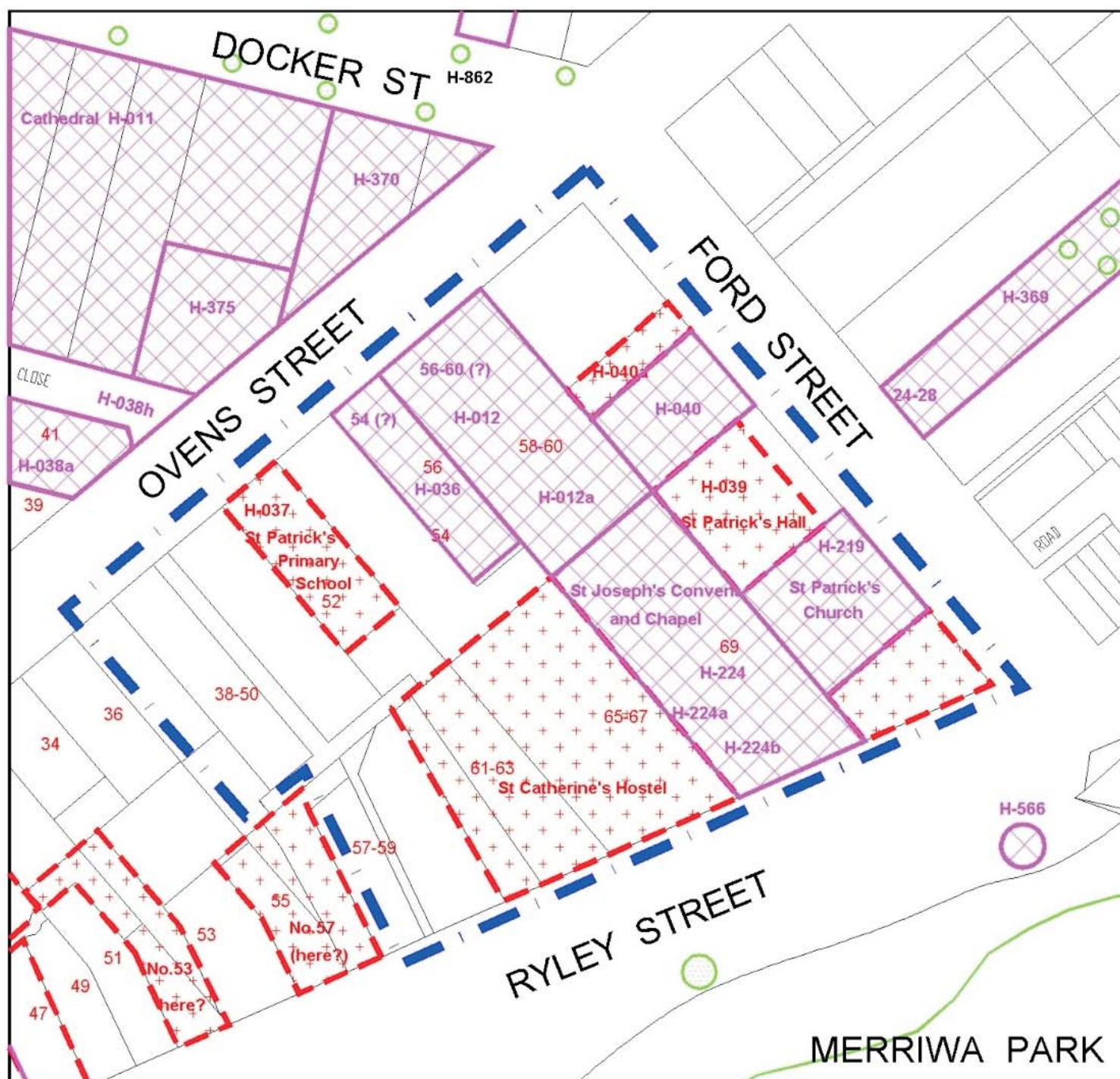
8.5.2 Rallying Together:- Fire

**Notes on Significance:** This largely ecclesiastical precinct has played a strong part in the history of the community, through the Catholic Church and Catholic education, the Presbyterian Church, the prominent Callander family of "Averleigh", and the firefighters of the W.H. Edwards Building. Its contribution to the architectural heritage of Wangaratta is equally strong, and includes the partially Wardell designed Gothic Revival St Patrick's, the charming Convent Chapel, the extravagant Romanesque former Presbyterian Church and the ornately embellished former Fire Station.



# St PATRICK'S GROUP

# PRECINCT No. 909



Precinct boundary



Local (or State) Heritage Item



Contributory Heritage Item



Significant Tree(s)



Parks or Gardens





<b>H-Study Item No.</b>	<b>Signif. Code</b>	<b>Item Name</b>
012	L	Former St Paul's Presbyterian Church and Elm Trees, 56-60 Ovens Street, Wangaratta
012a	L	Former Church Hall, rear of Former St Paul's Presbyterian Church, 56-60 Ovens St., Wangaratta
036	L	"Averleigh", 54 Ovens Street, Wangaratta
037	C	St Patrick's Primary School, 40 - 52 Ovens Street, Wangaratta
039	C	St Patrick's Church Hall, 23 to 27 Ford Street, Wangaratta
040	L	W.H. (Billy) Edwards Building, 29 Ford Street, Wangaratta
040a	C	Former Firemen's House, 31 Ford Street, Wangaratta [DEMOLISHED]
219	L	St Patrick's Catholic Church, 3 to 13 Ford Street, Wangaratta
224	L	St Joseph's Convent, Ryley Street, Wangaratta
224a	L	St Joseph's Convent Chapel, Ryley Street, Wangaratta
224b	L	The Grotto, St Joseph's Convent, Ryley Street, Wangaratta







# PRECINCT: Swan Street South & Wareena Park

910

Study Item Number

Heritage Level (and Precinct if any): Signif. Code: **P**

## Heritage Precinct

Heritage Precinct.

Other Names or Uses:

### Address:

WANGARATTA 3677

**Location Notes:** The west side of Swan Street, from Sisely Avenue north to Larkings Street and the trees and open parkland on the east side of Swan Street across to One Mile Creek

**Topo Map:** 8125-2-4 BONTHARAMBO 1:25,000

**AMG Easting:**

**AMG Northing**

**CFA Map:**

**VicRoads Map:** 312

**CFA Site:**

**VicRoads Ref:** 5-6/J

**Inspected By:** CD & MD

**When:** July 2001

**How:** Inspected from Road (fairly close)

More Photos ?



**When Built:**

**StyleType:**

**Designer:**

**Builder:**

**Description:** The precinct includes a large area of Wareena Park and its trees (item 257). On the opposite side of Swan Street are several houses which were built to overlook and take advantage of the park. "Wareena" (item 255) was built in 1920 for a retiring banker - who probably wanted to enjoy rural living without leaving town. In contrast, "Kawanda" (item 258) was built in 1908 for a solicitor with a CBD practice, who would have wanted somewhere semi-rural to give freedom to his young family. The villa at 23 Swan St. (item 256) is thought to have been the first house to have been built on a residential subdivision allotment (in circa 1890) to the west of the Borough boundary. It too would have taken advantage of the park - then named Phillipson Green. "Karingal" (item 276), built in 1953 a block north of the Park, was, like "Wareena", built for a retiring business man - this time a farmer who wanted to move to the City.

**Current Use:**

**Condition:**

**History Notes:** See description.

**References:**

**External Australian HC:**

**Heritage Victorian HR:**

**Listings: National Trust :**

**Typological Group:**

**Category:**

**Historic Themes:** 8. Developing Cultural Life

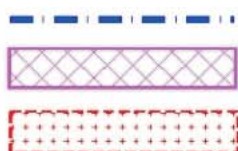
**Sub-Themes:** 8.1.2 Appreciating the Environment:- Urban Parks and Gardens

4. Building Settlements and Towns

4.8.1 Houses:- Houses in the District

**Notes on Significance:** The main theme of this precinct is municipal parkland and the desirability of living next to the Park. The park and its planted trees represent one of Wangaratta's earliest ventures into providing municipal pleasure grounds and recreation areas. Native trees along the banks of One Mile Creek, like similar surviving stands of indigenous vegetation along other urban creeks and river banks are characteristic of , and could be a symbol of, Wangaratta urban areas. The listed houses are both socially and historically significant. They reflect the perceived advantages of living next to parkland - being part of the City yet not in it. They reflect one pattern of residential development as Wangaratta started to outgrow the 1860s Borough boundary. In contrast to the contemporary small houses on small lots at the north end of Swan St., these houses opposite the Park were built for the gentry, on larger, more expensive lots.





Precinct boundary  
Local (or State) Heritage Item  
Contributory Heritage Item

Significant Tree(s)  
Parks or Gardens



<b>H-Study Item No.</b>	<b>Signif. Code</b>	<b>Item Name</b>
255	L	"Wareena", 17 to 19 Swan Street, Wangaratta
256	L	Villa, 23 to 25 Swan Street, Wangaratta
257	T	Wareena Park and Trees, Swan Street, Wangaratta
258	L	"Kawanda" Villa, 29 to 33 Swan Street, Wangaratta
259	C	"Chetwynd", 45 Swan Street, Wangaratta
276	L	"Karingal", 53 Swan Street, Wangaratta







# PRECINCT: Cusack & Norton Streets

911

Study Item Number

Heritage Level (and Precinct if any): Signif. Code: **P**

## Heritage Precinct

Heritage Precinct.

Other Names or Uses:

Address:

WANGARATTA 3677

**Location Notes:** Conservation area between the east side of the Railway and the north side of the Hume Highway (Ryley St) and including parts of Cusack, Norton, Roy, Mackay, Ovens, Warby & Ryley Streets.

Topo Map: 8125-2-4 BONTHARAMBO 1:25,000

AMG Easting:

AMG Northing

CFA Map:

VicRoads Map: 312 & 313

CFA Site:

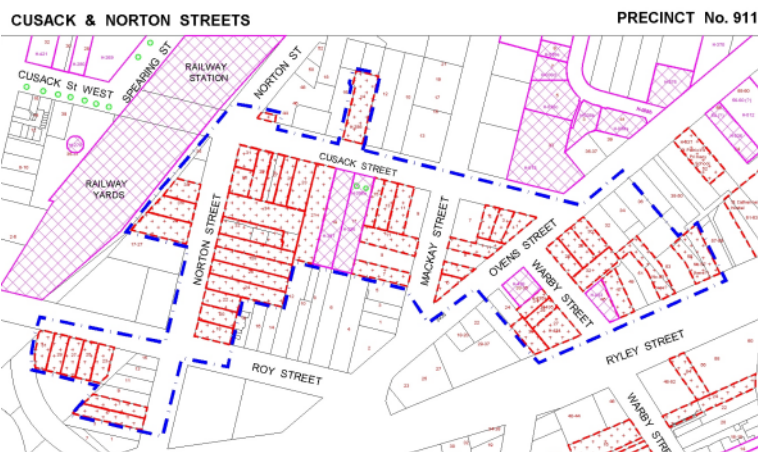
VicRoads Ref: 5-6/K-L

Inspected By: CD & MD

When: July 2001

How: Inspected from Road (fairly close)

More Photos ?



( 911-Precinct Map.bmp )

When Built:

StyleType:

Designer:

Builder:

**Description:** This predominantly residential precinct is based on a series of early Crown land subdivisions dating back to 1848. Most of these sites were not purchased until the late 1850s or much later and there is little evidence of their development until very much later. The earliest dwellings noted are those listed - "Fortuna" (study item 396) and its neighbour (item 397) in Cusack Street, dating from circa 1910, and the former dairy on the corner of Warby and Ovens Streets (item 436) built circa 1905 to 1910. There were a few other grand residences from around the turn of the century, but these have been replaced quite recently. The boom time for development of this precinct was in the 1920s and 1930s, and most of the sites shown as contributing to the heritage significance of the precinct belong to this inter-war period. The pick of these houses is "Otago" (item 433) an American Bungalow on the corner of Warby and Ryley Streets, known as the "Kookaburra House" because of its idiosyncratic finials. Post World War 2 development pressure in this district has seen conversion of many of the houses to offices, consulting rooms, cafes, etc., and the replacement of much of the pre-War housing with small commercial and industrial enterprises. More recently many more houses have been demolished due to the TAFE College expansion and the building of motels, fast food outlets and service stations. This post WW2 development has prescribed the irregular boundaries of the precinct, to avoid sites where heritage controls would be inappropriate.

Current Use:

Condition:

History Notes: See Description

References:

External Australian HC:

Heritage Victorian HR:

Listings: National Trust :

Typological Group:

Category:

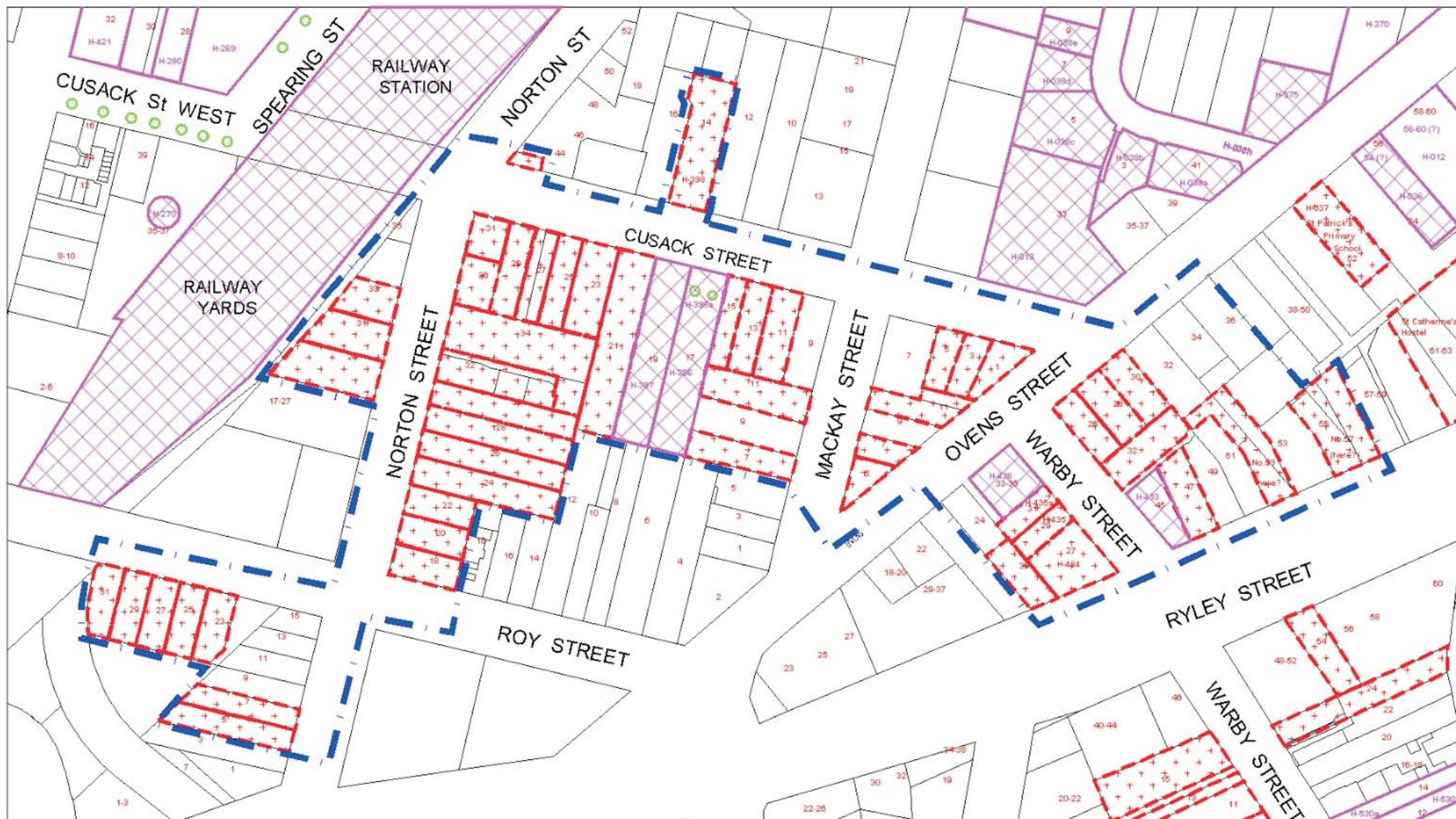
Historic Themes: 4. Building Settlements and Towns





Sub-Themes: 4.8.1 Houses:- Houses in the District

4.10 Setting Up Business

**Notes on Significance:** This precinct is principally significant for its evocation of various styles and standards of Inter-War housing, with the American Bungalow "Otago" an outstanding example of the period. "Otago", now converted for use as professional offices, also reflects the changing nature of the Precinct. The few older houses listed are notable as fine specimens of their styles and period and historically significant because of their former ownership by prominent citizens. "Fortuna" is also significant for the survival of the simple but elegant 1937 formal garden layout, of which the Weeping Elms (much smaller then) were a part. Weeping Elms of such an age and size are unique in Wangaratta, and extremely rare elsewhere. Item 436 is one of very few houses with attached shops in Wangaratta township. The dairy was added on to the house while the district was still predominantly residential and although the buildings represent a way of life now gone (milk deliveries by horse and cart), they also (because of the shopfront alterations and change of use) reflect the changing nature of the Precinct.





-  Precinct boundary
-  Local (or State) Heritage Item
-  Contributory Heritage Item
-  Significant Tree(s)





<b>H-Study Item No.</b>	<b>Signif. Code</b>	<b>Item Name</b>
396	L	"Fortuna", 17 Cusack Street, Wangaratta
396a	Lt	Front Garden with a Pair of Weeping Elm Trees, "Fortuna", 17 Cusack Street, Wangaratta
397	L	Edwardian Villa, 19 Cusack Street, Wangaratta
398	C	Edwardian Cottage, 14 Cusack Street, Wangaratta
433	L	"Otago", 45 Ryley Street, Wangaratta
434	C	House, 27 Warby Street, Wangaratta
435	C	One of a Pair of Spanish Mission Style Houses, 29 Warby Street, Wangaratta
435a	C	One of a Pair of Spanish Mission Style Houses, 31 Warby Street, Wangaratta
436	L	Federation Bungalow & Shop, 33-35 Warby Street, Wangaratta







# PRECINCT: Merriwa Park

912

Study Item Number

Heritage Level (and Precinct if any): Signif. Code: **P**

**Heritage Precinct**  
Heritage Precinct.

Other Names or Uses:

Address:

WANGARATTA 3677

**Location** Conservation Area including the Park, the Tennis Club and the Pioneer Memorial in Ryley Street.  
**Notes:**

**Topo Map:** 8125-2-4 BONTHARAMBO 1:25,000

**AMG Easting:**

**AMG Northing**

**CFA Map:**

**VicRoads Map:** 313

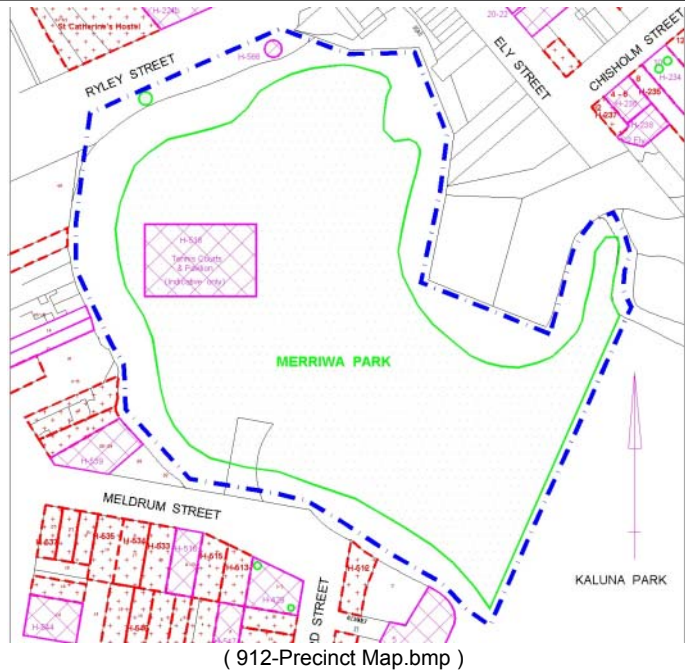
**CFA Site:**

**VicRoads Ref:** 5M & 6M

**Inspected By:** CD & MD **When:** April 2000

**How:** Inspected from Road (fairly close)

More Photos ?



**When Built:**

**StyleType:**

**Designer:**

**Builder:**

**Description:** The Park as it presently exists covers an area of approximately 15 acres, including the Permanent River Reserve.

**Current Use:**

**Condition:**

**History Notes:** Merriwa Public Gardens were established by Government Gazette 01-5097 of 1901. In 1904 the council decided to lay the gardens out formally. William Guilfoyle (1840-1912), curator of the Melbourne Botanic Gardens from 1873-1909, was invited to inspect and advise on the project. As recommended by him, holes were filled, trees were planted and waterlilies were placed in some of the lagoons. The Aboriginal name "Merriwa" was adopted on 7 August 1905. The name which was said to mean "rich flat land at a bend of a river", was chosen from a list supplied by W. S. Murdoch. A committee was formed, together with a ladies' committee, and regulations for conduct in the park were gazetted on 20 January 1909, the same year the adjoining Kaluna Public Park and Recreation Reserve was gazetted. A band rotunda stood in the park between 1910 and 1952, and in 1925 a section was set aside for lawn tennis courts (see item 538). A levee bank, built in 1957 to help prevent flooding, allowed for further tennis courts and other park development. In 1938 a granite memorial to the pioneers of the district (see item 566) was erected at the edge of the park in Ryley Street.

**References:** Parish Map. NEHS Newsletter, Aug.-Sep 1981. Thematic History, Stage 1 Heritage Study.

**External** **Australian HC:**  
**Heritage** **Victorian HR:**  
**Listings:** **National Trust :**

**Typological Group:**

**Category:**

**Historic Themes:** 8. Developing Cultural Life

**Sub-Themes:** 8.1.2 Appreciating the Environment:- Urban Parks and Gardens

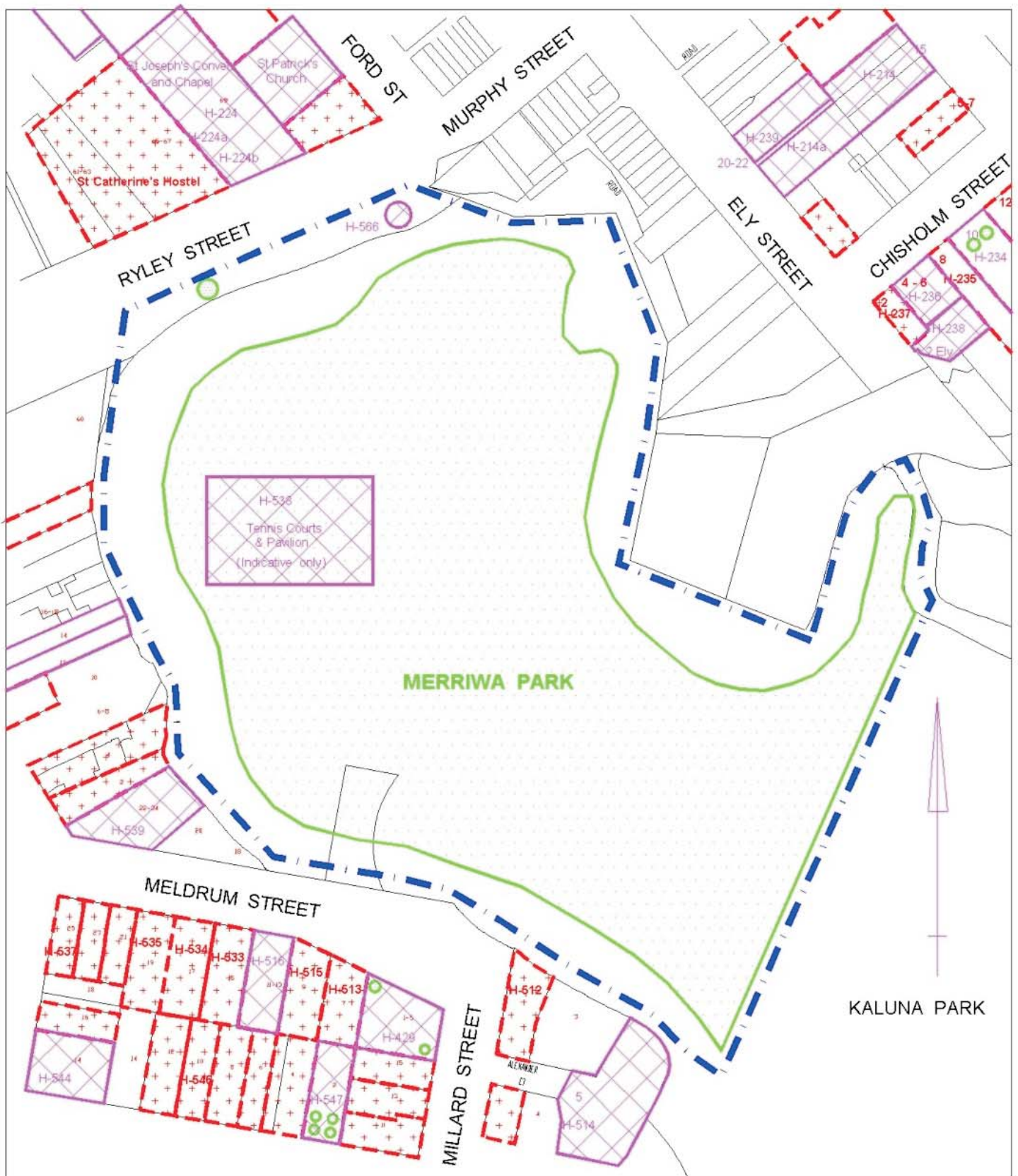
8.2.1 Organising Recreation:- Sporting Life




**Notes on Significance:** Merriwa Park is historically significant as an attractive piece of land in a river bend very close to the Town centre, specifically set aside as a public pleasure ground and formal garden at quite an early date in the town's history. The gardens have an interesting association with the distinguished gardener William Guilfoyle. The tennis courts have long been important in the history of lawn tennis in Victoria.



# MERRIWA PARK

# PRECINCT No. 912



-  Precinct boundary
-  Local (or State) Heritage Item
-  Contributory Heritage Item

-  Significant Tree(s)
-  Parks or Gardens



<b>H-Study Item No.</b>	<b>Signif. Code</b>	<b>Item Name</b>
<b>016</b>	<b>C</b>	Lone Pine Tree, Ryley Street, Wangaratta
<b>538</b>	<b>L</b>	C.B. Coe Tennis Pavilion & Lawn Courts, Merriwa Park, Wangaratta
<b>566</b>	<b>L</b>	Pioneer Memorial, Ryley St, Wangaratta







# PRECINCT: The Water Tower District

913

Study Item Number

Heritage Level (and Precinct if any): Signif. Code: **P**

## Heritage Precinct

Heritage Precinct.

Other Names or Uses:

Address:

WANGARATTA 3677

**Location Notes:** Conservation area including Millard, Meldrum, Harper, Roger & Moore Sts, Alexander Court, the north side of Crisp Street & the south end of Warby Street.

**Topo Map:** 8125-2-4 BONTHARAMBO 1:25,000

**AMG Easting:**

**AMG Northing**

**CFA Map:**

**VicRoads Map:** 313

**CFA Site:**

**VicRoads Ref:** 6L & 6M

**Inspected By:** CD & MD

**When:** July 2001

**How:** Inspected from Road (fairly close)

More Photos ?



( 913-Precinct Map.bmp )

**When Built:**

**StyleType:**

**Designer:**

**Builder:**

**Description:** The Water Tower district is a coherent residential area, bounded on the south by Crisp Street, the former Borough Boundary, on the north by properties one step back from Ryley Street, on the north and east by the King River and to the west, by Perry Street and the former Whitfield Railway easement. The precinct has more listed heritage items than any other heritage precinct in the Wangaratta urban area. Notwithstanding the fact that the whole area was included in the 1848 surveyed town plan, and that most blocks of land were sold by 1860, there are only two surviving houses which appear to pre-date 1900, ie., "Riversdale" (item 514) and "Te Kohanga" (item 539). There appear to be only about two non-residential structures part of the precinct - a pair of shops (contributory items) in Warby Street and the Water Tower itself (item 432). The Victorian style Pumping Engineer's House (item 511) was built next door to the Water Tower in 1914, probably to a standard Public Works design for such dwellings. Older and more recent houses seem to be well mixed throughout the precinct, but it is evident that the more desirable and probably expensive sites are concentrated towards the east end of the Precinct. This observation applies particularly to some of the most interesting post WW2 houses of Wangaratta, such as "Park House" (item 429), "Rapallo" (item 516) and 2 Harper Street (item 547). The larger Edwardian era villas have tended to suffer a variety of very large extensions - items 544, 548 and 628 are typical examples in this precinct. Another Edwardian villa, "Lynton" (item 529) at the west end, originally a fine and expansive arts & crafts design, has now been squeezed onto a tiny block by re-subdivision. The west end is also notable for some fine examples of groups of smaller inter-war bungalows, thought to have been designed and built by two of Wangaratta's best builders. George Murphy was responsible for three cottages in Meldrum Street (items 525, 525a & 525b). The earlier matching row in Moore Street (items 550 to 554) could also be Murphy's work. J. Law & Son designed and built two bungalows in Allan Court (items 528 & 528a), another at 10 Roger Street (item 542) and the very fine "Carlisle" at 12 Roger Street. "Carlisle" was built for the Osmotherley family, well known merchants. The beautiful gardens of "Park House" (item 429), 2 Harper Street (item 547) and "Riversdale" (item 514) are an ornament to the Precinct, as are the beautiful Lemon Scented and Spotted Gums in Crisp and Millard Streets (items 627 & 629).

**Current Use:**

**Condition:**

**History Notes:** See description.

**References:**

**External Australian HC:**

**Heritage Victorian HR:**

**Listings: National Trust :**

**Typological Group:**

**Category:**

**Historic Themes:** 4. Building Settlements and Towns



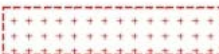


**Sub-Themes:** 4.8.1 Houses:- Houses in the District

4.9.1 Supplying Services:- Water

**Notes on Significance:** The Water Tower Precinct is significant for the way it illustrates the pattern of Wangaratta's suburban development in the 20th Century. It has a number of items of individual or group significance, because of their architectural and design qualities, or their builder, because of outstanding gardens or important trees or because of the significance of former owners or occupants. The Water Tower itself is one of the oldest of its type in Australia, and is a prominent local landmark.





-  Precinct boundary
-  Local (or State) Heritage Item
-  Contributory Heritage Item
-  Significant Tree(s)
-  Parks or Gardens



<b>H-Study Item No.</b>	<b>Signif. Code</b>	<b>Item Name</b>
429	L+	"Park House" & Trees, 1 to 5 Meldrum Street, Wangaratta
432	V	Millard Street Water Tower, Wangaratta
447	C	Bungalow, 2 Millard Street, Wangaratta
448	C	House, 4 Millard Street, Wangaratta
449	C	House, 6 Millard Street, Wangaratta
511	L	The Pumping Engineer's House, 10 Millard Street, Wangaratta
512	C	"Kaluna View", 20 Millard St, Wangaratta
513	C	Edwardian Bungalow, 7 Meldrum St, Wangaratta
514	L	"Riversdale", 5 Alexander Court, Wangaratta
515	C	Bungalow, 9 Meldrum St, Wangaratta
516	L	"Rapallo", 11-13 Meldrum St, Wangaratta
523	C	"Kinross", 54 Perry Street, Wangaratta
525	L	One of Three Bungalows, 27 Meldrum St, Wangaratta
525a	L	One of Three Bungalows, 29 Meldrum St, Wangaratta
525b	L	One of Three Bungalows, 31 Meldrum St, Wangaratta
526	L	House, 2 Allan Court, Wangaratta
526a	L	Former Stables, 2-4 Allan Court, Wangaratta (DEMOLISHED)
527	T	Cedar Trees, Allan Court, Wangaratta
527a	C	Cedar Trees, Lynton Court, Wangaratta
528	L	One of a pair of Houses, 1 Allan Court, Wangaratta
528a	L	One of a pair of Houses, 3 Allan Court, Wangaratta
529	L	"Lynton", 5 Allan Court, Wangaratta
530	L	One of a pair of Victorian Cottages, 12 Warby St, Wangaratta
530a	L	One of a pair of Victorian Cottages, 14 Warby St, Wangaratta
531	C	Weatherboard House, 3 Warby St, Wangaratta
532	C	Brick House, 5 Warby St, Wangaratta



<b>H-Study Item No.</b>	<b>Signif. Code</b>	<b>Item Name</b>
533	C	Bungalow, 15 Meldrum St, Wangaratta
534	C	House, 17 Meldrum Street, Wangaratta
535	C	"Prague", 19 Meldrum Street, Wangaratta
537	C	House, 25 Meldrum Street, Wangaratta
539	L	"Te Kohanga", 22-24 Meldrum Street, Wangaratta
540	L	Victorian Villa, 4 Roger St, Wangaratta
541	C	One of a pair of Cottages, 6 Roger St, Wangaratta
541a	C	One of a pair of Cottages, 8 Roger St, Wangaratta
542	L	Bungalow, 10 Roger St, Wangaratta
543	L	"Carlisle", 12 Roger St, Wangaratta
544	L	Villa, 14 Roger St, Wangaratta
545	C	Villa, 7 Harper St, Wangaratta
546	C	Bungalow, 10 Harper St, Wangaratta
547	L+	House and Garden, 2 Harper St, Wangaratta
548	L	House, 9 Millard St, Wangaratta
549	C	"Allendale", 11 Millard St, Wangaratta
550	L	House, 8 Moore St, Wangaratta
551	L	House, 10 Moore St, Wangaratta
552	L	House, 12 Moore St, Wangaratta
553	L	House, 14 Moore St, Wangaratta
554	L	House, 16 Moore St, Wangaratta
627	T	Street Trees, Crisp Street, Wangaratta
628	L	House, 1 Millard Street, Wangaratta
629	T	Two Street Trees, Millard Street, Wangaratta



# PRECINCT: The Vicinity of Murdoch Road

914

Study Item Number

Heritage Level (and Precinct if any): Signif. Code: **P**

## Heritage Precinct

Heritage Precinct.

Other Names or Uses:

Address:

WANGARATTA 3677

**Location Notes:** Conservation area including Murdoch Road from Crisp Street to Vernon & Vincent Roads and stretching (west to east) from One Mile Creek to the King River.

**Topo Map:** 8125-2-4 BONTHARAMBO 1:25,000

**AMG Easting:**

**AMG Northing**

**CFA Map:**

**VicRoads Map:** 313

**CFA Site:**

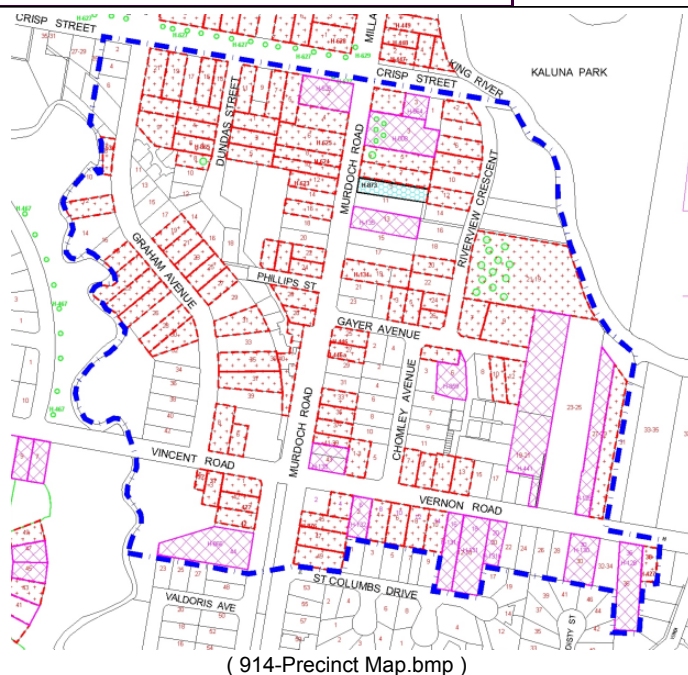
**VicRoads Ref:** 7L-7M

**Inspected By:** CD & MD

**When:** July 2001

**How:** Inspected from Road (fairly close)

More Photos ?



**When Built:**

**StyleType:**

**Designer:**

**Builder:**

**Description:** This precinct takes in part of the large residential area south of the former Borough boundary at Crisp St. This area was generally subdivided later than the land inside the boundary - generally in the late 1850s or 1860s, and then into much larger blocks, often of 9 or 10 acres. Remnants of a few properties from these subdivisions survive, but all much reduced in acreage, and only one with a house on it predating 1900. This is "Glenarvon" (Heritage Study item 129) in Vernon Road, said to have been built in c1865. Other houses known to have been built on these semi-rural blocks are "Valdoris" (item 866), built in c1921, "Langley" (item 859) built in 1905, and "Warra" (item 008) built in 1908. All have been tightly squeezed, to their detriment, by later re-subdivisions. The precinct has a number of fine houses, or gentleman's residences of the Edwardian period - notably "Warra", the only house in urban Wangaratta to be placed on the State Heritage Register to date. Others include "Giverny" (item 128), "Clontarf" (item 130) and 18 Vernon Road (item 131), all in Vernon Road. The well known designer/builders J. Law & Son are well represented by the Cross Roads Store & Residence (item 133), "Meers Brook" (item 135) and "Lenna" (item 626), all in Murdoch Road. Two post WW2 concrete block houses (items 131a & 131b) in Vernon Road on either side of No. 18, are included on the list because of their historical and technical interest. Potentially the most interesting buildings in the precinct are two very different post WW2 architect designed houses. The first is 3 Crisp Street (item 864) - a tiny Functionalist house fitted onto a small block cut from Warra's garden. The second is "the Arms's House" (item 441) in Vernon Road, an expansive, timber-framed dwelling in the Melbourne Regional style.

**Current Use:**

**Condition:**

**History Notes:**

**References:**

**External Australian HC:**

**Heritage Victorian HR:**

**Listings: National Trust :**

**Typological Group:**

**Category:**

**Historic Themes:**

**Sub-Themes:**




**Notes on Significance:** The Murdoch Road precinct is significant as the first area of residential subdivisions (albeit in uncommonly large allotments) to take place outside the Borough of Wangaratta boundary. The proliferation of smaller subdivisions and re-subdivisions illustrates the rapid expansion of suburban Wangaratta, outside the original planned town limits, in the first half of the 20th Century. The Precinct has a number of houses of individual or group significance, because of their architectural or design qualities, or their designer or builder, or because of the significance of former owners or occupants.



# MURDOCH ROAD VICINITY

PRECINCT No. 914



-  Precinct boundary
-  Local (or State) Heritage Item
-  Contributory Heritage Item

-  Significant Tree(s)
-  Parks or Gardens
-  Historic Site



<b>H-Study Item No.</b>	<b>Signif. Code</b>	<b>Item Name</b>
008	A	"Warra", 3 Murdoch Road, Wangaratta
128	L	"Giverny" Villa, 36 Vernon Road, Wangaratta
129	L	"Glenarvon" House & Garden, 27 to 31 Vernon Road, Wangaratta
130	L	"Clontarf", 30 to 32 Vernon Road, Wangaratta
131	L	House, 18 Vernon Road, Wangaratta
131a	L	Concrete House, 16 Vernon Road, Wangaratta
131b	L	Concrete House, 20 Vernon Road, Wangaratta
132	L	House, 6 Vernon Road, Wangaratta
133	L	Cross Roads Store & Residence, 43 Murdoch Road, Wangaratta
134	C	House, 19 Murdoch Road, Wangaratta
135	L	"Meers Brook" House, 13 Murdoch Road, Wangaratta
427	C	Cribbes' House, 38 Vernon Road, Wangaratta
441	L	Arms's House, 21 Vernon Road, Wangaratta
446	C	First of Two Brick Villas, 25 Murdoch Road, Wangaratta
446a	C	Second of Two Brick Villas, 27 Murdoch Road, Wangaratta
536	C	Graham Avenue Wastewater Pumping Station, Wangaratta
623	C	House, 12 Murdoch Road, Wangaratta
624	C	House, 8 Murdoch Road, Wangaratta
625	C	House, 6 Murdoch Road, Wangaratta
626	L	House "Lenna", 2 Murdoch Road, Wangaratta
859	L	Langley House, 6 Gayer Avenue, Wangaratta
864	L+	House, 3 Crisp Street, Wangaratta
865	C	House, 6 Dundas Street, Wangaratta
866	L	"Valdoris", 44 Murdoch Road, Wangaratta
873	L	"Ercildoune", 9 Murdoch Road, Wangaratta.
876	C	Mr R.J. Law's House, 45 Murdoch Road, Wangaratta







# PRECINCT: Central Business District

915

Study Item Number

Heritage Level (and Precinct if any): Signif. Code: **P**

## Heritage Precinct

Heritage Precinct.

Other Names or Uses:

Address:

WANGARATTA 3677

Location Conservation area including parts of Reid Street,

Notes: Murphy Street, Ely Street and Victoria Parade

Topo Map: 8125-2-4 BONTHARAMBO 1:25,000

AMG Easting:

AMG Northing

CFA Map:

VicRoads Map: 313

CFA Site:

VicRoads Ref: 5M

Inspected By: CD & MD

When: July 2001

How: Inspected from Road (fairly close)

More Photos ?



When Built:

StyleType:

Designer:

Builder:

**Description:** The Central Business District has very few intact historic buildings, and most that do survive have been severely compromised in some way, by removal of verandahs, alterations of shopfronts, or plain demolition and rebuilding (like most of the historic banks). Areas where no historic streetscape survives have as much as possible been excluded from the Precinct, hence the irregular boundary. The CBD contains some noteworthy items. The first former ANZ Bank (study item 010) is the only commercial building in Wangaratta to be listed on the Victorian Heritage Register. The second former ANZ Bank is a "Brutalist" structure of the 1960s or 70s and is in an excluded area. The former Notcutt & Purbrick building (item 017) is considerably altered, but has much historic interest. Trotman's Buildings (item 201) and Irving's Chambers (item 212), both address the corner of Reid & Murphy Streets and complement each other quite strikingly. Both, unusually, are substantially intact. A few Late Victorian/Edwardian buildings are scattered throughout the Precinct - some small office buildings (items 216, 217, 220) and several former houses, such as the semi-detached pairs in Victoria Parade (item 226 & 226a) and 20 Ely Street (item 239). Three surviving hotel buildings have been heavily altered - the Pinsent (item 213) has been listed mainly for its historic merit. Two interesting Inter-War buildings are "Commerce House" (item 206) and Wangaratta Motors (item 214), a very rare motor car showroom from the early 1930s, with an equally rare "Armco" workshop behind it. Wangaratta has never had a grand Town Hall, but the grandiose former Free Library (item 209) in Murphy Street will be serving a similar purpose. Across the road the extravagant former Post Office (item 207) is sadly under-used. Possibly the most significant building in the CBD (and also the oldest building in urban Wangaratta) is the Stables and Carriage House (item 869) in a lane at the rear of 52 Reid Street. This small building has been little regarded, but has much potential.

Current Use:

Condition:

History Notes: See Description

References:

External Australian HC:  
Heritage Victorian HR:  
Listings: National Trust :

Typological Group:

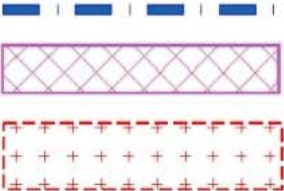
Category:

Historic Themes:

Sub-Themes:

**Notes on Significance:** The Central Business District has been so chopped around, it is difficult to discern any coherent pattern or theme which could be used to develop a useful streetscape plan. There are a number of interesting and individually significant buildings, but little that pulls them all together as an attractive urban streetscape. As in many other parts of Wangaratta, it is the superb street trees (the elms in Reid Street and the plane trees in Ely Street in this case) which are the signature of the CBD. These trees and the surviving heritage items should be jealously guarded to provide a connection to the past.





Precinct boundary  
Local (or State) Heritage Item  
Contributory Heritage Item



Significant Tree(s)  
Parks or Gardens  
Historic Site



<b>H-Study Item No.</b>	<b>Signif. Code</b>	<b>Item Name</b>
010	A	Former ANZ Bank, 49 Reid Street, Wangaratta
017	L	Former Notcutt & Purbrick Building, 74 to 76 Reid Street, Wangaratta
200	C	Rundles 1901 & 1905 Buildings, 39 to 53 Murphy Street, Wangaratta
201	L+	Trotman's Buildings, corner of Reid & Murphy Streets, Wangaratta
202	C	Pair of Shops, 81 & 83 Murphy Street, Wangaratta
203	C	Bull's Head Hotel, 87 Murphy Street, Wangaratta
204	C	Pair of Shops, 89 & 91 Murphy Street, Wangaratta
205	L	"Glasgow House", 97 Murphy Street, Wangaratta
206	L	"Commerce House", 99 Murphy Street, Wangaratta
207	L	Former Wangaratta Post & Telegraph Office, 101 to 103 Murphy Street, Wangaratta
208	C	"Willoughby's" Store, 106 to 108 Murphy Street, Wangaratta
209	L+	Former Wangaratta Free Library, 104 Murphy Street, Wangaratta
210	C	"Grand Central" Hotel, 80 Murphy Street, Wangaratta
211	C	"Corry's Buildings", 76 to 78 Murphy Street, Wangaratta
212	L	Irving's Chamber's, 60 Murphy Street & 32 to 38 Reid Street, Wangaratta
213	L	Pinsent Hotel, Reid Street, Wangaratta
214	L+	Wangaratta Motors, (Car Sales Show Rooms) 15 Reid Street, Wangaratta
214a	L+	Wangaratta Motors, (Rear Workshop Building), 15 Reid Street, Wangaratta
215	C	The Strand Arcade, 17 to 23 Reid Street, Wangaratta
216	L	Victorian Brick Cottage, 27 Reid Street, Wangaratta
217	L	"Exchange Buildings" , 39 to 41 Reid Street, Wangaratta
218	L	Former AMP Society Building, 43 Reid Street, Wangaratta
220	L	McSwiney's Building, 57 Reid Street, Wangaratta
222	C	The Former Wangaratta Co-operative Store, Reid Street, Wangaratta
223	C	Pair of Shops, 78 & 80 Reid Street, Wangaratta
225	Lh	Wangaratta Returned Servicemen's League, Victoria Parade, Wangaratta



<b>H-Study Item No.</b>	<b>Signif. Code</b>	<b>Item Name</b>
<b>226</b>	<b>L</b>	First Pair in a Group of Semi-detached Cottages, Nos. 1 & 3 Victoria Parade, Wangaratta
<b>226a</b>	<b>L</b>	Second Pair in a Group of Semi-detached Cottages, Nos. 5 & 7 Victoria Parade, Wangaratta
<b>227</b>	<b>C</b>	Group of 3 Shops, 46 to 50 Reid Street, Wangaratta
<b>239</b>	<b>L</b>	Villa, 20 Ely Street, Wangaratta
<b>869</b>	<b>L+</b>	Stables & Carriage House, 52 & 52a Reid Street, Wangaratta



# PRECINCT: C.B.D. Schools

916

Study Item Number

Heritage Level (and Precinct if any): Signif. Code: **P**

## Heritage Precinct

Heritage Precinct.

Other Names or Uses:

Address:

WANGARATTA 3677

Location School Buildings & grounds on the north side of Chisholm Street between Faithfull Street and Reid Street (Item Nos. 443 & 444)

Topo Map: 8125-2-4 BONTARAMBO 1:25,000

AMG Easting:

AMG Northing

CFA Map:

VicRoads Map: 313

CFA Site:

VicRoads Ref: 5M & 5N

Inspected By: CD & MD

When: July 2001

How: Inspected from Road (fairly close)

More Photos ?



When Built:

StyleType:

Designer:

Builder:

Description: The CBD School's precinct covers the site of the first Government (National) School in Wangaratta, founded in 1850, and now known as the Wangaratta Primary School. The former Wangaratta High School, now known as "The Centre" was established next door in about 1909, on part of the same land grant.

Current Use:

Condition:

History Notes: See Description.

References:

External Australian HC:

Heritage Victorian HR:

Listings: National Trust :

Typological Group:

Category:

Historic Themes: 7. Educating and Caring

Sub-Themes: 7.1 Development of Schools

2. Local & Regional Economies

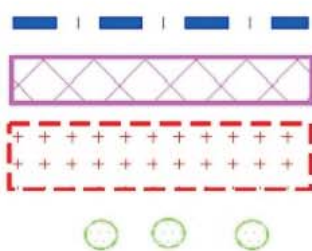
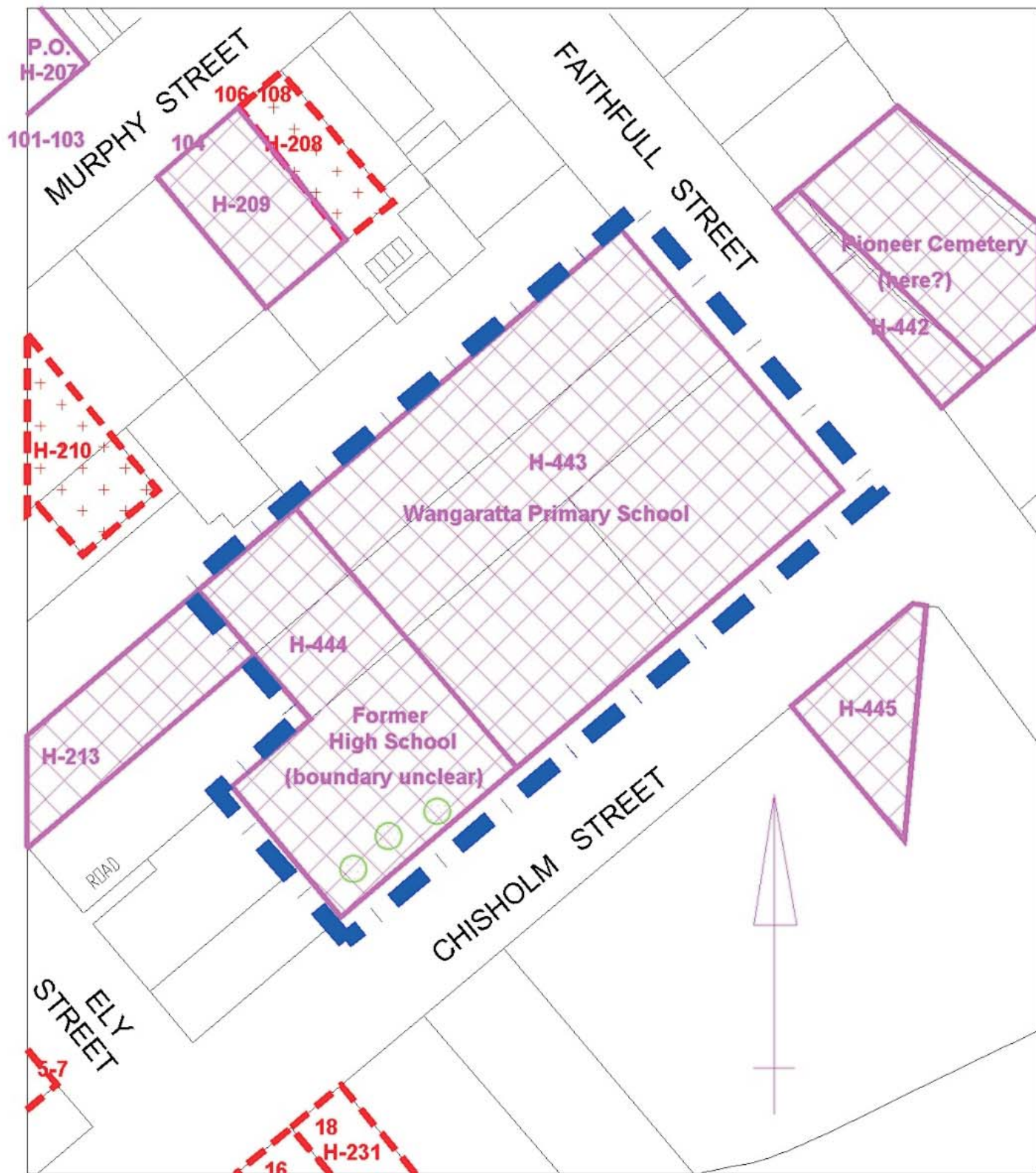
2.1 Developing Primary Production

Notes on Significance: The Primary School: This site held Wangaratta's only state school from 1850 to the 1950s. The main building is still in use as a school building after 125 years, and is still substantially in original condition. It continues 150 years of primary schooling on this site. The massive 1877 main buildings, and the high quality of their construction, indicates not only the burgeoning population of Wangaratta at that time, but also the importance of Wangaratta's agricultural economy and the influence of its leading citizens in the State. The high standard of construction & detailing employed in this building must have constituted something of a vade mecum for local tradesmen at the time. Proposed new uses for the original primary school building reflect the many changes in teaching practices since the 19th Century. "The Centre": The 1909 High School set up Wangaratta as the main centre of agricultural and technical education in north-east Victoria, and was responsible for the higher education of large numbers of local children. The former High School is still operating as an educational centre after 90 years. The 1939 additions (the North & South wings) reflect the changes in design for teaching practice over the 40 years from construction of the original building.



# C.B.D. SCHOOLS

# PRECINCT No. 916



Precinct boundary  
 Local (or State) Heritage Item  
 Contributory Heritage Item  
 Significant Tree(s)



<b>H-Study Item No.</b>	<b>Signif. Code</b>	<b>Item Name</b>
443	L	Wangaratta Primary School, Chisholm Street, Wangaratta
444	L	Former Wangaratta High School, Chisholm Street, Wangaratta







# PRECINCT: Chisholm Street Houses

917

Study Item Number

Heritage Level (and Precinct if any): Signif. Code: **P**

## Heritage Precinct

Heritage Precinct.

Other Names or Uses:

Address:

WANGARATTA 3677

Location Conservation Area including houses on the south side of Chisholm Street.  
Notes:

Topo Map: 8125-2-4 BONTHARAMBO 1:25,000

AMG Easting:

AMG Northing

CFA Map:

VicRoads Map: 313

CFA Site:

VicRoads Ref: 5M

Inspected By: CD & MD When: July 2001

How: Inspected from Road (fairly close)

More Photos ?



When Built:

StyleType:

Designer:

Builder:

Description: Chisholm Street Precinct encloses a row of houses on the south side of Chisholm Street, one house on the north side, and a former Brewery Grain Store converted to a residence, around the corner in Ely Street. Several houses have been converted to new uses - offices and a motel, but the two listed buildings are still residences. The rather charming 10 Chisholm Street (item 234) was designed and built by the ubiquitous and skilled J. Law & Son, while the earlier "Chisholm House" is said to have been built by the equally busy George Murphy.

Current Use:

Condition:

History Notes: See Description.

References:

External Australian HC:

Heritage Victorian HR:

Listings: National Trust :

Typological Group:

Category:

Historic Themes: 4. Building Settlements and Towns

Sub-Themes: 4.8.3 Houses:- Builders and Architects

2. Local & Regional Economies

2.2.6 Developing a Manufacturing Capacity:- Brewing

Notes on Significance: This Precinct contains, in a compact area, the only surviving relic of what was once a major industry in Wangaratta, and two fine houses of interest for their histories and for their builders. The survival of this small domestic enclave is unusual within the Central Business District.





Precinct boundary



Local (or State) Heritage Item



Contributory Heritage Item



Significant Tree(s)



<b>H-Study Item No.</b>	<b>Signif. Code</b>	<b>Item Name</b>
231	C	Bungalow, 18 Chisholm Street, Wangaratta
232	C	Bungalow, 16 Chisholm Street, Wangaratta
233	C	"Kingside", 14 Chisholm Street, Wangaratta
234	L	Bungalow, 10 Chisholm Street, Wangaratta
235	C	Cottage, 8 Chisholm Street, Wangaratta
236	L	"Chisholm House", 4 Chisholm Street, Wangaratta
237	C	Bungalow, 2 Chisholm Street, Wangaratta
238	L	Former Brewery Building, 2 Ely Street, Wangaratta
874	C	Billabong Motel, 12 Chisholm Street, Wangaratta







# PRECINCT: Glenrowan Siege Precinct

919

Study Item Number

Heritage Level (and Precinct if any): Signif. Code: **V**

State (& local) heritage significance

Heritage Precinct.

Other Names or Uses:

Address: Various  
GLENROWAN

Location Part of the area of the village of Glenrowan  
Notes:

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AMG Easting: AMG Northing

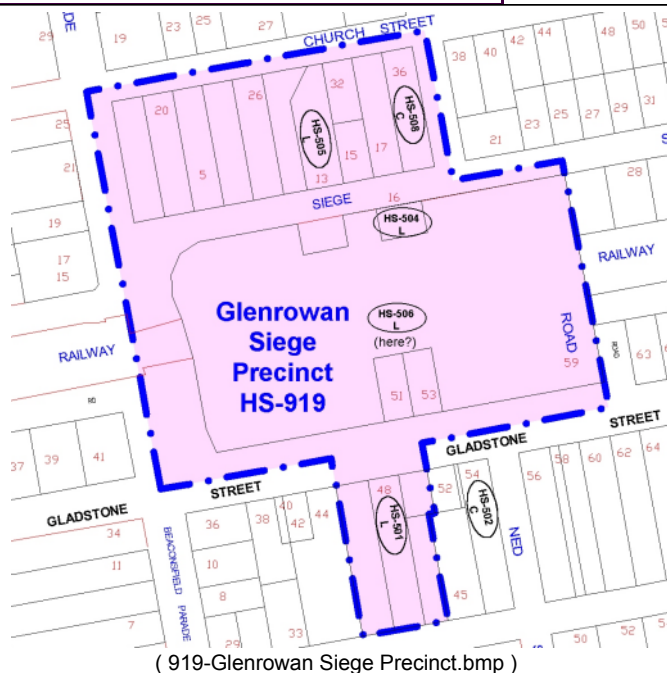
CFA Map: VicRoads Map:

CFA Site: VicRoads Ref:

Inspected By: When:

How: Inspected from Road (fairly close)

More Photos ?



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When Built: StyleType:

Designer:

Builder:

Description:

Current Use:

Condition:

History Notes:

References: Victorian Heritage Register item VHR2000

External Australian HC:

Heritage Victorian HR: No.H2000, file No.606636

Listings: National Trust :

Typological Group: Landscape - Cultural

Category: Historic Landscape

Historic Themes: 8. Developing Cultural Life

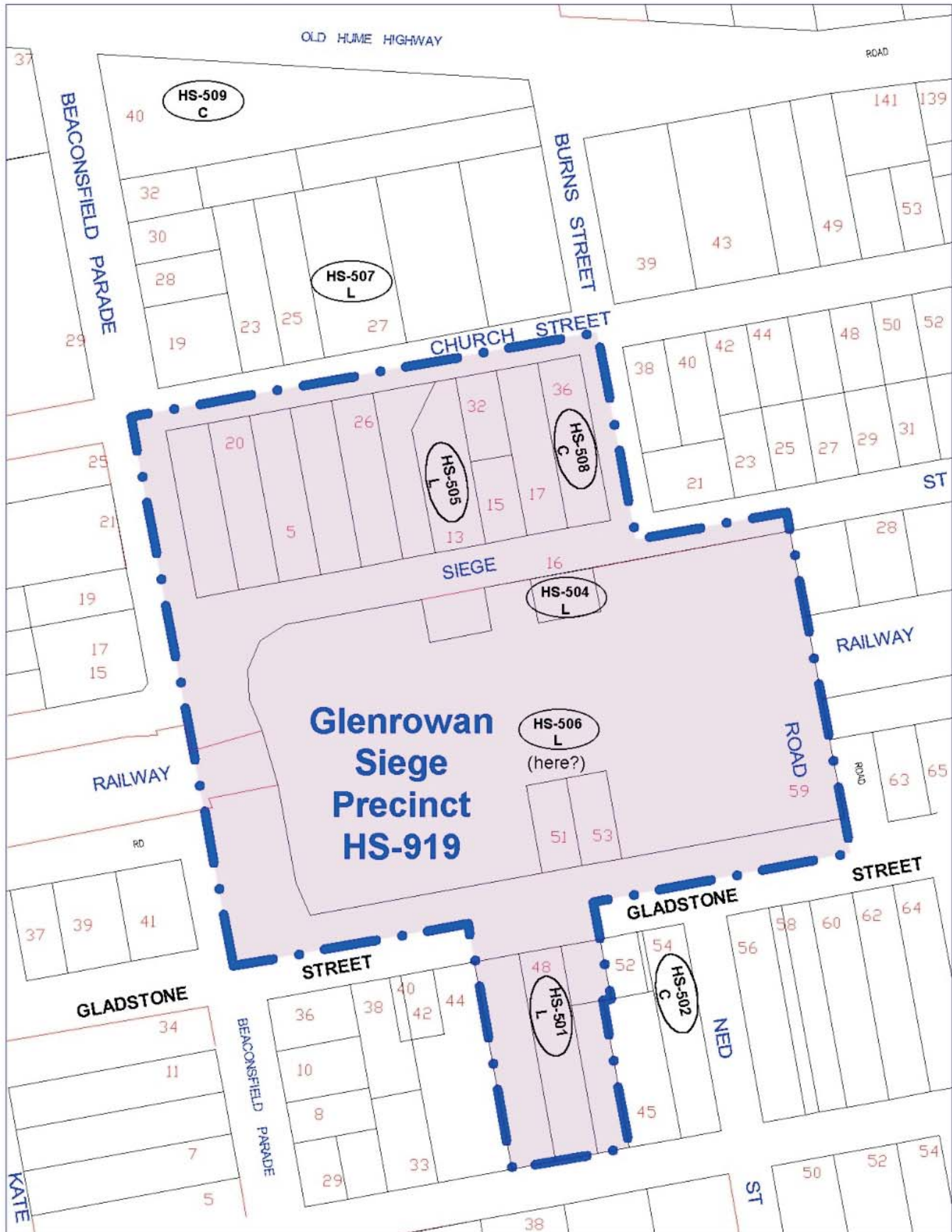
Sub-Themes: 8.7 Fact and Folklore

**Notes on Significance:** The Statement of Significance from the Heritage Register citation is as follows: What is significant?The Glenrowan Heritage Precinct is the area of central Glenrowan which is associated with the notorious siege leading up to the capture of Ned Kelly and the deaths of his other gang members Joe Byrne, Dan Kelly and Steve Hart in June 1880. The precinct is divided by the railway line and the railway station which played a pivotal part in the drama. North of the railway line is what is now known as Siege Street is the site of Jones's Glenrowan Inn where the bushrangers held out. Further north and east is the place where Ned was finally captured. To the south of the railway line is the site of the former McDonnell's hotel where the Kelly sympathisers gathered. After two years of outlawry in the north east of Victoria, Kelly and his gang planned to ambush and derail a police train. This action is said to have been planned as a precursor to a general uprising in the north east. In the event the police took longer than anticipated to arrive, resulting in the gang taking many captives in the town. Eventually, in the early hours of 28 June 1880, the police were warned of the gang's presence and surrounded the Glenrowan Inn. After a fierce night time gun battle which resulted in the wounding and capture of Ned Kelly early after daybreak, the police set fire to the inn in the afternoon and burnt it to the ground sealing the fate of the other outlaws inside. Ned Kelly was later tried in Melbourne and hanged on 11 November 1880 for the murder of police at Stringybark Creek in 1878. Since the siege, the town of Glenrowan has developed but the topography of the siege site remains largely unaltered and is quite capable of interpretation today.How is it significant?The Glenrowan Heritage Precinct is of historical and archaeological significance to the State of Victoria. Why is it significant?The Glenrowan Heritage Precinct is historically significant as the place most intimately connected with the legend that surrounds Ned Kelly, among the most well known of Australian historical figures. In a similar way the Eureka Historical Precinct (H1874) invokes the history of another rebellion against authority. The small town of Glenrowan was central to the history of the Kelly gang. The members lived in the district and spent much time there among a population generally sympathetic to the outlaws. The plan for a final showdown with police by derailing a train was a feasible if reckless plan that suited itself to the topography of the town where the railway line between Benalla and Wangaratta makes a sweeping curve on a steep embankment. The siege, the police cordon, the capture of Ned and the burning of the Glenrowan Inn are firmly implanted in Australian folklore and are directly related to this physical place. Significant fabric remaining from the event are the Stationmaster's house (relocated to 16 Siege Street from its original site) and the railway platform (the current station building is a recent remodelling). Many of the mature trees existed at the time of the siege and one group, the "Kelly copse" where Ned tethered his horse, is of particular note.The stump and logwhere he was captured are no longer visible but remnants of the stump may exist below ground. The Glenrowan Heritage Precinct is archaeologically significant for its potential to reveal artefacts from the siege event. A large volume of ammunition was expended and there is a tradition of discovery of spent bullets from the soil. As well, the sites of demolished early buildings such as McDonnell's Hotel and the Glenrowan Inn have the potential to reveal artefacts both from the siege and from their everyday use.



## Study Item No. 919

**Based on the heritage precinct defined in Glenrowan Masterplan 2002**



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**L = Local (or C = Contributory) Heritage Places**



**Precinct Boundary**



<b>H-Study Item No.</b>	<b>Signif. Code</b>	<b>Item Name</b>
501	L	Glenrowan Hotel, 48 Gladstone Street, Glenrowan
504	L	Former Stationmaster's (?) Cottage, 16 Siege Street, Glenrowan
505	L	Former Police Station & Residence, 13 Siege Street, Glenrowan
506	L	Small Railway Shed, Glenrowan Railway Station Platform, Glenrowan
508	C	"St. Mary's" Cottage, 36 Church Street, Glenrowan







# PRECINCT: Milawa Village

920

Study Item Number

Heritage Level (and Precinct if any): Signif. Code: **P**

## Heritage Precinct

Heritage Precinct.

Other Names or Uses:

Address:

MILAWA 3678

Location Notes: The principal axes of the precinct are the Snow Road and Factory Road and their intersection.

Topo Map: 8125-2-2 TARRAWINGEE 1:25,000

AMG Easting:

AMG Northing

CFA Map: Milawa

VicRoads Map: 34

CFA Site:

VicRoads Ref: 9H

Inspected By:

When:

How: Inspected from Road (fairly close)

More Photos ?



( 920-Milawa Village Precinct.bmp )

When Built:

StyleType:

Designer:

Builder:

Description: The precinct includes the sites of most of the oldest buildings in Milawa village, plus the original paddocks on which the Brown Bros first vineyards are understood to have been established. The precinct is significant for its importance in the history of settlement in the district and its importance as a former way station on the Gold Road

Current Use:

Condition:

History Notes:

References:

External Australian HC:

Heritage Victorian HR:

Listings: National Trust :

Typological Group: Urban Area

Category: Townscape

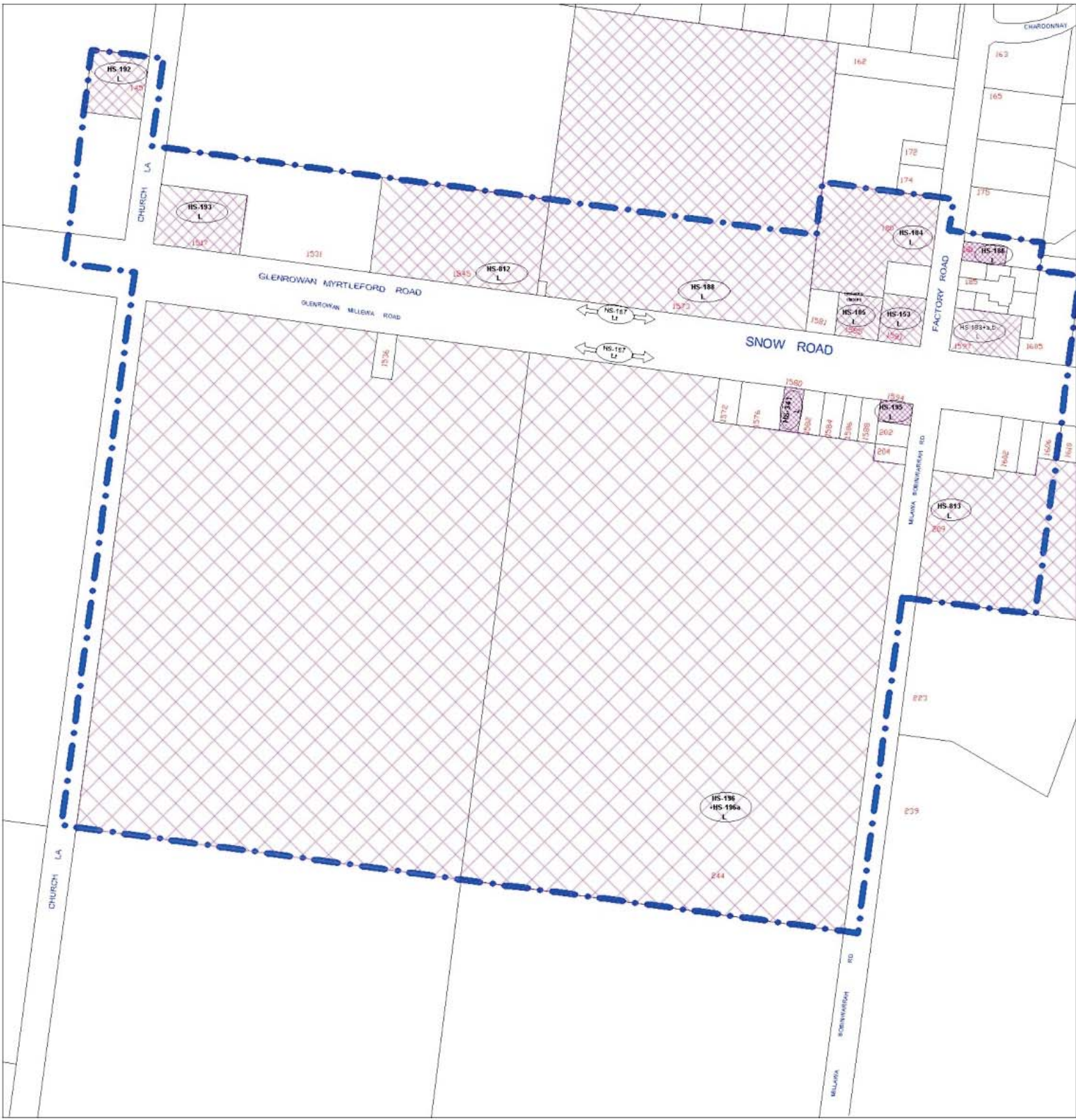
Historic Themes: 4. Building Settlements and Towns

Sub-Themes: 4.6 Tourist Centres

Notes on



Significance:





# Milawa Village Precinct

## Study Item No. 920

-  Precinct boundary
-  Local (or V=State) Heritage Item
- Contributory Heritage Items (none)



<b>H-Study Item No.</b>	<b>Signif. Code</b>	<b>Item Name</b>
153	L	The Milawa Hotel, 1591 The Snow Road, Milawa
183	L	The Old Emu Inn, 1597 The Snow Road, Milawa.
183a	L	Barn at The Old Emu Inn, 1597 The Snow Road, Milawa
183b	L	Former Police Lockup at The Old Emu Inn, 1597 The Snow Road, Milawa
184	L	Dr McCardle's House & Ombu Tree, 180 Factory Road, Milawa
185	L	Former Police House & Stables, 1585 The Snow Road, Milawa
186	L	Milawa Public Hall, 181 Factory Road, Milawa
187	Lt	Milawa Street Trees, The Snow Rd, Milawa Township
188	L	"Ercildoon" House, 1573 The Snow Road, Milawa
192	L	St Andrew's Uniting Church, 145 Church Lane, Milawa
193	L	Anglican Church, 1517 The Snow Road, Milawa
195	L	Former McKenzie's General Store, 1594 The Snow Road, Milawa
196	L	Brown Bros. Winery & Vineyards, 244 Milawa-Bobinawarrah Road, Milawa
196a	L	House at Brown Bros., 196a Milawa-Bobinawarrah Road, Milawa
341	L	"Clivara" Brick Cottage, 1580 The Snow Road, Milawa
812	L	House, 1545 The Snow Road, Milawa
813	L	"Karmala", 209 Milawa-Bobinawarrah Road, Milawa



