

COLLINGWOOD PARK CITATIONS

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Name Queensland's First Labour Strike Memorial ()

Former/Other Name

Category Memorial

Location Namatjira Park, 2A Collingwood Drive, Collingwood Park.

RPD L184 RP147247 Par Goodna.

Local Authority Ipswich City Council

AMG Map Sheet SG 56-14, Ipswich **Grid** MQ7645

Present Tenure Ipswich City Council, 50 South Street, Ipswich, Qld. 4305

Listing Boundary To the extent of its foundations.

Other Listings

History ()

A meeting by miners at Campbell and Towns Redbank coal mine on 7 June 1861 arranged for a deputation to call on John Campbell the next day to discuss demands which included a rise of 1 shilling per ton in the hewing rate, a specified week and monthly pay settlements. On Campbell's refusal to discuss the demands, eight miners barricaded the entrance to the mine and they were duly arrested for allegedly conspiring to injure Campbell's interests by preventing anyone from working underground. The strike continued for about a fortnight, and the eight miners were found not guilty of criminal conspiracy at the Ipswich Assizes on 6th August, 1861. The plaque lists the names of the eight strikers who were arrested and tried. this memorial was unveiled in 1981.

Description

The memorial consists of a marble plaque inset into a sandstone block, set in concrete foundations.

Significance **Level** *X*local city regional state national

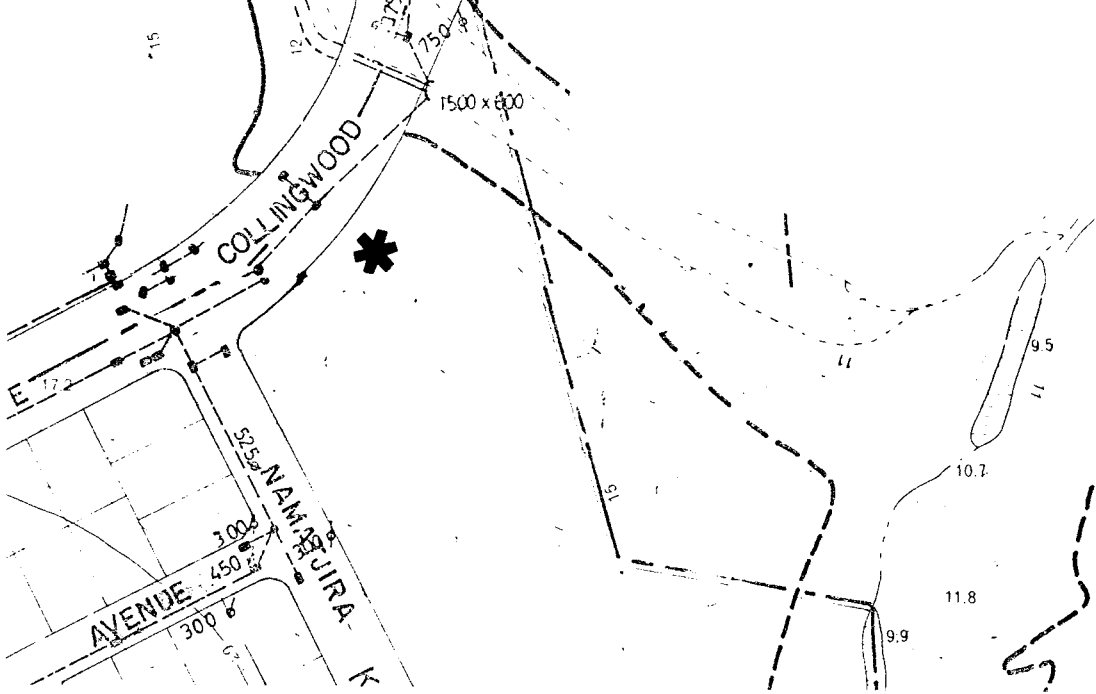
- As testimony to the first labour strike in Queensland. ()

Significance of Interior Not applicable

Associated Items**Comments**

Historical information from R.L. Whitmore's *Coal in Queensland. The first Thirty Years*. St. Lucia, Qld: University of Qld Press, pp74-76; and a *Queensland Times* article, 28 July 1981, p7. The actual site of Campbell and Town's coal mine which was the subject of the strike is located north of the present railway in Redbank.

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Source: Ipswich City Council. City of Ipswich topographic series. Amended to August 1990. Scale 1:2500. North at top of map. "*" = associated items.

Name Verrall Family Pioneer Graves
Former/Other Name
Category Cemetery
Location 294 ~~326~~ Collingwood Drive, Collingwood Park.
RPD L65 RP225349 Par Goodna
Local Authority Ipswich City Council
AMG Map Sheet SG 56-14, Ipswich **Grid** MQ7645
Present Tenure Timbertop Developments, 20 Miles Street, Mulgrave Vic 3170
Listing Boundary To be determined by further investigation

History

George and Sarah Verrall arrived in Sydney from Ireland in 1844. After working in the Clarence District, they moved to the Ipswich District in 1850, initially renting a farm at Redbank and pioneering the growing of wheat in the West Moreton District. They eventually bought their own 67ha farm and diversified into growing cotton, and later purchased another 616ha in 1868-9, for cattle grazing, making them one of the largest land owners in the district. They had 14 children, and built a family church near their homestead which was serviced by a Church of England vicar who travelled from Ipswich. There appear to be no Church records. A family cemetery was also established, although it is thought that other neighbours may also have been buried there. The former Verrall land is now part of the large Collingwood Park development. The developers have agreed to set aside in the future a Verrall Pioneer Park, intended to include the pioneer graves. Until such time, Mr. T. Verrall felt it prudent to remove the remaining visible grave surrounds which were being vandalised. When young Mr. T. Verrall located some building stumps and boards on the ground which he speculates may be the remains of the Church. Mrs. C. Verrall thinks that the earliest burial was a child in 1880, and there could be up to 14 graves altogether.

Description

The area is well covered with regrowth of trees, and only two graves are evident, one by the remains of wooden railings and posts, albeit burnt and decayed. None of the other graves were relocatable on the day the team member visited the site with Mr T Verrall.

Significance **Level** local Xcity regional state national .

- As evidence of the agriculturally successful pioneers, George and Sarah Verrall.
- As evidence of the lifestyle of pioneering families.

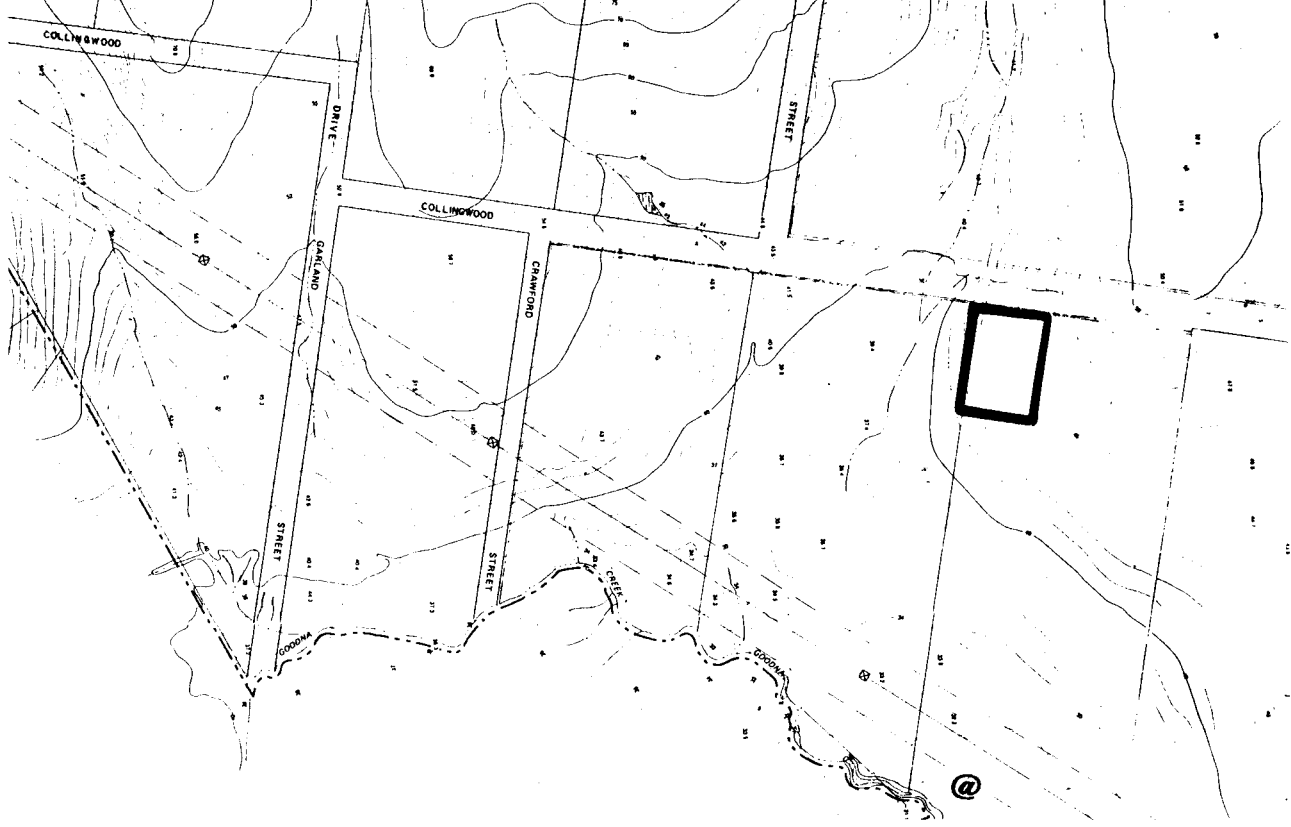
Significance of Interior Not applicable

Associated Items

Verrall Property Hoop Pine, listed separately

Comments

As it is not currently possible to accurately locate the graves visually, there should be more investigation on this point before the proposed park is declared, to ensure that the graves will be included in this park as is the intention. An appropriate non-invasive technique would be to conduct a magnetometer, or similar, survey. An archaeologist should be present when any soil disturbance is carried out in the vicinity. Consideration should be given to reserving the identified cemetery formally for memorial purposes. Historical information supplied by Tom and Chris Verrall, and Queensland Times article, 24 October 1978.



Source: Ipswich City Council. City of Ipswich topographic series.
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Name Verrall Property Hoop Pine

Former/Other Name

Category Tree

Location 326 Collingwood Drive, Collingwood Park

RPD L65 RP225349 Par Goodna

Local Authority Ipswich City Council

AMG Map Sheet SG 56-14, Ipswich **Grid** MQ7645

Present Tenure Timbertops Development, 20 Miles Street, Mulgrave
Vic 3170

Listing Boundary The greater of the circumference of the canopy or
root system.

Other Listings**History**

The Verrall pioneer family acquired large land holdings in the Redbank region in the late 1860's. Near their homestead they established a family Church serviced by a Church of England vicar who travelled from Ipswich, to which was also attached a grave site.

Description

To the north of the grave site, on the eastern bank of the Goodna Creek, there is a large hoop pine which is thought to have been located near the original homestead. A nearby burnt stump suggests that there may have originally been a pair of trees.

Significance	Level	<i>local</i>	<i>Xcity</i>	<i>regional</i>	<i>state</i>	<i>national</i>
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- As evidence of the Verrall pioneer family and pioneering phase of the Redbank district.

Significance of Interior Not applicable

Associated Items

Verrall Family Pioneer graves, listed separately.

Comments

From the size and thus presumably age of the trees, it is not clear whether this tree was deliberately planted, or selectively retained whilst clearing. Historical information supplied by Chris and Tom Verrall.

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