

Place name Victoria Park **Survey Date:** 4/07/2004
Other name Market Square **Id:** 1151
Street 101 to 103 Macalister Street **Last Update** 4/10/2004
Locality Sale **Postcode**
Official Locality **Property No** Crown Reserves Rs 4340, 434
Local Government Area Wellington Shire
Precinct: Precinct - Sale Victoria Park
Easting **Northing**
Map
Workshop number **Workshop votes**
Field survey number **Community priority**
Designer **Builder**
Ownership Crown **Built Date** 1913 (band **Change Date**

Description Victoria Park is an open area of approximately seven acres crossed by gravel paths and dominated by several buildings - two water towers (north-west and north-east corners), a bandstand (centrally placed) and a small hall used by the Scouts. Other small sheds and toilets are clustered near the scout hall. The paths are largely diagonal, with a subsidiary path leading to the adjacent school.

There is a small lake in the south-west corner but much of Victoria Park is given over to lawns and specimen trees.

Amongst the trees are large specimens of Canary Island Date Palm (*Phoenix canariensis*), elms (*Ulmus procera*), Holm Oak (*Quercus ilex*), Cedar (*Cedrus atlantica*), Hoop Pine (*Aracauria cunninghamii*), Bunya Bunya Pine (*Aracauria bidwillii*), cypresses, *Brachychiton populneus*, and English Oak (*Quercus robur*). Several large remnant indigenous River Red Gums (*Eucalyptus camaldulensis*) remain in Victoria Park and there are several other large eucalypts scattered throughout the site - these include *Eucalyptus ficifolia*, *E. botryoides*, *E. cladocalyx* and *E. citriodora*. The Date Palms form a dominant planting through their use as row plantings beside paths and along the southern boundary.

The water tower at the corner of Marley Street and Cunninghame Street is a handsome four storey structure of brick, sparingly decorated with cream brick contrasting against the orange hue of the circular structure, and topped by an iron tank. The bandstand is a simple structure with an iron roof supported on cast iron columns, the whole characteristically surmounted on a brick base.

Condition & Integrity: Victoria Park is well maintained although the picket fencing and detailed bedding shown in early photographs has now gone.

Place type: Parks + gardens

Band rotunda has foundation stone and plaque commemorating restoration. (Wellington Shire Monuments Register)

Feature	Style	Wall Materials	Roof Materials
Water tower	Other	Concrete	Not applicable
Band stand	Victorian	Other	Other

Condition Good **Integrity** Intact

None apparent
 Public

Building
 Foundation stone
 Garden
 Plaque (on a structure)
 Structure

History Victoria Park appears today as a seamless expanse of lawns and trees, but the area has had a complex administrative history. The 1850 town plan showed the area bisected by the 'Road to the Mitchell' and labelled 'Good land, lightly timbered'.(1) The site was apparently gazetted as a market reserve in the 1857 survey of Sale and this use was confirmed by gazettals of 1876 and 1887.(3)

In 1882, the eastern five acres was excised to form a school site and the current school building was erected at this time.(4) In 1887 a one acre site at the corner of Cunninghame Street and Marley Street was gazetted as a site for 'Tank & Public Baths' and the present large water tower was constructed at this time.(5) By 1910, the Sale Bowling Club had been granted permissive occupancy of a one acre site fronting Marley Street and the present scout hall was presumably once the bowling clubhouse.(6) In 1913, to celebrate the jubilee of Sale, a bandstand was erected in Victoria Park (no longer answering to the name Market Square). A grant of £749 from the government in 1919 permitted returned soldiers to work in Sale and £500 was spent on Victoria Park. In October 1920, a field gun was obtained from the Victorian War Trophy Committee and this proudly stood adjacent to the rotunda.(7)

An administrative reorganisation in 1933 resulted in the bowling site being incorporated into the park, a new water supply reserve created at the north-east corner and a diminution of the size of the public baths reserve.(8) The bandstand was dismantled in 1976 and reconstructed in 1980-83.(2)

Heritage Protections Register	Reference	Zoning	Status
Planning Scheme	HO102		Listed
Register of the National Estate	100611		Recommended
Victorian Heritage Register	601059		File only

National Estate

Research Required

Recommendations Recommended for nomination to the Victorian Heritage Register.

Fieldwork priority?

Stage 1 Ranking Assessed & protected **Stage 2 priority** No Action: Already include

Final Ranking State significance **Final Recommendation**

Statement of significance Victoria Park is a significant part of the heritage of Sale as a major public reserve in Sale, in continuous use since the 1850s for a variety of civic functions, most notably market reserve, water supply and public recreation. Tangible reminders of these uses include the water tanks, bowling clubhouse, reconstructed bandstand and remnant indigenous River Red Gums (which tell of an era prior to European use of the site). The park retains many mature exotic trees, probably dating from the early years of the twentieth century, as well as other features such as paths, open lawns and the lake. Victoria Park has considerable aesthetic significance, principally due to the large collection of mature trees, the pond and the large expanse of lawn. (A.4, E.1, G.1)

Extent of designation

Informant

Notes

Follow up

Bibliography

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- (1) Central Plan Office Feature Plan No. 591.
 - (2) 'A walk around Sale', typescript, n.d., 'Macalister Street Walk', 1985, Gippsland Branch of the National Trust and Sale & District Historical Society, pp.4-5.
 - (3) Victorian Government Gazette, 1876, p.2248; 1887, p.2338.
 - (4) Victorian Government Gazette, 1882, p.904.
 - (5) Victorian Government Gazette, 1887, p.2826.
 - (6) Parish of Sale, plan dated 12 March 1910.
 - (7) Allen, E., (comp.), 'Sale Pictorial Nostalgia', 1985, p.53.
 - (8) Current parish plan held by Sale City Council.
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