

Item name: Aria Park Conservation Area

Location: Coolamon Street Aria Park 2665

Temora

Address: Coolamon Street

Planning: Southern & Western

Suburb/nearest town: Aria Park 2665

Local govt area: Temora

Parish:

State: NSW

County:

Other/former names:

Area/group/complex:

Group ID:

Aboriginal area:

Curtilage/boundary:

Item type: Conservation Area

Group: Commercial

Category:

Owner: Multiple Owners

Admin codes:

Code 2:

Code 3:

Current use:

Former uses:

Assessed significance: Local

Endorsed significance:

Statement of significance: European settlers came to the Aria Park district in the mid 19th century. Initially taking up huge pastoral stations, these earliest settlers were followed by the selectors in the 1880s and the large pastoral stations were cut up into smaller holdings. This phenomenon continued throughout the 20th century, with the resumption of Walleroobie and Mandamah stations post-WWI for soldier settlement, quickening closer settlement. The Aria Park district was a thriving rural area during the early 20th century. There was a great deal of ring-barking, timber clearing, fencing and sinking of dams which provided lots of local employment and a small township sprang up to cater for the local residents. The railway was Aria Park's "lifeline", bringing and taking everything to and from the township, including jobs, customers and supplies. The railway determined the final position of the township, causing it to be moved from its original location which was about 1.5km south of its final siting. Many mail, passenger and goods trains passed through Aria Park Station. It was Aria Park's connection to the rest of the world.

During the 1920s Aria Park township boasted three blacksmith and farrier shops, a new garage and motor repair shop, 2-3 saddlers/harness makers cum boot repairmen, a Greek fruit shop/café, a newsagent, two billiard saloons/hairdressers, two butchers, two bakers, six stock and station agents, three general stores, one very busy hotel, a doctor and a private cottage hospital. The Depressions of the 1930s saw wheat prices drop significantly and the closure of many of the small businesses in the Aria Park settlement. Businesses still ran out of Aria Park until at least the mid 1980s; services were maintained however providers regularly changed.

Historical notes of provenance: The district first settled by grazing interests in the 1850s, the village of Aria Park sprang to life in response to the arrival of the railway in 1906. The main street has been renovated to preserve the central avenue of peppercorn trees, a central plaza offers picnic tables and seating and several of the vintage petrol bowsers have been restored and reinstated. Shops retain their 1920s streetscape. On September 27, 1916, Aria Park took a special place in the development of the Australian grain industry when, for the first time anywhere in rural Australia, a shipment of wheat was loaded in bulk for rail transport to the seaboard. A restored railway carriage provides a fitting memorial to the community's role as the birthplace of bulk grain haulage in Australia. The bronze wheat lumper statue erected in 2016 is a tribute to the hardworking men who lumped and stacked bags of wheat until the advent of bulk grain handling in 1916.

Themes: National theme

State theme

Local theme

Designer:

Builder:

Year started:

Year completed:

Circa: No

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Physical description:

**Physical condition
level:**

**Physical condition:
Archaeological
potential level:**

**Archaeological
potential Detail:**

Modification dates:

**Recommended
management:**

Management: Management category

Management name

Further comments:

**Criteria a):
[Historical
significance]**

**Criteria b):
[Historical
association
significance]**

**Criteria c):
[Aesthetic/
Technical
significance]**

**Criteria d):
[Social/Cultural
significance]**

**Criteria e):
[Research
significance]**

**Criteria f):
[Rarity]**

**Criteria g):
[Representative]**

Intactness/Integrity:

References: Author
Anna London

Title
Temora Shire Community Based Heritage Study

Year
2005

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Studies: Author

Title

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Parcels: Parcel code

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Section number

Plan code

Plan number

Latitude:**Longitude:****Location validity:****Spatial accuracy:****Map name:****Map scale:****AMG zone:****Easting:****Northing:****Listing:** Name

Title

Number

ListingDate

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