

HERITAGE PLACE

NAME OF PLACE: IRON PICKET FENCE

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE: Parker Street DUNKELD

STUDY NUMBER: 422

HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:

PRECINCT: Dunkeld

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Southern Grampians Shire

ALLOTMENT: 4? **SECTION:** 5

ACCESS DESCRIPTION:

CFA 433J B3; VicRoads 229 S4; located on the south side of Parker Street, the Glenelg Highway, between Dunlop and Sterling Streets.

SIGNIFICANCE RATING: Local



Iron Picket Fence, Parker Street, Dunkeld

Image Date: 3/07/03

EXTENT OF LISTING:

To the extent of: 1. All the fence structure and all the land within 5.0m of the street boundary.

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The fence and gates in Parker Street, Dunkeld is particularly fine and well detailed. The gatepost piers are carved from Grampians sandstone and the gates and railing are formed in wrought iron with cast iron finials. The gates are concave at the top to accommodate the height of the piers. The cast iron finials are a standard design. The plinth of the piers and the railing is bluestone.

HISTORY:

The exact date of construction of the fence is not known but, from its quality and design, it is likely to date from after 1865. The picket fence is believed to be located on allotment 4 of section 5 in the township of Dunkeld, purchased from the crown by a J. Browning. It is not known whether Browning was responsible for the construction of the residence and fence in front of the house.

THEMATIC CONTEXT:

Theme 4: Building settlements, towns and cities
4.5 Making settlements to serve rural Australia

CONDITION:

The fence is in excellent condition.

INTEGRITY:

Excellent degree of integrity.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

What is significant?

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How is it significant?

The iron picket fence located on the south side of Parker Street in the centre of the township of Dunkeld is of historical and architectural significance to the township of Dunkeld and the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

The fence is of architectural significance as a very fine example of an iron picket fence, the best within the Southern Grampians Shire. The fine details and construction are of further architectural significance and contribute greatly to the streetscape. The fence is of historical significance as a landmark feature of Dunkeld for over 100 years.

COMPARISON:

No comparative examples in the study area

ASSESSED BY: tfh

ASSESSMENT DATE:

06-Mar-03

EXISTING LISTINGS:

HERITAGE STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS:

Include in VHR Include in RNE Include in Local Planning Scheme

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No Recommendations for Inclusions

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