

J.F. Field Playpark, 1 Marshalltown Road, Marshall Statement of Significance

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Heritage Place: J.F. Field Playpark, 1
Marshalltown Road, Marshall

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Source: David Rowe May 2013.

What is significant?

J.F. Field Playpark is bound by Barwon Heads Road to the east, Marshalltown Road to the south and Mornane Road to the west.

The following features contribute to the significance of the place:

- Centrally located tennis court with bitumen surface bound by a high, black cyclone fence
- Late 20th century skillion tennis pavilion constructed of Colorbond tray deck with large opening on the east side with a built-in timber seat identified as the J.F. Field Pavilion
- Timber sign on the south-west corner that reads “J.F. Field Park”
- Mature trees with moderate value inclusive of:
 - two mature cypress trees at the southern end
 - one mature pine tree on the western end

Features that do not contribute to the significance of this place includes children’s playground with bark surface and timber border surround, and tubular steel framed sign reading “Marshall Reserve”.

How is it significant?

The J.F. Field Play Park at 1 Marshalltown Road, Marshall, is of historical, aesthetic, and social significant to the City of Greater Geelong.

Why is it significant?

The J.F. Field Play Park at 1 Marshalltown Road is historically significant for its associations with the life and development of St. Cuthbert’s Anglican Church between 1854 and 1988, and especially with James Frederick Field (c.1910-1972), a long serving and well-respected member of St. Cuthbert’s who contributed much to the life and witness of the Church, including St. Cuthbert’s Tennis Club (Criteria A & H). The park and the tennis pavilion are named in honour of J.F. Field who resided opposite the site at 19 Mornane Road.

The surviving mature cypress and pine trees in the J.F. Field Play Park, 1 Marshalltown Road, are aesthetically significant for the important contribution they make to the landscape values of the reserve While these trees are a physical embodiment of the previous occupation on the site of St. Cuthbert’s Anglican Church, they continue to contribute to the landmark qualities of the reserve in this prominent corner location at Marshall. (Criterion E).

The J.F. Field Play Park at 1 Marshalltown Road is socially significant as it is recognised by sections of the local community for its former Church use, and particularly for the important recreational role it plays in the area today. Tennis has been played on this site since 1907 and this continuing sporting activity is also valued

by sections of the community in the existing original tennis court (albeit resurfaced). Equally importantly, the Play Park and the tennis pavilion have commemorative value for their associations with James Frederick Field, a well-respected member of the community recognised for his sporting achievements and his devotion to the St. Cuthbert's Anglican Church that was previously on this site. (Criterion G).

Primary sources

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