# 39 - LAMB ISLAND: Harry Brook Reserve



Street Address	5 Brook Haven, Lamb Island
GPS/RPD	L77 RP907133
Place Type	Reserve





Red-e-map (RCC, 2017).

Harry Book Reserve, Lamb Island (RCC, 2013).

Condition	Good	Integrity	Good
<b>Statutory Listings</b>	Local Heritage Place		
Non-Statutory Listings	No current listing		
Inspection Date	01/05/2013		

#### **Historical Context**

Harry Brook was an early twentieth century resident of Lamb Island. In the 1920s, he purchased land on the Island with his brother, Sam Brook, and Colin Price. After buying out his partners, Harry Brook farmed the broader parcel of land until his death in 1963.[1] Brook's widow, Peggy Saunders, continued to live there until her death in 2002.[2]

The broader parcel of land that incorporates the Reserve retains a section of remnant red gum forest which is consistent with the natural habitat that existed on the island prior to settlement. The reserve was donated to the Council by Peggy Saunders in memory of her late husband, and it was declared a nature reserve in 1996.[3]

## **Physical Description**

Harry Brook Reserve is comprised of 2 hectares of mature bush adjacent to Harry Brook's former house and shed. It contains examples of red gum forest, most of which was cleared from the Island during timber getting phases.

## **Statement of Significance**

Harry Brook reserve is a locally significant place which embodies historical and aesthetic values. It has a strong association with early pioneering families on Lamb Island, and demonstrates the community's regard for the natural environment.

Criteria A The place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of the region's history.

Harry Brook Reserve demonstrates the historical patterns of settlement and industry on Lamb Island. Its declaration as a reserve in the 1990s reflects the community's regard for preserving the natural environment.

**Criteria H**The place has a special association with the life or work of a particular person, group or organisation of importance in the region's history.

Harry Brook Reserve is associated with the Brook family, a prominent family on Lamb Island in the twentieth century.

Primary Themes				
2.0 Exploiting, Utilising and Transforming the Land	2.08 Protecting and conserving the environment			
	2.06 Managing flora and fauna			
	2.04 Agricultural activities			

### References

- [1] RPS, 'Harry Brook Farm, Packing Shed, House and Garden', 2012.
- [2] RPS, 'Harry Brook Farm, Packing Shed, House and Garden', 2012.
- [3] RPS, 'Harry Brook Reserve', 2012.