



EASTS

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EASTS LOOKOUT

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Name: Easts Lookout
Location: North end of Eildon Dam Wall
Tank Hill Road, Eildon
Height: 363 metres above sea level
GPS: S37.218897, E145.915603

Easts Lookout a lookout located at the northern end of the Eildon Dam Wall and offers the visitor a view of the length of the wall as well as a picturesque well as Lake Eildon.



Easts Lookout circa 1935

State Rivers & Water Supply Commission
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Easts Lookout

Eildon is home to numerous lookouts, including the popular Easts Lookout, Foggs Lookout, Transmission Line Lookout, Spillway Lookout and the Intake Tower Lookout. While a number of other vantage points offer great views, the most significant vistas are found at Easts Lookout and Foggs Lookout.

Easts Lookout is located on Tank Hill above the northern end of the Eildon Dam Wall. It is opposite Mount Sugarloaf, which stands out as it has been partially cut away when it was harvested for rock during the dam wall construction and upgrade.

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Easts Lookout 2012



Access to the lookout is via a 500 m gravel road which intersects with Sugarloaf Drive near the entrance to AquaCafe and the Eildon Marina.

The view from the lookout is primarily of the Lake Eildon Dam Wall to the south east. The lookout has a large gravel carpark, however it has no tourism related facilities or interpretative signage. The wooden lookout sign was replaced with a steel sign in 2012.

The view of the Eildon Dam from this lookout is excellent and nearly as impressive as the view from Foggs Lookout. The view extends towards Jamieson and the Howqua Valley, however overgrown trees obscure visibility to some areas such as Eildon Township, Mount Torbreck and the Blue Range.

Who was the lookout named after?

The lookout was named in 1956 after Lewis Ronald (Ron) East, Chairman of the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission. Ron was born in Melbourne in 1899, was educated at both the Ringwood and the Malvern State Schools, and later attended both the Scotch College and the Melbourne University. His education was interrupted by War Service during which he served with the Australian Flying Corps. He later graduated with honours in Civil Engineering from the Melbourne University in 1922.

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Ron joined the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission in 1922 and after being associated with many rural and urban projects, he was appointed Commissioner in 1935, then Chairman of the Commission in 1936 (a position he held for 29 years—until 1965).

He was a member of the Snowy River Committee from 1948–49, was President of the Institution of Engineers in 1952 and served as Vice-President of the International Commission of Irrigation and Drainage from 1959-62. He was the recipient of numerous awards for his work from Engineering and other professional societies as well as from the University of Melbourne.

During his career Ron directed the planning or was involved in the construction of large works such the Hume Dam, the Great Snow Mountains project, the Eildon Dam, the Rocklands, Cairn Curran, Tullaroop, Lauriston and Eppalock reservoirs. He was also involved in numerous irrigation and water supply infrastructure works and river improvement projects. He was made a C.B.E. in 1951.

By the time of his retirement in 1965, Ron had been responsible for increasing Victorian's water storage capacity threefold, doubling its irrigated areas, and the improving and expansion of flood protection. Under his leadership, infrastructure works led to the improvement of country town water supplies and sewerage systems.

Ron received a Knighthood in 1966 and was recognised for being one of the longest serving public servant in Australian history at that time. He passed away in 1994.

Ron East circa 1926
State Library Victoria.



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BASIC TIMELINE OF EVENTS

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- 1899** Ron East was born in Melbourne.
- 1922** Ron graduated with in Civil Engineering from the Melbourne University in 1922.
- 1922** Ron joined the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission.
- Circa 1926** Easts Lookout was established.
- 1951** Ron was made a C.B.E.
- Unknown** Easts Lookout was established.
- 1965** Ron retired.
- 1966** Ron received a Knighthood in 1966 and was recognised for being one of the longest serving public servant in Australian history at that time.
- 1994** Ron East died.
- 2012** The 'Easts Lookout' wooden sign was replaced with a steel sign. The apostrophe (East's) on the new sign was dropped due to new rules for signage that stipulate that apostrophes are no longer acceptable on such signs in Victoria.
- 27 September 2014** Artworkz commenced work on this factsheet.
- March 2016** The roadway to Easts Lookout from the intersection with Sugarloaf Road was graded.

GALLERY

RELATED IMAGERY

HISTORIC SIGNAGE

East's Lookout, Eildon, Victoria



East's Lookout circa 1935

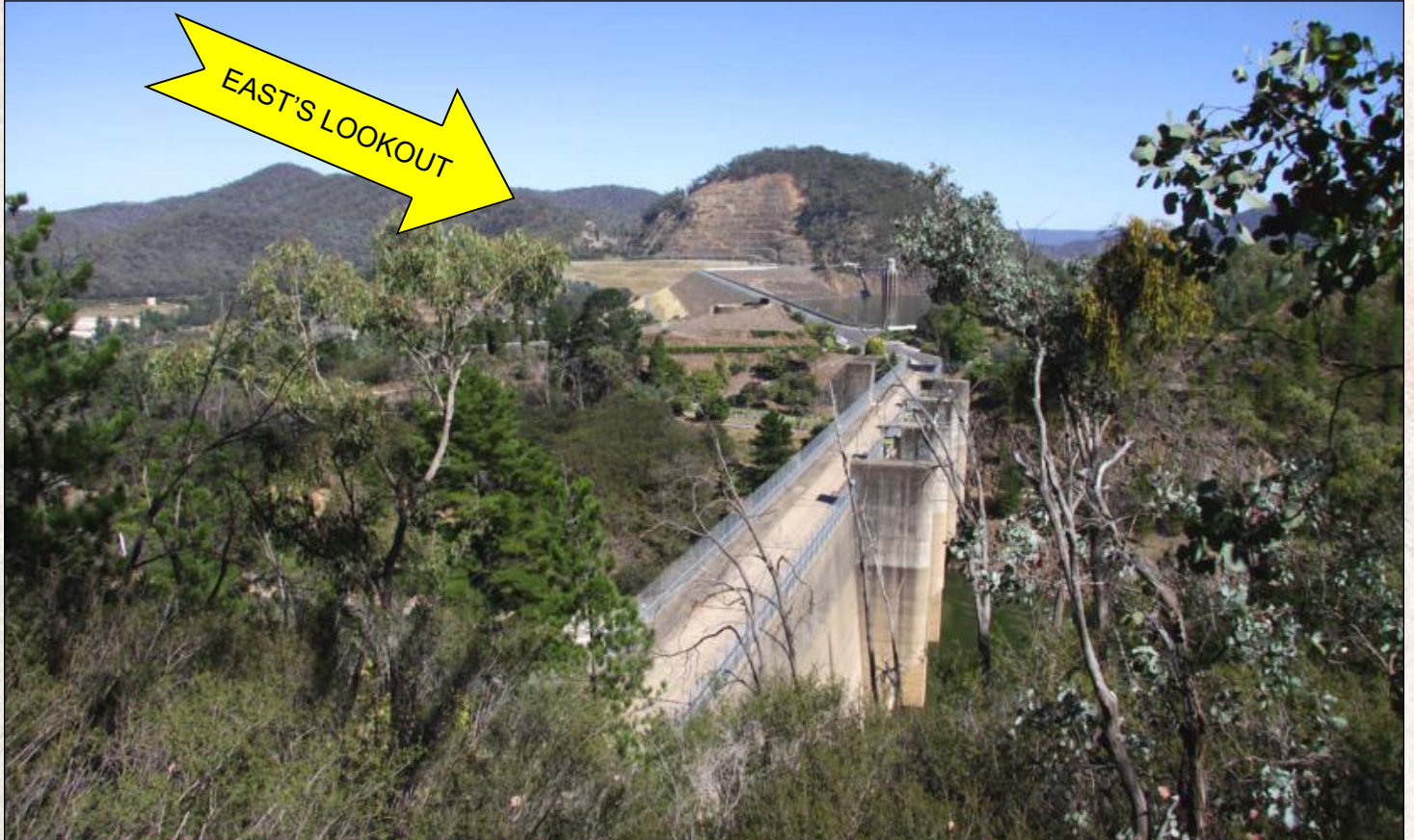
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Courtesy State Library Victoria.*



A new sign (bottom) with no apostrophe replaced the middle sign in 2012

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View from Easts Lookout in 2010

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View from East's Lookout in January 2013

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Mount Sugarloaf is located opposite Easts Lookout. It is from here that much of the bluestone was sourced to construct the wall. Later more rock was sourced from the same location for additional re-enforcement of the wall in 2004–05.

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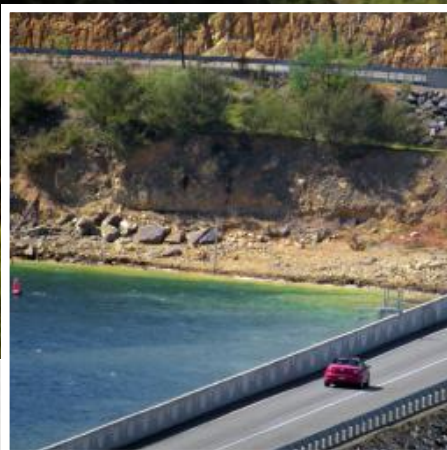
Easts Lookout in January 2017

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A beautiful view from Easts Lookout

The view from Easts Lookout is spectacular and has become a favourite of mine. The high vantage point, mountains, Lake Eildon and boating activity is highly photographic.



A second wooden fence is visible here with a second layer of chain wire. It is believed that the wooden fence is a historical hangover from the times past and was never removed when the newer fence was installed.



Looking down the cliff towards Sugarloaf Road



Two week ago I was stopped by police on the wall asking about our movements. We had been doing some astrophotography. The police told us that there were reports of people doing burnouts on the wall.



Easts Lookout no longer offers the 180 degrees panoramas it was known for, with trees now blocking around 75 percent of the view. This area was once the best vantage point to look at Mount Torbreck, which is spectacular in winter when covered by snow.





There is potential for an exciting redevelopment of the lookout. If Easts and Foggs lookouts were brought up to the standards of other local lookouts such as Keppel Lookout above Marysville and Murchison Lookout above Strath Creek, visitors would have even more reasons to visit our District.



Log entries are fun to write and great to read. They also provide quality information about people's experiences at the locations we send them. This is invaluable as a tourism tool, providing information not otherwise gathered.

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"Finally got to take manzie somewhere he hadn't been to in Eildon - I was under the impression he'd been everywhere, lol! Anyways, **it is a lovely view of the wall from here - it was good to see it from a different perspective.** Cache was in manzie's hands after a search that, really, was a little longer than it should have been. TFTC!"

xsurfergirlx

"**I've been going to Lake Eildon for so long and never knew this beauty of a spot existed, such a nice view!** After looking around for quite a while the geoboyfriend finally found the cache, he had to give me a boost so we could reach it in its good little hidey hole! tftc good hide."

Kodie3

"Brought to this part of the world by the launch of the Lake Eildon GeoTour, which we attended yesterday. This was our last cache for today, after playing around Thornton way and then in the National Park. **Yet another spectacular view to bring us to. We can never tire of these views.** It was nearly dusk and that combined with the tree cover was interfering with the gps. Chook had nearly given up scrambling around the terrain when she spotted a likely spot and there it was. Being called Chook for a reason (bum low to the ground) she nearly needed Chunk's long arms but just managed. Lots of fun. TFTC."

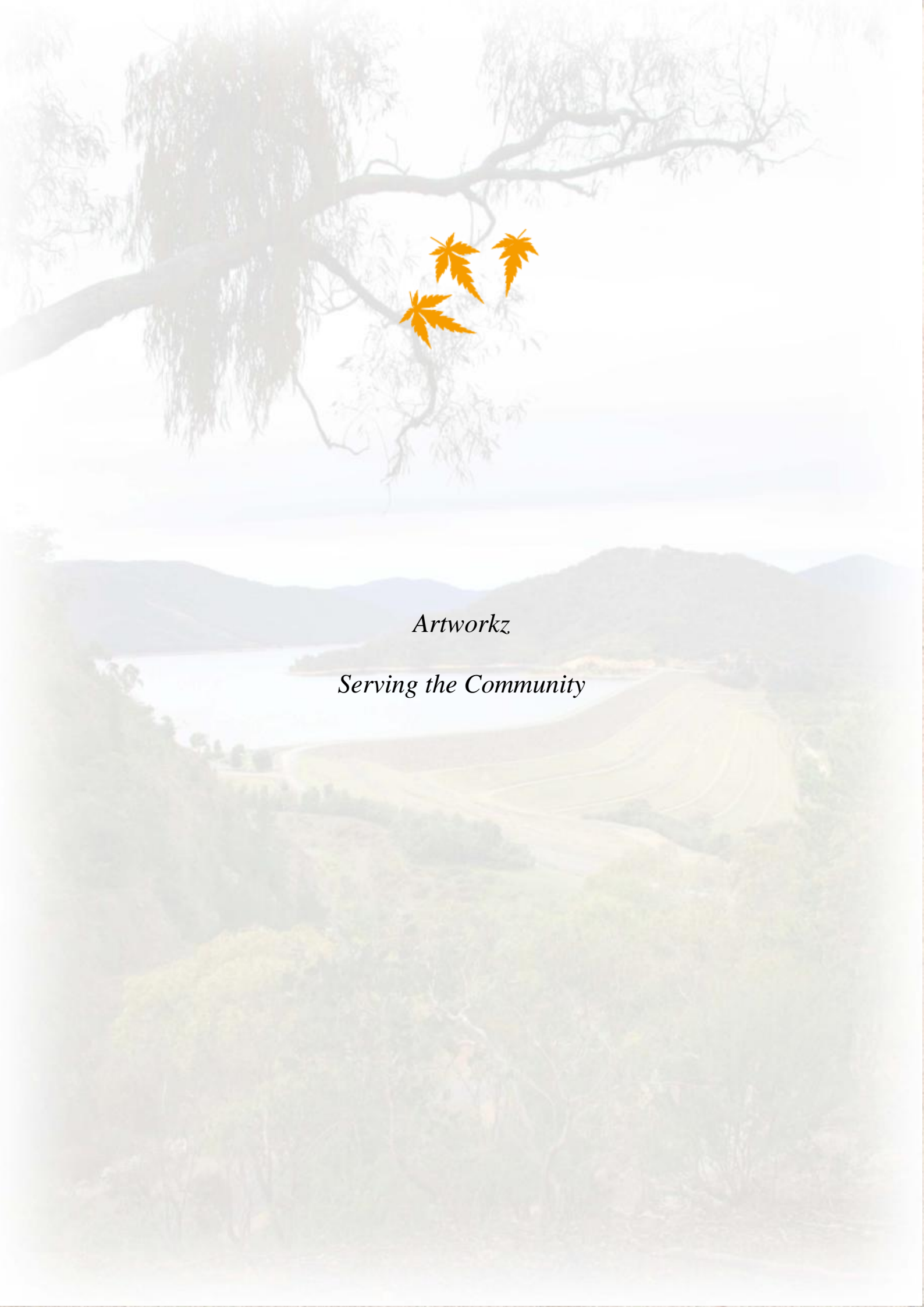
chooknchunk

After a full day of jetskiing, 88andy88 and I decided to grab a couple of GCs before heading home. **Awesome view of where we've been "playing" all day.** TFTC!

OzHockeyChick







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