DAMIAN FELIX GALLE AND ALLISON RUTH GALLE ("THE VENDOR")

VENDOR STATEMENT

19 O'NEILL ROAD, MACCLESFIELD 3782

FALCONE & ADAMS
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FALCONE & ADAMS

Vendor Statement

Sale of Land Act 1962.	tement in respect of the land in accordance with section	
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Land	19 O'Neill Road. Macclesfield 3782	
Vendor's name	Damian Felix Galle	
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Vendor's name	Allison Ruth Galle	
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Purchaser's name		
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1. FINANCIAL MATTERS

1.1 Particulars of any Rates, Taxes, Charges or Other Similar Outgoings including any Owners Corporation Charges or Levies (and any interest on them)

Are set out in the attached certificates.

1.2 **Particulars of any Charge** (whether registered or not) imposed by or under any Act to secure an amount due under that Act, including the amount owing under the charge:

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1.3 Terms Contract

Not applicable.

1.4 Sale Subject to Mortgage

Not applicable.

1.5 Goods and Services Tax

The sale price in any contract for the property is exclusive of any Goods and Services Tax ("GST") unless the contract provides otherwise. Should GST be or become payable on the sale of the property the price will be increased by the amount of GST so payable.

2. INSURANCE

2.1 Damage and Destruction

Not applicable.

2.2 Owner-Builder

Not applicable.

3. LAND USE

3.1 Easements, Covenants or Other Similar Restrictions

- (a) A description of any easement, covenant or other similar restriction affecting the land (whether registered or unregistered) is in the attached copies of title document/s.
- (b) Particulars of any existing failure to comply with that easement, covenant or other similar restriction are:

To the best of the Vendors knowledge there is no existing failure to comply with the terms of any easement, covenant or other restriction save as may be apparent from an inspection of the land.

Note: Drains, sewers, water pipes, gas pipes, electricity and telephone cables (whether underground and/or overhead) may be laid outside registered easements and/or under building and/or building lines

3.2 Road Access

There is access to the property by road.

3.3 Designated Bushfire Prone Area

The land is in a designated bushfire prone area within the meaning of regulations made under the *Building Act* 1993.

3.4 Planning Scheme

Attached is a certificate with the required specified information.

4. NOTICES

4.1 Notice, Order, Declaration, Report or Recommendation

Particulars of any notice, order, declaration, report or recommendation of a public authority or government department or approval proposal directly and currently affecting the land, being a notice, order, declaration, report, recommendation or approved proposal of which the Vendor might reasonably be expected to have knowledge are as follows:

None to the Vendors knowledge, however the Vendor has no means of knowing of all decisions of Public Authorities and Government Departments affecting the property unless communicated to the Vendor.

4.2 Agricultural Chemicals

Not applicable.

4.3 Compulsory Acquisition

Not applicable.

5. BUILDING PERMITS

Particulars of any building permit issued under the *Building Act* 1993 in the preceding 7 years (required only where there is a residence on the land) are as follows:

Nil.

6. OWNERS CORPORATION

Not applicable.

7. GROWTH AREAS INFRASTRUCTURE CONTRIBUTION ("GAIC")

Not applicable.

8. SERVICES

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9. TITLE

Attached are copies of the following documents:

- Register Search Statement for Certificate of Title Volume 8592 Folio 960 Plan of Subdivision LP070471 (a)
- (b)

SUBDIVISION 10.

Not applicable.

DUE DILIGENCE CHECKLIST

Attached.

12. **ATTACHMENTS**

- Yarra Ranges Shire Council Rates Notice (a)
- Yarra Valley Water Information Statement (b)



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REGISTER SEARCH STATEMENT (Title Search) Transfer of Land Act 1958

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LAND DESCRIPTION

Lot 8 on Plan of Subdivision 070471.

PARENT TITLE Volume 03177 Folio 242

Created by instrument LD070471 14/12/1965

REGISTERED PROPRIETOR

Estate Fee Simple
Joint Proprietors
DAMIAN FELIX GALLE
ALLISON RUTH GALLE both of "BRAMBLEY" 19 O'NEILL RD MACCLESFIELD 3782
V077843P 06/11/1997

ENCUMBRANCES, CAVEATS AND NOTICES

Any encumbrances created by Section 98 Transfer of Land Act 1958 or Section 24 Subdivision Act 1988 and any other encumbrances shown or entered on the plan or imaged folio set out under DIAGRAM LOCATION below

DIAGRAM LOCATION

SEE LP070471 FOR FURTHER DETAILS AND BOUNDARIES

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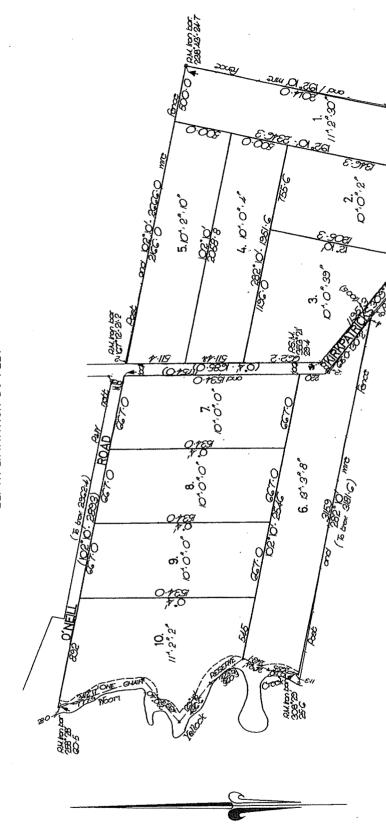
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PLAN OF SUBDIVISION OF CROWN ALLOTMENTS 103A & 103B

COUNTY OF EVELYN

DEPTH LIMITATION: 50 FEET

V 3177 F 242





PROPERTY DETAILS

Address:

19 ONEILL ROAD MACCLESFIELD 3782

Lot and Plan Number

Lot 8 LP70471

Standard Parcel Identifier (SPI):

8\LP70471

Local Government Area (Council):

YARRA RANGES

www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au

Council Property Number:

232142

Planning Scheme:

Yarra Ranges

Planning Scheme - Yarra Ranges

Directory Reference:

Melway 123 K10

UTILITIES

Rural Water Corporation:

Southern Rural Water

Legislative Council:

EASTERN VICTORIA

Melbourne Water Retailer.

Yarra Valley Water

Legislative Assembly:

STATE ELECTORATES

MONBULK

Melbourne Water:

Inside drainage boundary

Power Distributor:

AUSNET

OTHER

Registered Aboriginal Party: Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural

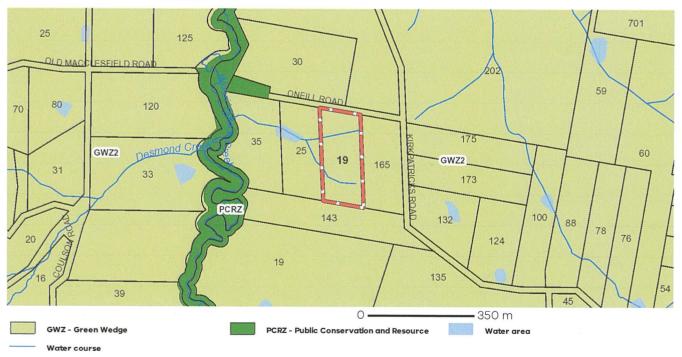
Heritage Aboriginal Corporation

View location in VicPlan

Planning Zones

GREEN WEDGE ZONE (GWZ)

GREEN WEDGE ZONE - SCHEDULE 2 (GWZ2)



Note: labels for zones may appear outside the actual zone - please compare the labels with the legend.

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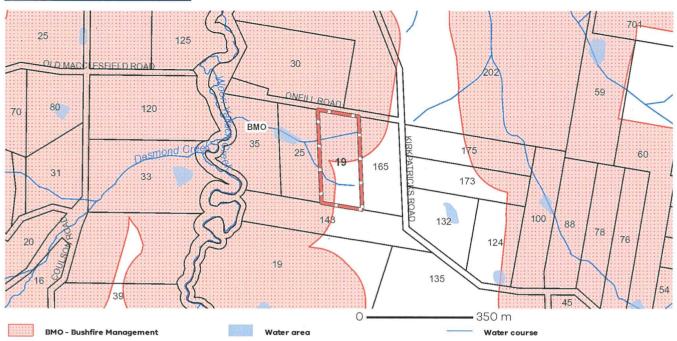
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Planning Overlays

BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT OVERLAY (BMO)

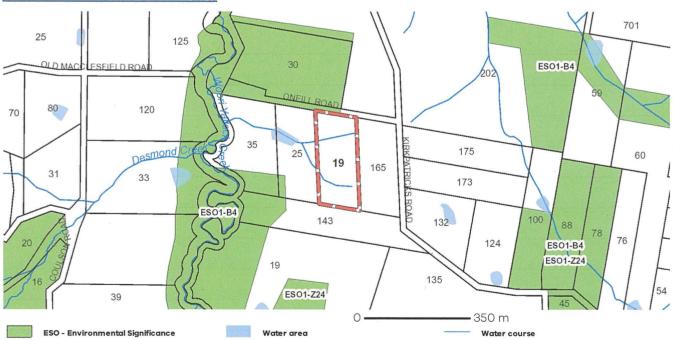


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OTHER OVERLAYS

Other overlays in the vicinity not directly affecting this land

ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE OVERLAY (ESO)



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Further Planning Information

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For details of surrounding properties, use this service to get the Reports for properties of interest.

To view planning zones, overlay and heritage information in an interactive format visit https://mapshare.maps.vic.gov.au/vicplan

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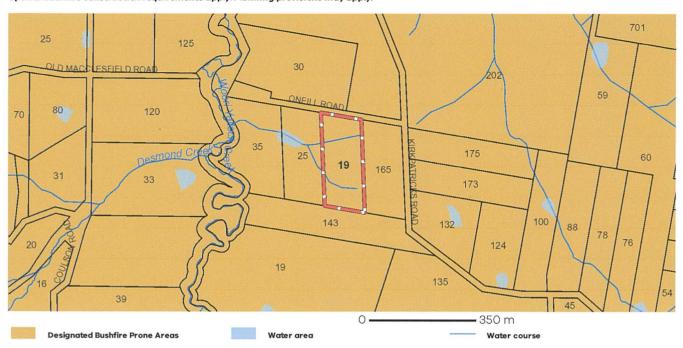
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Designated Bushfire Prone Areas

This property is in a designated bushfire prone area. Special bushfire construction requirements apply. Planning provisions may apply.



Designated bushfire prone areas as determined by the Minister for Planning are in effect from 8 September 2011 and amended from time to time.

The Building Regulations 2018 through application of the Building Code of Australia, apply bushfire protection standards for building works in designated bushfire prone areas.

Designated bushfire prone areas maps can be viewed on VicPlan at https://mapshare.maps.vic.gov.au/vicplan or at the relevant local council.

Note: prior to 8 September 2011, the whole of Victoria was designated as bushfire prone area for the purposes of the building control system.

Further information about the building control system and building in bushfire prone areas can be found on the Victorian Building Authority website https://www.vba.vic.gov.au

Copies of the Building Act and Building Regulations are available from http://www.leaislation.vic.gov.au

For Planning Scheme Provisions in bushfire areas visit https://www.planning.vic.gov.au

Native Vegetation

Native plants that are indigenous to the region and important for biodiversity might be present on this property. This could include trees, shrubs, herbs, grasses or aquatic plants. There are a range of regulations that may apply including need to obtain a planning permit under Clause 52.17 of the local planning scheme. For more information see Native Vegetation (Clause 52.17) with local variations in Native Vegetation (Clause 52.17) Schedule

To help identify native vegetation on his property and the application of Clause 52.17 please visit the Native Vegetation Information Management system https://nvim.delwp.vic.gov.au/and Native vegetation (environment.vic.gov.au) or please contact your relevant council.

You can find out more about the natural values on your property through NatureKit NatureKit (environment.vic.gov.au)

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PLANNING PROPERTY REPORT: 19 ONEILL ROAD MACCLESFIELD 3782

PROPERTY REPORT



www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au

PROPERTY DETAILS

Address:

19 ONEILL ROAD MACCLESFIELD 3782

Lot and Plan Number:

Lot 8 LP70471

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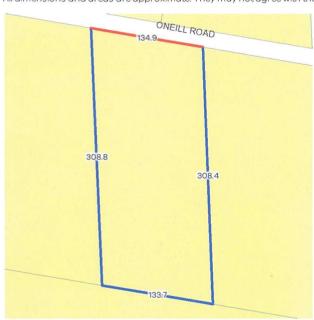
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SITE DIMENSIONS

All dimensions and areas are approximate. They may not agree with those shown on a title or plan.



Area: 40543 sq. m (4.05 ha)

Perimeter: 886 m For this property:

- Site boundaries

- Road frontages

Dimensions for individual parcels require a separate search, but dimensions for individual units are generally not available.

Calculating the area from the dimensions shown may give a different value to the area shown above

For more accurate dimensions get copy of plan at <u>Title and Property</u> Certificates

UTILITIES

Rural Water Corporation:

Southern Rural Water

Melbourne Water Retailer:

Yarra Valley Water

Melbourne Water:

Inside drainage boundary

Power Distributor:

AUSNET

PLANNING INFORMATION

Planning Zone:

GREEN WEDGE ZONE (GWZ)

GREEN WEDGE ZONE - SCHEDULE 2 (GWZ2)

Planning Overlay: BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT OVERLAY (BMO)

STATE ELECTORATES

Legislative Council:

EASTERN VICTORIA

Legislative Assembly: MONBULK

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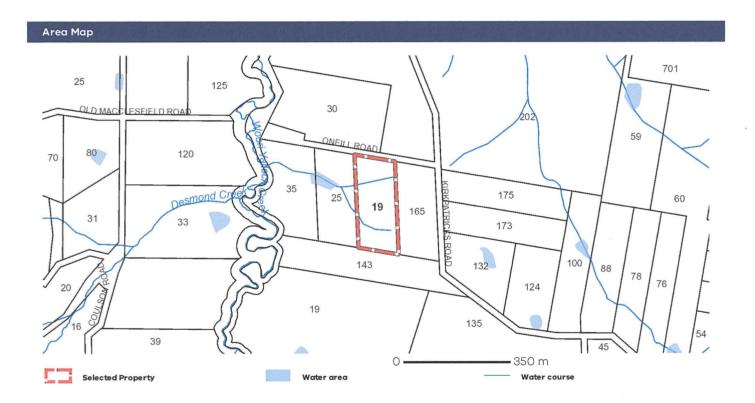
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VALUATION & RATE NOTICE 2021-2022

Issue date - 20 August 2021 Assessment number - 71673/5

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414664-001 007224(29853) D028 H3 Mr D F Galle and Mrs A R Galle Bramley 19 O'Neill Road MACCLESFIELD VIC 3782







Rates and charges at your property - 1 July 2021 - 30 June 2022

Assessment number 71673/5 19 O'Neill Road, Macclesfield VIC 3782 Lot 8 LP70471 Ca 103A&B PNangana

Property Valuations - Valuation Date 1 January 2021 - Valuation first used 1 July 2021

Capital improved value (CIV) - (the CIV is used to calculate your rates) Site value - (the site value is included in the CIV) Net annual value

\$950,000 \$650,000 \$47,500

FSPL Classification: Primary Production. AVPCC: 530 Description: Mixed farming and grazing

General Rate - 2021-2022 Farm Rate (0.00198 x \$950000)

\$1,881.00

Waste charge including State Government EPA levy Residential Waste 120L Bin Service (\$275 x 1)

\$275.00

State Government Fire Services Property Levy - Primary Production Fire Services Property Levy CFA (233 + 0.000205 x \$950000)

\$427.75

PAID 12/2021



YARRA VALLEY WATER

Lucknow Street Mitcham Victoria 3132

Private Bag 1 Mitcham Victoria 3132

DX 13204

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E enquiry@yvw.com.au yvw.com.au

7th April 2022

Falcone & Adams C/- InfoTrack C/- LANDATA LANDATA

Dear Falcone & Adams C/- InfoTrack C/- LANDATA,

RE: Application for Water Information Statement

Property Address:	19 ONEILL ROAD MACCLESFIELD 3782	
Applicant	Falcone & Adams C/- InfoTrack C/- LANDATA	
	LANDATA	
Information Statement	30685002	
Conveyancing Account Number	7959580000	
Your Reference	4457	-1 1 2 3 1 4

Thank you for your recent application for a Water Information Statement (WIS). We are pleased to provide you the WIS for the above property address. This statement includes:

- > Yarra Valley Water Property Information Statement
- Melbourne Water Property Information Statement
- Asset Plan
- > Rates Certificate

If you have any questions about Yarra Valley Water information provided, please phone us on **1300 304 688** or email us at the address enquiry@yvw.com.au. For further information you can also refer to the Yarra Valley Water website at www.yvw.com.au.

Yours sincerely,

Steve Lennox

GENERAL MANAGER

RETAIL SERVICES



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Yarra Valley Water Property Information Statement

Property Address	19 ONEILL ROAD MACCLESFIELD 3782
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STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 158 WATER ACT 1989

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION RELATES TO SECTION 158(3)

Existing sewer mains will be shown on the Asset Plan.

Please note: Unless prior consent has been obtained, the Water Act prohibits:

- 1. The erection and/or placement of any building, wall, bridge, fence, embankment, filling, material, machinery or other structure over or under any sewer or drain.
- 2. The connection of any drain or sewer to, or interference with, any sewer, drain or watercourse.



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Melbourne Water Encumbrance

Property Address	19 ONEILL ROAD MACCLESFIELD 3782	

STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 158 WATER ACT 1989

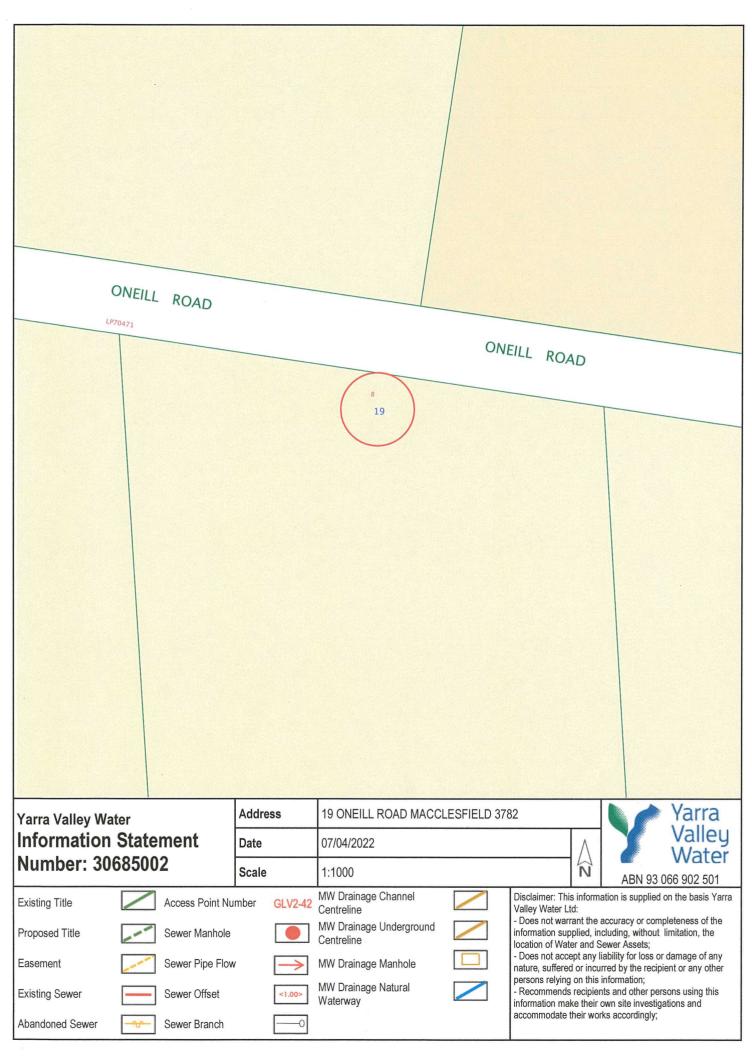
THE FOLLOWING ENCUMBRANCES RELATE TO SECTION 158(4)

Information available at Melbourne Water indicates that this property is not subject to flooding from Melbourne Water's drainage system, based on a flood level that has a probability of occurrence of 1% in any one year.

Please note: Unless prior consent has been obtained, the Water Act prohibits:

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If you have any questions regarding Melbourne Water encumbrances or advisory information, please contact Melbourne Water on 9679 7517.





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RATES CERTIFICATE

Account No: 2165080000
Rate Certificate No: 30685002

Date of Issue: 07/04/2022

Your Ref: 4457

With reference to your request for details regarding:

Property Address	Lot & Plan	Property Number	Property Type
19 ONEILL RD, MACCLESFIELD VIC 3782	8\LP70471	1383729	Residential

Agreement Type	Period	Charges	Outstanding
Drainage Fee	01-04-2022 to 30-06-2022	\$14.45	\$14.45
Other Charges:			
Interest	No interest applicable at this time		
N	o further charges applicable to this property		V 21 1 2 2 2 2
	Balance Brou	ght Forward	\$0.00
		his Property	\$14.45
		Total Due	\$14.45

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR SOLICITORS AND CONVEYANCERS

We have changed our BPAY biller code. Please refer to the payment options and update your bank details.

GENERAL MANAGER RETAIL SERVICES

Note:

1. Invoices generated with Residential Water Usage during the period 01/07/2017 – 30/09/2017 will include a Government Water Rebate of \$100.

2. This statement details all tariffs, charges and penalties due and payable to Yarra Valley Water as at the date of this statement and also includes tariffs and charges (other than for usage charges yet to be billed) which are due and payable to the end of the current financial quarter.

3. All outstanding debts are due to be paid to Yarra Valley Water at settlement. Any debts that are unpaid at settlement will carry over onto the purchaser's first quarterly account and follow normal credit and collection activities - pursuant to section 275 of the Water Act 1989.

4. If the total due displays a (-\$ cr), this means the account is in credit. Credit amounts will be transferred to the purchasers account at settlement.

5. Yarra Valley Water provides information in this Rates Certificate relating to waterways and drainage as an agent for Melbourne Water and relating to parks as an agent for Parks Victoria - pursuant to section 158 of the

Water Act 1989.

- 6. The charges on this rates certificate are calculated and valid at the date of issue. To obtain up to date financial information, please order a Rates Settlement Statement prior to settlement.
- 7. From 01/07/2019, Residential Water Usage is billed using the following step pricing system: 266.20 cents per kilolitre for the first 44 kilolitres; 317.87 cents per kilolitre for 44-88 kilolitres and 472.77 cents per kilolitre for anything more than 88 kilolitres
- 8. From 01/07/2019, Residential Recycled Water Usage is billed 186.34 cents per kilolitre
- 9. From 01/07/2019, Residential Sewage Disposal is calculated using the following equation: Water Usage (kl) x Seasonal Factor x Discharge Factor x Price (cents/kl) 114.26 cents per kilolitre
- 10. From 01/07/2019, Residential Recycled Sewage Disposal is calculated using the following equation: Recycled Water Usage (kl) x Seasonal Factor x Discharge Factor x Price (cents/kl) 114.26 cents per kilolitre
- 11. The property is a serviced property with respect to all the services, for which charges are listed in the Statement of Fees above.

To ensure you accurately adjust the settlement amount, we strongly recommend you book a Special Meter Reading:

- Special Meter Readings ensure that actual water use is adjusted for at settlement.
- Without a Special Meter Reading, there is a risk your client's settlement adjustment may not be correct.



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Property No: 1383729

Address: 19 ONEILL RD, MACCLESFIELD VIC 3782

Water Information Statement Number: 30685002

HOW TO PAY



Biller Code: 314567 Ref: 21650800002



Mail a Cheque with the Remittance Advice below to: Yarra Valley Water GPO Box 2860 Melbourne VIC 3001

Date		
Paid		

Receipt	
Number	

Please Note: BPAY is available for individual property settlements.

PROPERTY SETTLEMENT REMITTANCE ADVICE

Property No: 1383729

Address: 19 ONEILL RD, MACCLESFIELD VIC 3782

Water Information Statement Number: 30685002

Cheque Amount: \$

Due Diligence Checklist

Consumer Affairs Victoria

What you need to know before buying a residential property

Before you buy a home, you should be aware of a range of issues that may affect that property and impose restrictions or obligations on you, if you buy it. This checklist aims to help you identify whether any of these issues will affect you. The questions are a starting point only and you may need to seek professional advice to answer some of them. You can find links to organisations and web pages that can help you learn more, by visiting **consumer.vic.gov.au/duediligencechecklist**.

Urban living Moving to the inner city?

High density areas are attractive for their entertainment and service areas, but these activities create increased traffic as well as noise and odours from businesses and people. Familiarising yourself with the character of the area will give you a balanced understanding of what to expect.

Is the property subject to an owners corporation?

If the property is part of a subdivision with common property such as driveways or grounds, it may be subject to an owners corporation. You may be required to pay fees and follow rules that restrict what you can do on your property, such as a pan on pet ownership.

Growth areas

Are you moving to a growth area?

You should investigate whether you will be required to pay a growth areas infrastructure contribution.

Flood and fire risk Does this property experience flooding or

Does this property experience flooding or bushfire?

Properties are sometimes subject to the risk of fire and flooding due to their location. You should properly investigate these risks and consider their implications for land management, buildings and insurance premiums.

Rural properties Moving to the country?

if you are looking at property in a raral zone, consider:

• Is the surrounding land use compatible with your lifestyle expectations? Farming can create noise or odour that may be at odds with your expectations of a rural lifestyle.

- Are you considering removing native vegetation?
 There are regulations which affect your ability to remove native vegetation on private property.
- Do you understand your obligations to manage weeds and pest animals?
- Can you build new dwellings?
- Does the property adjoin crown land, have a water frontage, contain a disused government road, or are there any crown licences associated with the land?

Is there any earth resource activity such as mining in the area?

You may wish to find out more about exploration. mining and quarrying activity on or near the property and consider the issue of petroleum, geothermal and greenhouse gas sequestration permits, leases and licences, extractive industry authorisations and mineral licences.

Soil and groundwater contamination Has previous land use affected the soil or groundwater?

You should consider whether past activities, including the use of adjacent land, may have caused contamination at the site and whether this may prevent you from doing certain things to or on the land in the future.

Land boundaries

Do you know the exact boundary of the property?

You should compare the measurements shown on the title document with actual fences and buildings on the property, to make sure the boundaries match. If you have concerns about this, you can speak to your lawyer or conveyancer, or

commission a site survey to establish property boundaries.





Planning controls

Can you change how the property is used, or the buildings on it?

All land is subject to a planning scheme, run by the local council. How the property is zoned and any overlays that may apply, will determine how the land can be used. This may restrict such things as whether you can build on vacant land or how you can alter or develop the land and its buildings over time.

The local council can give you advice about the planning scheme, as well as details of any other restrictions that may apply, such as design guidelines or bushfire safety design. There may also be restrictions – known as encumbrances – on the property's title, which prevent you from developing the property. You can find out about encumbrances by looking at the section 32 statement.

Are there any proposed or granted planning permits?

The local council can advise you if there are any proposed or issued planning permits for any properties close by. Significant developments in your area may change the local 'character' (predominant style of the area) and may increase noise or traffic near the property.

Safety

Is the building safe to live in?

Building laws are in place to ensure building safety. Professional building inspections can help you assess the property for electrical safety, possible illegal building work, adequate pool or spa fencing and the presence of asbestos, termites, or other potential hazards.

Building permits

Have any buildings or retaining walls on the property been altered, or do you plan to alter them?

There are laws and regulations about how buildings and retaining walls are constructed, which you may wish to investigate to ensure any completed or proposed building work is approved. The local council may be able to give you information about any building permits issued for recent building works done to the property, and what you must do to plan new work. You can also commission a private building surveyor's assessment.

Are any recent building or renovation works covered by insurance?

Ask the vendor if there is any owner-builder insurance or builder's warranty to cover defects in the work done to the property.

Utilities and essential services Does the property have working connections for water, sewerage, electricity, gas, telephone and internet?

Unconnected services may not be available, or may incur a fee to connect. You may also need to choose from a range of suppliers for these services. This may be particularly important in rural areas where some services are not available.

Buyers' rights Do you know your rights when buying a property?

The contract of sale and section 32 statement contain important information about the property, so you should request to see these and read them thoroughly. Many people engage a lawyer or conveyancer to help them understand the contracts and ensure the sale goes through correctly. If you intend to hire a professional, you should consider speaking to them before you commit to the sale. There are also important rules about the way private sales and auctions are conducted. These may include a cooling-off period and specific rights associated with 'off the plan' sales. The important thing to remember is that, as the buyer, you have rights

