
CROSSMAN'S LOG CABIN

Location

KEADYS LANE MOORILIM, GREATER SHEPPARTON CITY

Municipality

GREATER SHEPPARTON CITY

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7924-0073

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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In 1869 Daniel Keady, a farmer of Kilmore, successfully applied under provisions of 42nd Section of the Amending Land Act 1865 for a licence to occupy Crown Land. Under the provision of the Land Act 1869, Keady was later able to purchase his allotment because of the improvements he had made. Amongst Kealy's improvements was this log structure. It is believed this cabin was operated as a dairy.

The structure is orientated north-south, is about 5m x 4m, and constructed of hardwood logs, notched at the ends. The roof structure, of braced rafters and battens, is covered with corrugated iron. The structure is in poor condition, slumping towards the west, and many of the lower logs are very rotten.

This structure is threatened by the Goulburn Valley Highway Project. The new road alignment will pass through this site. Heritage Victoria commissioned a Conservation Management plan for this place to establish its significance, identify comparative examples, and to give guidance for possibly relocating the cabin. The CMP identified eleven very similar structures in the Goulburn Valley region. These structures were all built by selectors in the 1870s and 1880s and are contemporary to Crossman's log cabin.

The CMP has clearly established that Crossman's log cabin is of regional significance to the Goulburn Valley and has demonstrated the survival of similar but better preserved structures, all associated with selectors and the selection Acts of the 1870s and 1880s.

Interpretation of Site Heritage Inventory Interpretation: Rural domestic structure used as a dwelling in the late nineteenth century to at least 1900. Currently used as a storage shed.

Other Names CROSSMANS LOG CABIN,

Hermes Number 13032

Property Number

History

Heritage Inventory History of Site:

Keady family selected allotments 128 and 130 between 1873 and 1879. According to local informants, the log cabin was used as a dwelling by at least four adult siblings of the Keady family at least until 1900. Apparently a separate kitchen was built to the north of the cabin. The site has been part of a small working farm to the present day. There are no remains of the kitchen apart from decayed brick fragments. The log cabin is full of belongings /other objects - used for storage.

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

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