
SIDEBOTTOM HOMESTEAD SITE, MICKLEHAM

Location

535 MOUNT RIDLEY ROAD MICKLEHAM, HUME CITY

Municipality

HUME CITY

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7822-0834

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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Data has been updated as a result of the Outer Western Metro Project, Context, March 2010.

The site represents a mid 19th century homestead forming part of a wider pastoral landscape.

Interpretation of Site To the south of the site, the land parcel contains a number of clearance cairns, the position of which has been interpreted as perhaps relating to the intended location of stone walls (see previous site card, 2005). The remains of a 20th century windmill and two contemporary water tanks stand next to a dam approximately 1.2km to the south of the homestead site, in the south east corner of the property, whilst a drystone wall runs across its southern portion. The remains of old cars and pieces of farm machinery lie in the centre of the site. None of these features is deemed to be archaeologically significant.

The likely mid 19th century homestead site, which is located at the north western corner of the parcel, is defined by an area of different/longer vegetation, likely reflecting disturbed ground and the difficulty of mowing amongst the general scatter of building material in this area, and boxthorn bushes along the road frontage. Despite the overgrowth, some structural components can be discerned, including a patch of brickwork which may represent a hearth.

Approximately 15m to the south of the house site, a circular depression is potentially a dam, and between the two a patch of bluestones could be the footing of a timber outbuilding.

Archaeological Significance Whilst the remainder of the wider site (that recorded in 2005) has little archaeological potential, the homestead may contain subsurface deposits, including dateable artefacts, which can provide information concerning the earliest occupation of the site, likely to be one of the earliest homesteads in the Mickleham area.

Historical Significance The site is historically significant because it is likely one of the earliest homesteads in the Mickleham area.

Other Names SIDEBOTTOM HOMESTEAD COMPLEX, SIDEBOTTOM HOMESTEAD COMPLEX - MICKLEHAM,

Hermes Number 14143

Property Number

History

In 1852 the land on which the site is located was the subject of a crown grant to James Harwick and John Baine (Ap 24124), and this parcel was transferred to Robert Longford Sidebottom, a pioneering settler in the Mickleham area, in 1859 (C of T Vol 2063 Fol 478). Andrew Dinwoodie purchased the property in 1889 and it then passed to Edmund Tucker in 1901 before being sold to Elizabeth Oliver in 1917 (C of T Vol 4053 Fol 488).

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