
DARLEY MILITARY CAMP SITE

Location

48 CAMERONS ROAD LERDERDERG AND 222 LERDERDERG GORGE DARLEY, MOORABOOL SHIRE

Municipality

MOORABOOL SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7722-0080

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 1, 1900

The Darley Quarry site is assessed as being of local historical significance for its association with pastoral use and activity in this, later settled portion of Victoria. It is also assessed as being of local historical significance for its association with use of the site as a World War 2 military encampment from 1940 - 1946.

Archaeological
Significance

Documentary evidence suggests that the site at 48 Camerons Rd, contained part of the Darley Military Camp which occupied the site from 1940-1946. Historical background research also indicated that a small structure likely related to pastoral activity was present in this area in 1917. The remains of camp structures are visibly present at the site comprising; concrete pads, footings, drainage features and access tracks. This area has been subject to ground disturbance from construction of a residence and associated infrastructure such as storage sheds, landscape features, roads as well as a large dam cut. Additional features located in the southern portion of the site within the 222 Lerderderg Gorge Rd property include an irrigation channel constructed c.1905 -1940. The site has the potential to contain archaeological features, deposits and artefacts that could provide insights into the military and early pastoral use of the place.

Historical
Significance

Darley military camp is assessed as being of local historical significance for its association with military history and pastoral uses in this area of Victoria. The site presents an opportunity to reveal further information of the early settlement of Darley, and twentieth century military use.

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Property
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