
TOOLERN CREEK RUINS

Location

GRIEGS ROAD WEST MELTON, MELTON CITY

Municipality

MELTON CITY

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7822-0179

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO3

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Interpretation of Site

The site may have been a house with associated (separate) gates or other type of outbuilding, possibly a stable. Positioned on a flood plain, the area would have been fertile for farming purposes. At present the original purpose of the site is unknown.

Archaeological Significance

The structural remains represented are in a ruinous condition with little integrity to the above ground site features. Although now it is public land, the site was form many years on private land and therefore may not have been subjected to much ground disturbance through artefact scavengers. Documented evidence for the site would exist but is yet to be located. Due predominantly to its potential age and undisturbed ground layers the archaeological significance is high.

Historical Significance If documentation was located to suggest that these ruins do date to the early 1840s they would be historically significant as a representation of early European activity within this region. At present the historical significance of this site is assessed as medium with potential to be high with further research.

Hermes Number 8823

Property Number

History

Very little is known about these ruins. The original structures were constructed around the 1840s by Dr Cottrell or Dr Walton and the buildings were destroyed by vandals in the 1930s (from previous site card, 1994). Further research is required.

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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