WALLABY CREEK QUARTERS, ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS AND GARDEN

Location

KINGLAKE NATIONAL PARK, ROAD TEN AND ROAD FORTY CLONBINANE, MITCHELL SHIRE

Municipality

MITCHELL SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7923-0056

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Historical Significance

Significant for its association to the broader Yan Yea water supply system

Archaeological Significance Likely to have archaeological deposits. Deposits likey to be significant for their potential to tell us about the people who built and then managed and then managed the system.

Interpretation of Site

Associated with the construction and maintenance of the system. Later used as a lodge

by MMBW Commissioners

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118352

Property Number

History

The Oldest section of the quarters was built to act as an office during the construction of the Wallaby Creek chanel in the early 1880's . The quarters were retained for accomodation purposes after the construction work was completed and were used during official visits of inspection to the watersheds. An orchard was once planted around the houses.

In 1928-29, the MMBW (melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works) undertook a program of improvements. New sleeping quarters were added and a kitchen was built in 1930. Quarters were also provided for a new Superintendent of Forests appointed in 1929. In the same year a small hydro-electric system was connected to the water supply. Around this time the Board began employing a housekeeper, and later casual housemaids, were to look after visitors. Weekend holidays at Wallaby Creek " Quarters" later known as the "Lodge" were privileges enjoyed by MMBW Commissioners. There were 56 Commissioners prior to 1978, when the MMBW was reconstructed to a sever-member board.

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