
KERR FARM SITE

Location

1780-1882 BOUNDARY ROAD MOUNT COTTRELL, WYNDHAM CITY

Municipality

WYNDHAM CITY

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7822-2275

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO110

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Interpretation of Site

The site represents a standard example of 19th century farming on the werribee Plains. All of the bluestone structures are in a ruined state (some more than others). The site appears as an area where people lived (on a small holding), and farmed for a generation. As one generation moved on, another came through with different farming practices, letting the previous materials fall into ruin.

Archaeological Significance

This site is of medium archaeological significance. Although in a ruinous state, there is substantial remains from a past farming era. The small dam area with placed bluestone steps is of interest as an unusual feature in a rural setting. The house site would be of interest for archaeological excavation to obtain a representation of material remains from a single family's occupation.

Historical Significance The historical significance of this site is assessed as medium due to its ability to express a past farming era and way of life. Again the dam (bathing area) stands out as an interesting and unusual feature of luxury in a predominantly working environment.

Hermes Number 124246

Property Number

History

The original European settler here was James Kerr during the mid 1850s. The land was used for farming. The Kerrs lived on this land parcel and farmed it until the late 1880s when the property changed ownership, but not usage patterns.

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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