

# GROVILLE FOREST FARM COMPLEX SITE

## Location

1 WHEATLEY PARADE MICKLEHAM, HUME CITY

## Municipality

HUME CITY

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7822-2293

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Interpretation of Site	The site had previously been recorded as part of a wider 'Grovile Forest Rural Landscape' site. This also incorporates the site now recorded as 'Grovile Forest, Kalkallo' (H7822-0898).
Archaeological Significance	Although it has been cleared, the site may still contain artefactual material or structural deposits which relate to its late 19th century occupation.
Historical Significance	The site is significant in that it represents a continuity of agricultural activity within the site, and for its association with the earlier farmstead at Groville Forest, kalkall (H7822-0898) and William Clarke and John Williams.
Other Names	BANK VALE RUN, KALKALLO PARK, FORMERLY PART OF H7822-0898,
Hermes Number	124597
Property Number	

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## History

The site, situated 20 miles north of Melbourne, was part of the Bank Vale run which William John Turner Clarke, later known as 'Big' Clarke, had taken over in the early 1840s. From 1845 the site appears to have then been part of John Riggs' 'Rocky Water Holes Run' before in February 1852 Sections 24, 25 and 26 in the Parish of Mickleham (of 616, 401 and 349 acres respectively) was purchased from the Crown by Richard Brodie, the largest and longest standing squatter in this area. Brodie sold the property to John Williams, a farmer, in 1852. On the land purchased by the Williams family was a dense redgum forest called the 'Grovile Forest' which is now completely cleared off the property, although a remnant of this original band of redgum forest can still be seen immediately south of the property, across Donnybrook Road.

Williams died in 1860, leaving the three Crown Sections to each of his three sons:- Section 26 to William, Section 25 to Francis, and Section 24 to John.

Upon marrying, William settled on the northern part (Section 26) of Groville Forest property which he successfully farmed until his death in 1911. In 1883 he was in possession of an 11 roomed house which was probably that shown on an early twentieth century map (as Credinia or Crodinia) in the middle of the property, accessed by a long right-of-way off Donnybrook Road. The house was unoccupied by 1938.

After the Second World War the property was sold to Mr F.R. Walker, of Euroa who assembled a large landholding in the area which incorporated all three of William's original sections into the present Kalkallo Park.

(Derived from Maloney & Johnson 1998)

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