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# WRIGHT STREET HOMESTEAD RUINS

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## Location

47-67 WRIGHT STREET WESTMEADOWS, HUME CITY

## Municipality

HUME CITY

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7822-0353

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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## Statement of Significance

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Data has been updated as a result of the Outer Western Metro Project, Context, March 2010.

Archaeological Significance	Likely subsurface deposits around the homestead site have the potential to demonstrate the nature of pastoral farming in the mid 19th century. Surface artefact scatters are of low significant potential for deposits across the wider site.
Historical Significance	The site is of historical significance for the high degree to which it preserves the landscape and features of a mid 19th century farmstead.

The site comprises a remnant agricultural landscape of well-established boxthorn hedges defining part of the boundaries and internal paddocks of former farms between Wright and Victoria Street.

Interpretation of Site

The site comprises a rectangular parcel of land 250m by 400m in size, surrounded by boxthorne hedge and drystone walls. A section of stone walling formed from massive silcrete, basalt and conglomerate stones on the eastern property fenceline, is a unique feature with single stones laid in a row reaching a height of 1.8 metres.

In its south east corner, the site includes homestead ruins possibly dating to the 1860s. This comprises a brick (hand-made and machine) scatter, an in-filled brick well, a probable dam and scatter of artefacts located amongst the remains of several smaller boxthorne paddocks.

Other Names        WRIGHT STREET H1,

Hermes Number    12579

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## History

European settlement in this area began in the mid 1830s as squatters occupied the open grass lands with their flocks of sheep. John Carr Riddell purchased Section 15 Parish of Tullamarine along with Section 6, in the 1840s, although Downies Station is indicated on an early plan (Parish of Tullamarine, 1856). Downie was an early run holder in the district but does not appear to have stayed long.

By 1892 the property appears to have been subdivided into small farms with Nash and Wright occupying adjacent small holdings fronting Moonee Ponds Creek. Their farm houses were located on Victoria and Wright Street respectively (Army Survey Sunbury Inch to a Mile sheet 1916 and 1933).

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