
GREENS ROAD SHEEPWASH SITE

Location

2-8 CRANWELL ROAD AND 26-42 TOWNSEND STREET AND 33-39 TOWNSEND STREET WYNDHAM VALE, WYNDHAM CITY

Municipality

WYNDHAM CITY

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7822-0589

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Interpretation of Site

Vernacular style sheep washing complex associated with pastoral activities. The stones in the wash are blackened, which is thought to have been caused by the chemicals used in the process. The wash appears to date to the late 1880s. The paved area at either end is likely to relate to holding areas for sheep to enter and exit (dry off). There maybe evidence of post holes relating to timber yards near the wash.

Archaeological Significance

The site maintains a high degree of integrity and intactness. The soil levels in the wash have accumulated since the 2003 survey. Further evidence may remain below the surface. Evidence of timber stockyards/ holding yards associated with the wash may also remain. The surrounding landscape to the north, east and south, has been cleared and the site remains isolated from its original context. The east wall of the dam has been punctured recently to allow water to drain through into a channel. This modification doesn't appear to be part of the original construction/ form of the dam.

Historical
Significance

The site is of local historical significance as it represents the development of farming/pastoral practice in the area from the mid to late 19th century and demonstrates how the landscape was modified to accommodate such practices. It also demonstrates the use of available resources, mainly fieldstone and timber, together with modified earth, to create farm infrastructure.

Hermes Number 12796

Property
Number

History

Property originally taken up by James Anderson. It may be connected with the Manor Park ruins located north of Greens Road. Site dates to mid to late 19th century.

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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