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# MARTINS ROAD HISTORICAL COMPLEX

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## Location

MARTINS ROAD LENEVA, WODONGA CITY

## Municipality

WODONGA CITY

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8225-0106

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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## Statement of Significance

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Local significance - farming complex in an area where these are common. Scientific significance is moderate - possible sub-surface remains.

Interpretation of Site	An early to mid 20 <sup>th</sup> Century farmhouse complex which has a dairy and creamery close to the house, which is surrounded by fruit trees, and a smokehouse located 150m away. According to the original site card, these probably date to the 1930s and 1940s, a time when farming was at its most intensive and land use was diverse, including dairy farming, tobacco planting and drying and grape growing.
Archaeological Significance	Local significance - farming complex in an area where these are common.

Historical Significance	Land was associated with Henry Huon in 1880s. Mid 19th century pastoral history of Wodonga.
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## History

According to original assessment:

"Part of original land owned by Henry Huon in 1880s. Bought by Albury Wodonga Development Corp in the 1970s".

Currently used for agriculture.

Outside of this, there is little information regarding the features on this historical site. The creamery appeared not to have been so prominent to be widely documented in general texts about Wodonga, for example and does not appear in any of the regional Parish plans or geological maps; nor is it documented within general histories.

The area of Levena is located approximately 10km south of Wodonga CBD. The name is apparently derived by the reverse spelling of "AVENEL". The first school was opened in 1875 and is rural. Tobacco may have been grown in the area since 1868 by Mr. Heilman who arrived back from the American Civil War. Greater intensification in the north east of Victoria occurred with the introduction of American flu-cured varieties and was encouraged by the government. By the 1960s there was over production and the government installed a quota system.

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