
EDGECOMBE ROAD FARM COTTAGE

Location

106 EDGECOMBE ROAD KYNETON, MACEDON RANGES SHIRE

Municipality

MACEDON RANGES SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7723-1250

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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The cottage remnants and associated components (sub-floor and outbuildings) at 106 Edgecombe Road Kyneton are of archaeological and historical significance.

The cottage itself has the archaeological potential shown by a possible nearby cesspit, outbuildings and sub-floor deposits. The cottage may not have been ever connected to utilities such as gas, electricity or internal plumbing, and in turn may have been used by seasonal farm workers.

There is the potential to further our understanding of who lived there and when. This is also an opportunity to investigate a late 19th century site which appears relatively unmodified by later renovations or development.

This site has historical significance to the township of Kyneton. Kyneton was settled by squatters in the 1830s and 40s, and was a pit-stop on the way to the Castlemaine and Bendigo diggings during the gold rush. Later, the township remained an agricultural and pastoral town, and this site may represent a farm workers/tenant's cottage from the late 19th century.

Archaeological Significance	The site comprises a dilapidated three-room weatherboard cottage with later brick fireplace addition and a lean-to kitchen with identified historical artefacts. This site demonstrates that there is significant potential for historical archaeological features, deposits or artefacts due to associated outbuildings and intact sub-floor deposits.
Historical Significance	The site is associated with the early-mid nineteenth century settlement of the Kyneton agricultural area. This site is a good example of a rural cottage and outbuildings representing the continued local agricultural and pastoral theme. It establishes an opportunity to gain insight into agricultural workers living conditions during the mid-late nineteenth century.
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History

The house (approximate location marked in red) is located within the property of Hugh Glass (below, source: SLV 2019).

Electoral Rolls from 1856 state that Hugh was a gentleman, who owned freehold properties in Kyneton, occupied by one Henry Wilkinson 'and others' (Ancestry 2019). A letter published in the Argus in 1869 also states that Hugh had multiple tenants in the Kyneton area (Argus, 18 Aug 1869: 5).

One of Hugh's Kyneton properties was called 'Fairview', occupied by Henry Wilkerson at least as early as 1856 until 1867, when Henry had to sell all his belongings (including crops and stock) "under distraint for rent" (Kyneton Observer, 6 Jun 1867: 2). In 1877, a Joseph Rogers was living at Fairview (Kyneton Observer, 10 Apr 1877: 3). A modern property named Fairview is currently located at 163 Baynton Road (REA Group Ltd 2019), which is roughly towards the bottom of the 'triangle' of land in the centre of the above parish map - on land once owned by George Rolfe. 'Fairview' is also listed as being in 'south Kyneton' in 1897 (Kyneton Observer, 14 September 1897: 2) - which this site and 163 Baynton Road are not. Meaning - 'Fairview' is a common name for houses or properties in the Kyneton area, and it is uncertain if our house is Glass's 'Fairview' or not. It is probably not from the 1850s, in any case.

Hugh himself died in reduced circumstances (following a land scandal in the early 1860s - he was at one point a millionaire) in 1871 at his home at Flemington (Argus, 16 May 1871: 7).

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