
BRICKWELL AND ARTEFACT SCATTER

Location

71-103 BREARLEYS LANE CHARLEMONT, GREATER GEELONG CITY

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7721-0537

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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This place is included on the Victorian Heritage Inventory, for its potential to contain historical archaeological remains associated with the settlement and growth of early Geelong. The Brick Well and Artefact Scatter site consists of a brick and concrete rendered well remnants and a late 19th - early 20th century artefact scatter. The site is associated with a former structure that was present in 1923. Under the terms of the Heritage Act 2017 there is protection for all historical archaeology sites and objects in the state.

Please visit the Heritage Victoria website to find out more about the Heritage Inventory.

Archaeological Significance	The site contains late nineteenth to early twentieth century ceramic artefacts, and a brick well feature, likely related to a previous structure on the property documented on an ordnance map in 1923. The exact location of the structure is unknown as its location is marked on a hand drawn map. It is likely the structure was located immediately to the north of the well and artefact scatter, and south of the swampy area. The site is currently an empty paddock and appears to have had little disturbance. The identified areas of archaeological potential comprise a brick well, artefact scatters and possible features relating to a structure. The site has the potential to contain archaeological features, deposits and artefacts, which provide information about the nature of the former structure relating to local settlement in the Bellarine Peninsula.
Historical Significance	The site is associated with late nineteenth to early twentieth century settlement of the Bellarine Peninsula. Any remnants and artefacts relating to the former structure and brick well have the potential to yield information about the use of the place. The site is assessed as having archaeological value in a local context under the 'peopling Victoria's places and landscapes' framework in Victoria's Framework of Historical Themes. The brick well and artefact scatter site thus meets Threshold B.
Hermes Number	204605
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History

Parish maps dated from 1837 to 1878 indicate the property was owned by John Gow. John Gow also owned the property immediately to the east of Brearleys Lane, opposite the site. A title search indicates John Gow owned the property until 13 November 1860 when Alfred Lomax took over ownership. Patrick Shelly then owned the property between 9 July 1877 and 29 February 1940, when Clare Josephine Shelly became the owner. No information was able to be obtained about any of these names being associated with the Charlemont area. A structure at the location of the well and artefact scatter is shown on an ordnance survey map which was produced in 1923, but not published until 1928 (Figure 5). As the ordnance map was hand drawn the accuracy of the map cannot be relied upon. However, the structure appears to have been located immediately north of the well and artefact scatter (Figure 6). The scale of the map results in an exaggeration of the size of the structure. It is likely that the structure was much smaller than drawn on the map, and located to the south of the swampy area and not extending into it, as the ordnance map places it.

Historical aerial imagery taken in 1947 was viewed for this assessment. No building structure or other features were visible. The scale of the photograph however would have made it difficult to see the brick well if it was present when the photograph was taken. However, it can be inferred that the structure shown in the ordnance was present in 1928 but had been demolished by 1947. It is likely that the well and artefacts were related to the structure shown in the 1928 ordnance map.

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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