
FORBES ROAD HUT RUIN

Location

FORBES ROAD, TERRICK TERRICK EAST VIC 3573

Municipality

CAMPASPE SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7725-0617

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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The Forbes Road Hut Ruin or “Dustans Place” is assessed as having archaeological value in a local context under the Peopling Victoria's places and landscapes Framework (2.1, Living as Victoria's original inhabitants); and Transforming and managing land and natural resources Frameworks (4.1 Living off the land, 4.3 Grazing and raising livestock, 4.4 Farming).

Interpretation
of Site

The site meets the definition of archaeological site under the Heritage Act, as a site that is likely to contain artefacts or deposits 75 or more years old, that would provide information relating to the former structures that may be extant within the area, and requires archaeological methods to reveal information about the original layout of the site. The place is located within a cultivated paddock which has been used for agricultural practices since at least the 1860s. Over this time, use of the surrounding area has moved from sheep and cattle grazing to crop growing, no substantial development or change has occurred within this area. Although the current landowners were unaware of the history of the site, an inspection undertaken on 25/09/20 identified a number of foundation stones and an artifact scatter consisting of glass, pottery, and metals. The Site extends approximately 50m in length, and is denoted by an area mostly clear of grasses, indicating that the area was once cleared and built upon. It is probable that this may represent a former dwelling or storage area which may have been constructed for use by the shepherd that was occupying this site in the absence of the former landowner.

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Property
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History

The 1864 squatting map of Victoria (Ham, Blundell & Ford) denotes the area in which the site is located as being part of the original Terrick Terrick Station, a grazing run of 65,000 acres on Mt. Hope Creek. This squatter's run was taken up in October 1845 by William Henry Fancourt, who controlled the site until it was subdivided into Terrick Terrick East and Terrick Terrick West in January 1854. Terrick Terrick East, also known as 'Prairie', was taken up by Simson and Coghill in January 1854, Don John Coghill and Albert Eugene Brodribb in January 1856, T. H. Power in November 1863. By 1877 survey maps covering the area show further subdivisions had occurred within the Terrick Terrick East run, which broadly correlate with modern property alignments. These maps identify the property in which the site sits as being in the possession of E. J Gusthart (Map below). Little is known about the former landowner, however historic research identifies an Edward James Gusthart residing in this region at the time. Local newspaper articles pertaining to Gusthart include a record dated November 30, 1875 describing the Gusthart being held on charges of horse theft (Bendigo Advertiser, 1875) and number of property arrears notices. An article in the Riverine Herald (26 Feb, 1876) notes that "Gusthart, Edward James, Terrick Terrick East has not been residing in the land, having gone to England owing to ill health. The land has been fenced off but not otherwise improved... Crown land Bailiff Tattam stated that the sheep of a neighbouring farmer grazed upon the land which was only occupied by a shepherd." No direct mention is made of a shepherd's hut on the property, however it may be surmised that the shepherd in question may have resided in what remains of the potential historic site. In an attempt to gather further information on this site, oral histories from the current landowners were sought. Discussions were held with both My Raymond Boyd, the current landowner, and his brother William Boyd however neither were able to provide comment on the specific site in question. Raymond Boyd noted that the land has been in his family for over 100 years, dating back to around the 1870s and that he had no knowledge of a building on the property. William noted that the area has often been colloquially referred to as "Dustins" and may have once been a shepherd's hut. However, he was not sure where the terms "Dustins" originated. No further oral histories were available.

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