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# HOMESTEAD, 90 HANDFORD LANE, OFFICER

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## Location

90 HANDFORD LANE OFFICER, CARDINIA SHIRE

## Municipality

CARDINIA SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7921-0129

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

The site was purchased by James Murray sometime in the 1860s. An 1859 map denotes the areas as being the location of 'Murray Homestead'.

The site comprises a series of large open paddocks. In the west of the property approximately 225m from Cardinia Creek there is a low rise with several exotic trees, overlooking a man-made dam. Present extant historical features include a beehive domed well, the concrete base of the former piggery, a dilapidated brick trough and scattered artefacts, including fragments of glass, ceramics and handmade brick. The beehive domed well is noted as being made from fired brick and coarse cement and is currently not in use. The concrete foundation of the former piggery comprises a central walkway with twelve square enclosures.

### How is it significant?

### Why is it significant?

Interpretation of Site	James Murray purchased the original block sometime in the 1860s. The following activities are known to have occurred: - Construction of the former Murray Homestead – sub-surface remnants may remain however exact location is unknown but is assumed to be on the low rise with exotic trees, Scattered over the rise were fragments of glass, ceramics and handmade brick indicating that a house was present at this location. This location is shown on an 1859 map (Figure 2, attachment 1) as being in the general location of the “Murray Homestead”. This parcel of land was owned James Murray who died in 1924. - Construction of a domed well - Construction and operation of a piggery - pastoralism
Heritage Act Categories	Registered archaeological place,
Hermes Number	208851
Property Number	

## History

James Murray and Charles Cochran purchased several lots in the 1860s, including the blocks on the west side of Officer South Road Crown Allotments 21, 22 & 23. This parcel of land was owned by James Murray who died in 1924.

No surface evidence of the original Murray Homestead remains; however, there is potential for subsurface material relating to the former house to remain in-situ. The site has potential to yield information about the occupation of the site; the establishment of small farm complexes and the development of pastoral activity in the area.

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