
MICKLEHAM ROAD COTTAGE

Location

1630 MICKLEHAM ROAD, DONNYBROOK

Municipality

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7822-2425

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The cottage and associated historical archaeological features at 1630 Mickleham Road are significant.

How is it significant?

The cottage is of local archaeological and historical significance to the City of Hume.

Why is it significant?

The site retains archaeological potential and has the ability to provide insights into the pastoral history of the Mickleham area. The cottage is an example of the dwellings that were typically constructed by small-scale farmers who took up property as part of the Closer Settlement Scheme.

The site can provide information about domestic arrangements and the way in which pastoralists made their living from the land and organised their space.

Interpretation of Site

The property represents a long phase of the pastoral history of the Mickleham area having been owned by the Brodies before being broken up into smaller holdings. The cottage is shown on the 1916 Sunbury topographic map, indicating that it was in existence in the early part of the twentieth century. The site is currently located within a dairy farm. There is a mid-20th century weatherboard house to the west of the cottage which does not form part of the proposed extent of the place.

Hermes
Number 209693

Property
Number

History

The subject site is located in Crown Allotment 21 in the Parish of Yuroke and formed part of the pastoral run held by G.S and R. Brodie. Early maps show that by 1871 the land east of Mickleham Road was in the possession of J. Murphy. By 1890 the property was in the possession of Frederick White before being inherited by George Hooper in 1902; both of these men were described as 'farms' on the Certificate of Title. In 1921, part of the land was transferred to Frederick Rhodes, while the remainder was transferred to the widow of Hooper and George James. It is most likely that the cottage was constructed early in the 20th century when larger pastoral runs were broken up into smaller holdings as part of the Closer Settlement Scheme. The subject land came into the possession of Hutton William Robert Troutbeck in 1938; the Troutbeck family has grazed dairy cattle on the property since.

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