
TRAMWAY ROAD FORMER RESIDENCE

Location

600 TRAMWAY ROAD, HAZELWOOD NORTH 3840

Municipality

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8121-0060

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The Tramway Road Former Residence represents the location of a former early 20th century homestead, as well as the extant 1945 residence. There remains the potential for undisturbed archaeological deposits or features remaining at the location of two buildings associated with the early 20th century homestead, as well as subfloor archaeological deposits beneath the 1945 residence.

How is it significant?

The Tramway Road Former Residence is of local historical and archaeological significance.

Why is it significant?

The Tramway Road Former Residence is of historical significance for its association with the establishment and intensification of pastoral economic practices within the Gippsland region.

The Tramway Road Former Residence is of archaeological significance for the moderate likelihood of undisturbed archaeological deposits and/or features remaining at the site. No structures have been constructed at the location of two buildings visible in a 1935 aerial photograph, meaning that associated subsurface features and archaeological deposits are likely to remain at the site. Additionally, a residence first depicted in a 1945 aerial photograph survives onsite, albeit in a renovated state. While several extensions have been made to this building since 1964, there remains the potential for archaeologically significant subfloor deposits existing beneath the original 1945 component of the residence.

Interpretation of Site	Mid to late 19th century land use of the area was primarily pastoral. Between 1844 and 1876, the site was located on land within the Hazelwood pastoral run. As such, the site was likely specifically used as grazing land for sheep or cattle. From the late 19th century through to the early 21st century, the site has seen continuous residential and pastoral use. The site was owned by William John Marshall between 1876 and 1900, who operated a creamery on the property. Likewise, aerial and satellite imagery reveals the site has been characterised by residential buildings surrounded by grazing land since 1935. The site has continued to serve both residential and pastoral roles through to the present day, as evidenced by the 2023 satellite capture depicting cattle in the paddock adjacent to the residence (Figure 13).
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History

The earliest European occupation of the site is represented by its settlement by pastoral squatters, with the Hazelwood pastoral run being established in 1844 (VicPlaces 2015). The Hazelwood pastoral run is depicted in Figure 4, revealing that the later location of the Tramway Road Residence was located in the centre of the eastern half of this pastoral run. The Hazelwood pastoral run was subsequently opened for selectors in the 1870s (VicPlaces 2015). A later 1951 Hazelwood Parish plan indicates that section 16 was owned by William John Marshall from at least 1890 (Figure 5). Likewise, his 1908 obituary states that Marshall had selected land in North Hazelwood in 1876 (West Gippsland Gazette 1908), indicating that he was one of the first selectors of land within the former Hazelwood pastoral run. Marshall is known to have operated a creamery from this property, with his son noted as having been severely scalded by steam in 1894 whilst running its engine (Traralgon Record 1894: 2). Marshall is reported to have lived at Hazelwood for 23 years, before selling his farm and moving to Ellinbank in either 1899 or 1900 (West Gippsland Gazette 1908: 2). The ownership of the property is unclear after Marshall sold his farm, with no other names listed on the 1951 parish plan (Figure 5). The site is first depicted in a 1935 aerial photograph (Figure 6). Two rectilinear buildings are visible in this capture, with the larger of the two structures, likely a residential building, fronting Tramway Road. The second building is approximately a third of the size of the larger structure and is located roughly 60 m to its west. The site is next depicted in a 1945 aerial photograph (Figure 7). Both of the 1935 structures have been demolished by this point in time, being replaced by a new structure erected immediately to the west of the eastern 1935 building. Notably, the locations of both 1935 buildings appear to be lacking surface vegetation, indicating that they had been demolished relatively recently in the 1945 capture. The 1945 structure is also depicted in a 1955 aerial photograph (Figure 8), in which a small outbuilding, possibly an outhouse, is visible immediately to its north-west. A second residential building has also been constructed within the property, approximately 100 m north of the site. The 1945 residence subsequently depicted, sans the small outbuilding, in a 1964 aerial photograph (Figure 9). The site is next depicted in a 1974 aerial photograph (Figure 10). In this image, the 1945 structure appears to have been extended to the south-east, giving it an L-shaped layout. This building layout is also visible in a 1984 aerial photograph (Figure 11). Several additional extensions to the west and north-west are depicted in a subsequent 2006 aerial photograph (Figure 12). The layout of the site as of September 2023 is depicted in Figure 13, along with a broad layout of the varying architectural phases.

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