
RUINS, ENGLISH STREET, DONNYBROOK

Location

80 ENGLISH STREET DONNYBROOK, WHITTLESEA CITY

Municipality

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Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7822-2352

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - August 29, 2024

What is significant?

How is it significant?

Why is it significant?

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The significance of the site lies in the relatively intact foundations and potential for intact archaeological deposits. The foundations and walls are made from dressed bluestone and basalt, with evidence of mortar joinery, and in some places are 4 courses high. The site has archaeological potential to inform on the early settlement and rural life in the Donnybrook area and reflects initial small land ownership occupation of Donnybrook.

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This site has local historic significance, low to moderate scientific significance and high archaeological potential.

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The site is significant as any archaeological remains can inform on the early settlement and rural life in the Donnybrook district during the middle to late 19th century.

Interpretation of Site	Development Structure 1 likely has two phases of development. The original house measured approximately 14m x 8m, and two additional rooms were added sometime later. Functions/Activities The site likely represents a farm complex, comprising a house (Structure 1) and three outbuildings (Structures 2, 3 & 4). Current Place Use This place is currently not being used.
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History

SiteCard data copied on 29/08/2024: There is no readily available documentary evidence of when the structures were built, who built them, how long they were occupied for or when they were abandoned. The construction and building materials of the site are typical of 19th century stone building techniques and consequently, the site likely dates to the 1860s onwards. This site was identified by Tardis in 2016 during the assessments of CHMP 16364

(Murphy, Dowdell & Rymer 2016). A Historic Heritage Assessment was submitted to Heritage Victoria on February 23rd, 2017, and an extract of relevant information from this report is provided as an attachment (Murphy & Rymer 2017). The site was incorrectly assigned Heritage Register number H7822-0502, and it was found that it should have been assigned H79822-2352 instead. The site was re-surveyed in 2024 by Tardis during assessments of CHMP 19765 (in prep.) (see attached Supporting Documentation).

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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