GHAZEEPORE ROAD RURAL STRUCTURE

Location

290 GHAZEEPORE ROAD MOUNT DUNEED, GREATER GEELONG CITY

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7721-0430

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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Site is of high archaeological significance for is scientific potential, aesthetic values & rarity. Med to high potential for archaeological subsurface deposits to be present.

Interpretation of Site No site specific artefactual material which provided direct evidence of the building use was observed at the site. Although extant structural remains suggest that the rooms would have been quite small, the detailed brick- and stonework is somewhat inconsistent with simple rural outbuildings. The presence of a brick-lined stone dip makes it difficult to attribute this building to domestic use as this is not a common feature in domestic structures.

History

Although there is no specific information relating to the Ghazeepore Road rural structure, the site is located within the original boundary of Ghazeepore Station, and a small amount of information is known about its establishment. In the mid-nineteenth century, John McKenzie went to India to manage the tea merchant business left by his deceased brother, Robert McKenzie. By 1855 he had moved to Australia where he purchased 600 acres of land at Freshwater Creek. There he established 'Ghazeepore' (meaning "land of the roses'), named for the place where Robert McKenzie had established his business (Wynd 1992: 219).

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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