
BLAIRS ROAD LIMEBURNING SITE

Location

155 BLAIRS ROAD LARA, GREATER GEELONG CITY

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7721-0063

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Interpretation of Site	Heritage Inventory Interpretation: Limeburning site that probably operated around 1865-1890.
Hermes Number	7634
Property Number	

History

Heritage Inventory History of Site: Limeburning allotments were first laid out at Duck Ponds (Lara) in 1860. Daintree and Selwyn reported on the limestone deposits for the geological survey in 1861 and noted that several kilns were already established. It is possible that these kilns pre-dated 1860, as by 1851 Duck Ponds Creek was also known as Limeburner's Creek, and emptied into Lineburner's bay. Additionally, Joseph Shaw's 1853 plan records one kiln on the banks of the creek. The 1868 Victorian Directory lists six limeburners operating at Duck Ponds, including John Jenkins. The Melbourne Builders Lime and Cement Co. operated a small quarry at Duck Ponds and rebuilt an old kiln at the site which was managed on their behalf by Robt. Bell Walker. The kiln was 30 feet (9.1 metres high) and cost 300 pounds to build. Other Lara limeburners, including James Sullivan and John

Spalding were contracted to supply lime to the company. David McHarry, another local burner, managed to operate as an independent supplier due to the high quality of his product. By 1879 Lara lime was an established product and the Victorian Gazetteer recorded that around 12 kilns were kept continuously burning. Further research is required to determine which limeburners and companies were specifically operating the Blair's Road kilns.

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