
LEAKES ROAD RUIN

Location

1 SOUVENIR STREET AND 30 DRINKWATER STREET TRUGANINA, WYNDHAM CITY

Municipality

WYNDHAM CITY

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7822-0138

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Interpretation of Site

Both ruined structures appear (through construction techniques) to be contemporary to each other. The bluestone retainer (facing the creek) suggests that occasional flooding may have been a problem. The site appears to be a basic area for domestic occupation.

Reassessed 15/8/2011: As mentioned above, it is not known when the structure was built, utilised, or what function it served. However, its size and shape suggest that it was a small cottage.

The site holds potential to reveal evidence for 19th century settlement of the area, early settler building techniques, and if archaeological excavation occurred a representation of material goods for the 19th century period. As little historical knowledge is known about this site and because the remains are in a very collapsed state, the archaeological significance of the site is low.

Archaeological
Significance

Reassessed 15/8/2011: It is possible that archaeological values exist within the rectangular bluestone structure in a subsurface context. Rubble from the structure has collapsed both within and outside the remaining walls, and there has been a build-up of soil within the structure. If any such archaeological material remains, they may be able to inform of the purpose of the building and its age.

Therefore, H7822-0138 is assessed as having low archaeological significance.

Historical
Significance

The ruin located above Leakes Road and alongside Skeleton Creek on what was land purchased by George Eade is associated with the early settlement of the land after the first Crown Land sales throughout the 1850s (Criterion A). Newspaper reports of the 1870s indicate it was associated with another structure further south which was a high walled stone yard but is now just an outline of base stone.

Other Names LEAKES RD 1,

Hermes Number 8784

Property Number

History

Most probably a 19th century domestic complex associated with farming and the early settlement of the area. More research is required.

Reassessed 15/8/2011: There is no known documented history of the rectangular bluestone structure; though "The Argus" advertised the property within which H7822-0138 is located for auction on 10 March 1877 as "well fenced with substantial stone wall". Therefore, it is not known when the structure was built or utilised. Nor is it known what function it served.

However, based on other structures in the area (e.g. H7822-0137), the materials used to construct them, and the building techniques used, it is likely that H7822-0138 is of the same period - that being late 1800's to early 1900's.

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