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# REES ROAD OUTBUILDING RUINS

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## Location

199 REES ROAD WEIR VIEWS, MELTON CITY

## Municipality

MELTON CITY

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7822-0319

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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The features identified in 2001 and 2009 probably represent outbuildings associated with the Rees Farm.

**Interpretation of Site** The recently identified structure; the wire and stone fenced area in the shape of a wedge, two rectangular cobbled floors and concrete foundation blocks, pertain to a shed (Plates 6-7). The shed dates from the 1960's-1970's as it is absent from the 1961 aerial photograph, but present in the 1976 one. As yet, the function of the other structure has not been determined. Further archaeological investigation is required.

**Historical Significance** Historical significance due to association with haystacking processes.

**Archaeological Significance** Many cobbled haystack areas exist in Victoria, however the condition of this feature is very good. Subsurface component unknown.

**Hermes Number** 124352

**Property Number**

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## History

Originally this area was part of Simon Staughton's 1856 Exford estate. In 1863 Staughton's estate was subdivided with this allotment (no.1) being purchased by the Closer Settlement Board in 1904. In 1907 Mrs Rebecca Rees purchased this land. After her death in 1911, her executors Mr John Corbet and Mr Hubert Skakell managed the land until the 1920s.

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