
TAYLOR'S CREEK SHEEPRACE

Location

GREEN GULLY RESERVE, GREEN GULLY ROAD KEILOR, BRIMBANK CITY

Municipality

BRIMBANK CITY

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7822-2285

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Interpretation of Site

The site comprises a diversion ditch cut alongside Taylor's Creek, west of this stream. Although the ditch is now dry, it is likely that the flow of the creek was split at the upstream junction of the two by a pile of boulders, whilst larger boulders positioned along the ditch may have enabled the herdsmen to stand among the sheep to move them through the race.

Archaeological Significance

The site is scattered with modern refuse and no contemporary artefacts were observed. There is however some potential for artefactual deposits relating to the construction and use of the race.

Historical Significance

The sheeprace is historically significant in that it relates to early pastoralism in the area. Its proximity to the stone sheeppit site (HO117) may illustrate the number of sheep which were grazed in the area, or it may represent a predecessor to this example.

Hermes Number 124584

Property Number

History

By the early 1840s virtually the whole of the Brimbank area land belonged to eight or ten sheep farmers. Most of each farm occupied several thousand acres. The land sales of the early 1850s enabled the big pastoralists to consolidate their grip, with William Taylor's Overnewton estate growing to more than 11,000 acres, and, by 1855, there were some 28,000 sheep in the Parish of Maribyrnong.

The sheep race is likely to be associated with the stone sheep-race on Taylor's Creek north of the site (HO117).

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