
CAMERON'S SAWMILL

Location

REEDY LAKE ROAD BAILIESTON, STRATHBOGIE SHIRE

Municipality

STRATHBOGIE SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7924-0080

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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State - rare example of an "inland" (ie non Murray River) red gum sawmill. See H2017

Interpretation of Site

Pits relate to the operation of vertical breaking-down saw and rip bench. The engine was probably portable given that there are no remains of a boiler setting. A dam nearby provided water for the mill. The mill's log supply was probably jinkered to the site along a raised mound of compacted clay extending north to firmer ground. The area around the mill is a sea of very old red gum stumps, indicating the density and age of the original forest and its impact on the local environment. Chimney mounds nearby and extensive domestic debris betray disturbance by bottle collectors.

Construction dates

1877,

Hermes
Number 12562

Property
Number

History

THE MILL WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1877 BY ANGUS CAMERON AND JAMES DARROCK. IT CUT MOSTLY RED GUM ALONG WITH SPOTTED GUM AND BOX. THEIR PARTNERSHIP WAS DISSOLVED IN JULY 1883 AND THEREAFTER CAMERON OPERATED THE MILL IN HIS OWN NAME. THE SITE WAS ABANDONDED FOR A SHORT PERIOD IN 1887-1888 AND SHIFTED TO CAMERON'S PROPERTY CLOSE TO NAGAMBIE. IT WAS RETURNED TO REEDY LAKE IN EARLY 1889 AND CLOSED IN SEPTEMBER OF THAT YEAR.

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