
POSSIBLE QUARRY SITE AND WELL, FARRUGIA PROPERTY

Location

85B BASSETTS ROAD DOREEN, WHITTLESEA CITY

Municipality

WHITTLESEA CITY

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7922-0347

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 8, 2006

The site has unknown significance, as it has not been established whether it is a small quarry, a well, or an enlarged spring. It is a man-made feature, relating to the early European settlement of this area.

Historical Significance

Although of unclear purpose, the feature would appear to be anthropomorphic, and it probably therefore relates to the previous agricultural or industrial use of the property.

Archaeological Significance

The feature may contain archaeological deposits which can be used to clarify its purpose or provide a date for its creation/use. This would certainly be the case in the event that the feature turns out to be a filled well.

The site has been interpreted as possibly a small quarry, a spring enlarged for use as a small dam, or a well.

Interpretation of
Site

The previous site card (2006) recorded the feature as filled with waterlogged grass and recommended that it be excavated to determine its function. Some material has evidently been removed since this time, but the site was largely overgrown at the time of survey and its nature remains unclear.

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Property Number

History

The site lies with former Section B, Partition 4, parish of Yan Yean. Thomas L M Winter was the original purchaser. By 1853, the Nelson family owned land between Plenty Road and Yan Yean Road. The land was later purchased by Maurice and Frederick Bassett during the 1880s/90s. The Bassetts were, amongst other things, dairy farmers. The property has been owned by Charlie Farrugia since the late 1970s. There is no oral history relating to this feature.

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

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