
FORMER BASSETTS DAIRY AND FEATURES

Location

95 COOKES ROAD DOREEN, WHITTLESEA CITY

Municipality

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Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7922-0350

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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Site dates from early 20th century when dairying was a staple industry for the region. It is believed more of site present but not visible. Part of unwritten history of Doreen/Mernda area.

Archaeological Significance

Although this is unlikely to be the case beneath the extant concrete foundations of the dairy; it is possible that related archaeological deposits exist in the area immediately surrounding it which relate to its use. It is also likely that deposits exist in the wider area which relate to other activities and buildings related to these structures, perhaps including an original house.

Historical Significance

The site is of some significance for its role in the staple pastoral economy of the area in the early 20th century.

Interpretation of Site The site comprises of concrete dairy foundations and the remains of an associated stockyard. It is likely that further buildings, including perhaps a house, were located in this area. If so, the latter was probably located on the rise now occupied by the current dwelling

Hermes Number 14294

Property Number

History

The property was originally part of Cooke Brother's 'Egglestone Estate'. In 1861 they sold land between Yan Yean Road (east) and John Street/Bassetts Road (west) as three blocks. Mrs Dorbin purchased 50 acres east of Bassetts Road. By 1920, the dairy had not been constructed but by 1935, three buildings were present. The Bassetts (after whom the road was named) purchased land in Portion 2/B Section 4 (to north) possibly in the 1890's. The younger brother, Everard, purchased land in the same area (possibly study area) later. The Former Bassett's Dairy and Features site could be from Everard's period of ownership or a son. Nevertheless, local informants attribute the dairy to the Bassetts. The site was possibly demolished in the 1980's or prior to construction of the current house to the south.

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