

# KALKALLO STONE FEATURE

## Location

40 DWYER STREET KALKALLO, HUME CITY

## Municipality

HUME CITY

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7822-2302

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Interpretation of Site	The exact purpose of the site is unknown; it is too small to have been a domestic structure but may have been an outbuilding. It is most likely associated with agricultural/pastoral activities.
Archaeological Significance	The site has low archaeological significance with any subsurface deposits likely to be limited in nature and extent. The feature does not exhibit any unusual or innovative construction techniques therefore, limiting the significance of the above ground remains as a 'stand alone' feature.
Historical Significance	The site has some significance historically as it represents the development of agricultural activities withing the Kalkallo region in the 19th and 20th centuries.
Hermes Number	183902
Property Number	

## History

The study area at 40 Dwyer Street. Kalkallo, was originally part of Crown Portion 23 of the Kalkallo Parish. The parish, when surveyed by Robert Hoddle in 1839, was a plain country with good pastures (Hoddle, survey map, 1839). A government land sale was taken place on the 15th of April, 1840. Crown Portion 23, a block of 445 acres (c 180 hectares), was purchased by John Hunter Patterson, a pastoralist who migrated to Port Phillip District from Van Diemen's Land (Australian Dictionary of Biography). Patterson purchased a total of 12,387 acres (c 5012 hectares) of land in Kalkallo (Randell, 1977, p15); he would go on to acquire more land and become a prominent landholder in the Port Phillip District (Australian Dictionary of Biography).

Patterson sold Portion 23 to Charles Banbury in December 1841 (Land Application file no. 12907). In July 1842 Banbury mortgaged the Portion to Henry Miller, an entrepreneur and later Mayor of Richmond (ADB). Land application file no. 12907 indicates that in 1842 Miller also acquired ownership of Portion 23 alongside Banbury. It was around this time that the Portion was subdivided into approximately 63 small blocks. *Several* streets were therefore created. The current activity area is formed by blocks between the Portion's north boundary and William Street, one of the streets that were laid out during the time of Banbury- Miller ownership. After the subdivision, Miller and Banbury sold off various blocks between 1840s and 1860s (Land App. 12907 and 29072).

The entire activity area was eventually bought by Donald McKay, a farmer from Donnybrook, and his wife, Mary Forbes McKay, in the 1920s. Donald McKay died in 1936, and Edith McKay became the proprietor in 1954 (Land Titles 57771287 and 64231571).

The subsequent proprietors of the activity area were:

LAND TITLE- DATE- PROPRIETOR

57771287 84231571 18 Dec 1958 Maurice Francis Blayney; Maurice James Blayney; John Laurence Blayney

15<sup>th</sup> July 1966 Maurice Francis Blayney died, his will granted to Maurice James Blayney, farmer, and John Laurence Blayney, butcher.

14 Dec 1976 Lensworth Finance (VIC) Pty Ltd, of 176 Queen St, Melbourne.

Information provided by the Broadmeadows Historical Society confirms that the activity area, as well as most of the Parish of Kalkallo, was used for grazing and farming purposes up to around 1950s (Brian Tseng per comm. with Elayne Whitman 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2011). However, no source suggests the existence of any structure in the activity area.

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