
DOMED WELLS 1 AND 2

Location

1865 THOMPSONS ROAD CLYDE NORTH, CASEY CITY

Municipality

CASEY CITY

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7921-0123

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 1, 1900

The wells are significant as intact examples of a domed or beehive well dating to the late-nineteenth / early-twentieth century and relating to the early farming history of the Clyde North area.

Interpretation of Site	The site comprises two "beehive" wells that may have functioned as cisterns. The use of concrete rendering over brick in the construction of underground tanks came into practice in the late-1890s and continued until around the 1930s. The two wells utilise the same construction technique and were probably built in the same time period, to provide a source of fresh water for agricultural purposes. Tanks were able to be constructed above-ground from the 1930s due to advances in reinforced concrete, which saved on the cost of excavation and prevented pollution from groundwater. The two wells do not appear to be still in use.
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History

The farm on which the wells are situated was part of the Garen Gam run taken up in 1840 by Dr James Bathe and T.J. Perry. Bathe became a well-known racehorse owner and breeder, and the run is said to have carried 60 horses and 400 cattle. The run was subdivided in 1845 and proceeded to change hands thirteen times between 1868 and 1982. It appears to have remained a small farming property throughout this period and currently carries a small number of cows and horses. The property was sold recently for a residential development.

The construction technique utilised for the wells / cisterns indicates a construction date between the late-1890s and the 1930s (see below). In 1894 the farm was inherited by Frank and Isabel Alice (Westfield) Wisewould, who leased the land from the late-1890s. Their 'model farm' was offered for sale in 1900 and the description included three underground brick tanks and a well. This suggests that these two wells / cisterns were built in the decade before 1900, either by Frank and Isabel Wisewould, or by Frank's parents, James and Sophie Wisewould, who owned the property from around 1868 until 1894.

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