FORD RUINS

Location

695 CRAIGIEBURN ROAD WOLLERT AND 715 CRAIGIEBURN ROAD CRAIGIEBURN, WHITTLESEA CITY, HUME CITY

Municipality

WHITTLESEA CITY

HUME CITY

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7822-0070

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - April 1, 2010

Data has been updated as a result of the Outer Western Metro Project, Context, March 2010.

Archaeological Significance The ford is in a poor state. There does however remain a low potential for artefact deposits in the vicinity relating to its 19th century use.

Historical Significance

The site is significant as one of several 19th century fords across the Merri Creek.

Interpretation of Site

The site comprises a small ford, approximately 10 metres across and 5 metres wide, crossing the Merri Creek to the east of Craigieburn. Carrying a trackway which runs from the north east and follows the line of the creek off to the west, it is constructed of relatively small boulders (< 0.5m) and in a poor state of repair. A compacted boulder surface on its western side is the only real indicator of the ford's artificial nature.

Other Names CRAIGIEBURN GRASSLAND FLORA AND FAUNA, WHITTLESEA 6, FORD,

Hermes Number 8716

Property Number

History

In 1895, the Freehold Investment and banking Co subdivided up just over 1220 acres into 10 lots. It may have sold 279 acres, including the land now contained within Lot 3 LP114722, to George Crinnion (?) a Craigieburn grazier. Two years later Crinnion sold the land to John Kernan who died in 1916 with the title passing to James Kernan a farmer from Somerton and his wife Bridget. During the 1950s sections of the land were sub divided and sold. In 1972, the land was bought by Roxy Pty Ltd, and sold again to a private owner some time later.

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