
OAKLANDS JUNCTION TOWNSHIP SITE

Location

PERIMETER ROAD MELBOURNE AIRPORT, HUME CITY

Municipality

HUME CITY

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7822-0199

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.

Interpretation of Site	The foundations of two buildings were observed during the recent survey as a combination of cropmarks and brick footings. Both are rectangular structures of one or two rooms.
	The bluestone culvert and drain recorded in 1995 survives at the site. Various fragments of ceramic were noted across the site.
Archaeological Significance	Although it would appear that the material recorded in 1995 has been cleared, or is perhaps more overgrown, this does not appear to have included large scale ground disturbance and it is likely that the site retains sub-surface deposits relating to the 19th century and early 20th century settlement at Oaklands Junction.

Historical Significance	The site is of historical significance as that of the 19th century settlement at Oaklands Junction. It is a rare example of a village site essentially sealed by the development of Tullamarine Airport.
Other Names	OAKLANDS JUNCTION, OAKLANDS JUNCTION SITE,
Hermes Number	8839
Property Number	

History

Very little is currently known about the Oaklands Junction settlement, which is now located within the boundaries of Melbourne Airport. Moloney (2003: 261) has described the township as a small hamlet that emerged sometime during the 19th century and continued into the 20th. It is likely that the settlement got its name from the nearby Oaklands homestead property, as did the surrounding 'Oaklands' district (Moloney 2003: 261). Early settlers in the area were attracted by the beauty of the landscape and by the 1850s agriculture and stone quarrying were common local practices (Moloney & Johnson 1998). It may be that the Oaklands Junction village served the civic and commercial needs of the surrounding rural area, or could also have developed as a stopover place en route to the goldfields.

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