


# MUSWELLBROOK HERITAGE STUDY Inventory 1996

## 'DALMAR' STUD - ORIGINAL BENGALLA - MUSWELLBROOK

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| <p><b>PRESENT NAME</b> <i>Dalmar Stud</i></p> <p><b>PREVIOUS/OTHER NAMES</b> <i>Bengalla Homestead &amp; Property</i></p>  | <p><b>REFERENCE No</b> <i>BENG/R004</i></p>   |
| <p><b>LOCATION</b></p> <p><b>STREET No</b> <i>690</i> <b>STREET NAME</b> <i>Bengalla Road</i></p> <p><b>TOWN/SUBURB</b> <i>Muswellbrook</i> <b>POSTCODE</b> <i>2333</i></p> <p><b>LOCALITY</b> <i>Bengalla</i></p> <p><b>LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA</b> <i>MUSWELLBROOK</i></p>                                       | <p><b>PREVIOUS REFERENCE No</b></p> <p><b>DATE INSPECTED</b> <i>18th March 1996</i></p> <p><b>SITE SKETCH PLAN</b></p>    |
| <p><b>PRESENT OWNER</b> <i>Bengalla Joint Venture</i> <b>TYPE</b> <i>Private</i></p> <p><b>OWNERS ADDRESS</b> <i>Locked Bag No.5</i></p> <p><b>STREET No</b> <i></i> <b>STREET NAME</b> <i></i></p> <p><b>TOWN/SUBURB</b> <i>Muswellbrook</i> <b>POSTCODE</b> <i>2333</i></p>                                    | <p><b>PROPERTY DETAILS:</b></p> <p><b>a REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION</b><br/><i>Lot 19/21 DP563495 Parish of Clanricard</i></p> <p><b>b SITE AREA</b> <i>614.6 hectares</i></p> <p><b>c EXISTING ZONING</b> <i>7(L1) - Environment Protection - Alluvial Areas</i></p> |
| <p><b>CATEGORY</b> <i>Building / Relic</i></p> <p><b>SUB CATEGORY</b> <i>Farm Shed / Retaining Wall</i></p> <p><b>DATE OF CONSTRUCTION</b> <i>pre 1832-47</i></p> <p><b>ARCHITECT/DESIGNER</b> <i>Captain S. Wright</i></p> <p><b>BUILDER</b> <i>Convicts under Captain S. Wright / Captain D.C.F. Scott</i></p> | <p><b>MAP REFERENCE</b> <i>'56' 292880E, 6424240N AMG Muswellbrook 9033-II-N</i></p>    |
| <p><b>PHOTOGRAPH</b></p>   |   |

| HERITAGE LISTING  | HISTORICAL PERIOD  |   |  |   |  |  |   |             |   |   |             |  |   |             |                          |                                     |             |                          |                                     |             |                          |                                     |             |                          |                                     |             |                          |                          |           |                          |                          |
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| <h3>HISTORICAL NOTES</h3> <p>The property on which the original Bengalla homestead and farming complex stood, was granted to Captain Samuel Wright who explored Newcastle and Port Macquarie in the 1820's and also Westernport Bay, Victoria. It is probable that Wright enlisted the help of Captain D.C.F. Scott as a Property Manager and it is probable that under his command, convict labourers built the original Bengalla station complex which consisted of four to five major buildings, including a homestead, barn and shearing shed, cottages, carpenter's shop, stable and coach house. Little remains of the station except a building similar to a shearing shed and the remains of a wall with brick and stone dating from c.1840. There are numerous suggestions for the possible functions of the building to which this wall belongs, including, a storehouse, a shearers cottage due to the remnants of an oven, or simply a retaining wall. The property was sold by auction in April, 1853 to Keys who was the largest landowner in the area by the 1850's and a pioneer irrigator and exporter of live cattle. Governor Fitzroy stayed at the original Bengalla homestead in 1847 during his tour of the Hunter Valley. A 1920's-30's farmhouse now stands on the site of the original homestead. Gradually the stone from the wall has been removed and taken to a vineyard in the Upper Hunter. The property has remained in the Keys family until recently when it was sold to the Bengalla Mining Company.</p> |  |   |  |   |  |  |   |             |   |   |             |  |   |             |                          |                                     |             |                          |                                     |             |                          |                                     |             |                          |                                     |             |                          |                          |           |                          |                          |
| <h3>PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS / DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS</h3> <p>a ARCH. STYLE <i>N/A</i></p> <p>MATERIALS: Exterior Wall: Stone<br/>Barn: Timber, corrugated iron roof.</p> <p>b OTHER DETAILS OF PHYSICAL APPEARANCE</p> <p>c MODIFICATIONS</p> <p>d CURRENT CONDITIONS <input type="checkbox"/> INTACT <input type="checkbox"/> REPAIRS REQUIRED<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED - UNSYMPATHETIC <input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED - SYMPATHETIC<br/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Barn still stands but requires immediate restoration works.</p>  |  |   |  |   |  |  |   |             |   |   |             |  |   |             |                          |                                     |             |                          |                                     |             |                          |                                     |             |                          |                                     |             |                          |                          |           |                          |                          |
| <h3>INFORMATION SOURCES</h3> <p>WRITTEN <i>Maitland Mercury, 16.3.1853.</i><br/>         ORAL <i>Robert Tickle, Historian, Muswellbrook</i><br/>         GRAPHIC</p>  |  |   |  |   |  |  |   |             |   |   |             |  |   |             |                          |                                     |             |                          |                                     |             |                          |                                     |             |                          |                                     |             |                          |                          |           |                          |                          |
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