MUSWELLBROOK HERITAGE STUDY
Inventory 1996

MASONIC LODGE - JERDON STREET - DENMAN

PRESENT NAME *Denman Masonic Lodge*

PREVIOUS/OTHER NAMES *Flour Mill / Butter Factory / Rabbit Freezing Works*

REFERENCE No *DENM/R021*

PREVIOUS REFERENCE No

DATE INSPECTED *15th February 1996*

LOCATION

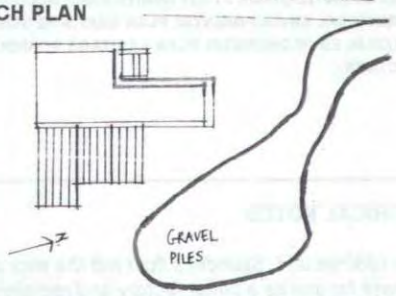
STREET No STREET NAME *Jerdon Street*

TOWN/SUBURB *Denman* **POSTCODE** *2328*

LOCALITY *Denman*

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA *MUSWELLBROOK*

SITE SKETCH PLAN



PRESENT OWNER **TYPE** *Private*
NAME *Denman Masonic Lodge*

OWNERS ADDRESS *c/- The Secretary*
Denman Masonic Lodge

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PROPERTY DETAILS:

a **REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION** *Pt Lot 3 Sec 18*

b **SITE AREA** *1043m²*

c **EXISTING ZONING** *7(L1) - Environment Protection - Alluvial Areas*

CATEGORY *Building*

SUB CATEGORY *Masonic Lodge*

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION *c.1880*

ARCHITECT/DESIGNER *Unknown*

BUILDER *Unknown*

MAP REFERENCE *'56' 283140E, 6413620N AMG Denman 9033-III-S*

PHOTOGRAPH

HERITAGE LISTING

- ☐ REGISTER OF THE NATIONAL ESTATE (AHC) - REGISTERED
- ☐ REGISTER OF THE NATIONAL ESTATE OF AUST. (AHC) - INTERIM
- ☐ REGISTER OF NATIONAL TRUST (NSW)
- ☐ REGISTER OF SIGNIFICANT TWENTIETH CENT. ARCHITECTURE (RAIA)
- ☐ DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS HERITAGE AND CONS. REGISTER
- ☐ COMMONWEALTH HISTORIC SHIPWRECKS ACT (DECLARED SITE)
- ☐ HERITAGE COUNCIL REGISTER - PERMANENT CONS. ORDER
- ☐ HERITAGE COUNCIL REGISTER - INTERIM CONS. ORDER
- ☐ HERITAGE COUNCIL REGISTER - SECTION 130 ORDER
- ☐ HERITAGE COUNCIL REGISTER - NOMINATION
- ☐ NSW GOVT DEPT HERITAGE REGISTER (S170 HERITAGE ACT)
- ☐ NP&WS HISTORIC SITES REGISTER
- ☐ NP&WS ABORIGINAL SITES REGISTER (CONTACT SITES)
- ☐ INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS (NSW) HERITAGE REGISTER
- ☐ EXISTING HERITAGE STUDY (WRITE NAME BELOW)
- ☐ REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN HERITAGE SCHEDULE
- ☐ LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN HERITAGE SCHEDULE
- ☐ OTHER

HISTORICAL PERIOD

PERIOD	BUILT	USED
PRE 1800	☐	☐
1800 - 1825	☐	☐
1826 - 1850	☐	☐
1851 - 1875	☐	☐
1876 - 1900	✓	✓
1901 - 1925	☐	✓
1926 - 1950	☐	✓
1951 - 1975	☐	✓
POST 1975	☐	✓

HISTORICAL THEMES

S.H.I.P. THEMES	LOCAL THEMES
Social Institutions	*The Masons in Denman*

HISTORICAL NOTES

Built c.1880 as J.H. Saunder's flour mill (he was a storekeeper in Denman), this building was sold in 1906 to the Denman Cooperative Dairy Company for use as a butter factory and remained in use until replaced in 1926. It was then sold to James Hilder to become a rabbit freezing works. It was re-modelled as a Masonic Lodge about 1975.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS / DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS

a **ARCH. STYLE** *Victorian*

MATERIALS: **Exterior** *Stone and part fibro walls. Metal roof.*

b **OTHER DETAILS OF PHYSICAL APPEARANCE** *Unusual narrow, vertical windows.*

c **MODIFICATIONS**

d **CURRENT CONDITIONS** ✓ INTACT ☐ REPAIRS REQUIRED
✓ ALTERED - UNSYMPATHETIC ☐ ALTERED - SYMPATHETIC
✓ ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: *Roof form appears inconsistent with date of building - likely alteration.*

INFORMATION SOURCES

WRITTEN
ORAL *Alan Newton, Denman Resident*
GRAPHIC

EVALUATION CRITERIA

(S) = STATE (R) = REGIONAL (L) = LOCAL

HISTORIC	RARE ✓ *(L)*	REPRESENTATIVE ☐
AESTHETIC	RARE ☐	REPRESENTATIVE ☐
SOCIAL	RARE ✓ *(L)*	REPRESENTATIVE ☐
SCIENTIFIC	RARE ✓ *(L)*	REPRESENTATIVE ☐

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Historically the building is of local significance because it was built at the time of the early establishment and growth of Denman as an agriculturally based town in the latter part of the 19th century and has been adapted and used continuously since then. The building has a recent history as a Masonic Lodge and has local social significance for the town's masons. Scientifically the building is of local significance for its potential to reveal information about late 19th century secondary industry generally and about flour milling and butter production in Denman in particular. The building has local rarity.