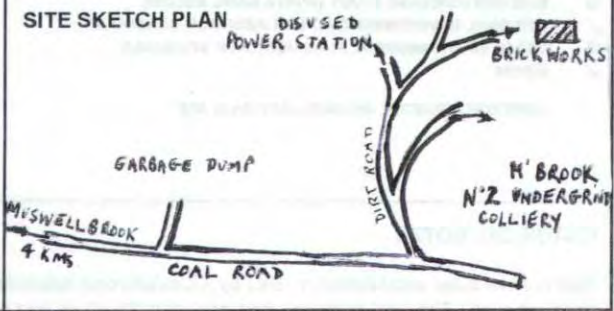



# MUSWELLBROOK HERITAGE STUDY Inventory 1996

## MUSWELLBROOK BRICK WORKS

<p><b>PRESENT NAME</b> <i>Muswellbrook Brick Works</i></p> <p><b>PREVIOUS/OTHER NAMES</b></p>	<p><b>REFERENCE No</b> <i>MUSW/R030</i></p>
<p><b>LOCATION</b></p> <p><b>STREET No STREET NAME</b> <i>Off Common Road/Coal Road</i></p> <p><b>TOWN/SUBURB</b> <i>Muswellbrook</i> <b>POSTCODE</b> <i>2333</i></p> <p><b>LOCALITY</b> <i>Muswellbrook</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>21st February 1995</i></p> <p><b>SITE SKETCH PLAN</b></p> 
<p><b>PRESENT OWNER</b> <b>TYPE</b> <i>Private</i></p> <p><b>NAME</b> <i>Muswellbrook Brick Co Pty Ltd</i></p> <p><b>OWNERS ADDRESS</b> <i>PO Box 228</i></p> <p><b>STREET No STREET NAME</b></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> <i>Lot 101 DP578075 and interest in ROW</i></p> <p><b>b SITE AREA</b> <i>4.759 hectares</i></p> <p><b>c EXISTING ZONING</b> <i>7(L2) - Environment Protection - Urban Buffer</i></p>
<p><b>CATEGORY</b> <i>Other Works</i></p> <p><b>SUB CATEGORY</b> <i>Brickworks</i></p> <p><b>DATE OF CONSTRUCTION</b> <i>c.1949</i></p> <p><b>ARCHITECT/DESIGNER</b> <i>Unknown</i></p> <p><b>BUILDER</b> <i>Unknown</i></p>	<p><b>MAP REFERENCE</b> <i>'56' 303700E, 6430150N AMG Aberdeen 9033-I-S</i></p> 



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<b>HISTORICAL NOTES</b> <p>Said to have been established in 1949 by Muswellbrook Industries in order to exploit clay deposits of its own Muswellbrook Coal Co. Pty Ltd open cut mine. The coal company also provided the shale and coal necessary for brick production. The works closed briefly in 1975 but were reopened by C.J. O'Brien. The present owners G. Jackson and D. Goodridge have retained the coal firing of the three down draft kilns enabling the production of many traditional colours. The kilns have a total capacity of 180,000 bricks. The brickworks also has several brick hand-presses made in England in the 1860's. The machines are currently being restored to be used in the production of bricks for heritage buildings which were built with these bricks.</p>																																							
<b>PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS / DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS</b> 3 down draft brick kilns, 2 roll crushers, mixing bowls and brick presses <p>a <b>ARCH. STYLE</b> <i>Brick kilns, corrugated iron roofs and timber framed buildings</i></p> <p><b>MATERIALS:</b> Exterior Interior <i>Brick lining to kilns</i></p> <p>b <b>OTHER DETAILS OF PHYSICAL APPEARANCE</b> <i>Square, banded draught stacks coal fired kilns to achieve traditional colours.</i></p> <p>c <b>MODIFICATIONS</b></p> <p>d <b>CURRENT CONDITIONS</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INTACT <input type="checkbox"/> REPAIRS REQUIRED  <input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED - UNSYMPATHETIC <input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED - SYMPATHETIC  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:</b> <i>Produced dry pressed bricks. Some roof replacement required.</i></p>																																							
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