



MUSWELLBROOK HERITAGE STUDY Inventory 1996

FORMER POST OFFICE - KERRABEE

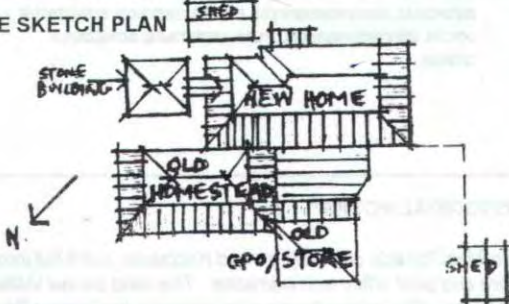
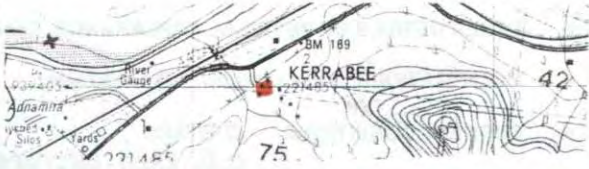

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| <p>LOCATION</p> <p>STREET No <i>3179</i> STREET NAME <i>Bylong Valley Way</i></p> <p>TOWN/SUBURB <i>Kerrabee</i> POSTCODE <i>2328</i></p> <p>LOCALITY <i>Kerrabee - bordering on Rylstone Shire</i></p> <p>LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA <i>MUSWELLBROOK</i></p> | <p>SITE SKETCH PLAN</p>  |
| <p>PRESENT OWNER <i>Mrs M.E. Dunkley</i> TYPE <i>Private</i></p> <p>OWNERS ADDRESS</p> <p>STREET No <i>47</i> STREET NAME <i>Charles Street</i></p> <p>TOWN/SUBURB <i>Smithfield</i> POSTCODE <i>2164</i></p> | <p>PROPERTY DETAILS:</p> <p>a REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION <i>Lots 4/5 & Pt. Lot 13 DP755437</i></p> <p>b SITE AREA <i>453.6 hectares</i></p> <p>c EXISTING ZONING <i>7(d) - Environment Protection - Scenic</i></p> |
| <p>CATEGORY <i>Building</i></p> <p>SUB CATEGORY <i>Post Office</i></p> <p>DATE OF CONSTRUCTION <i>1870</i></p> <p>ARCHITECT/DESIGNER <i>Unknown</i></p> <p>BUILDER <i>Unknown</i></p> | <p>MAP REFERENCE <i>'56' 248220E, 6410000N AMG</i> <i>Kerrabee 8933-2-S</i></p>  |

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OLD KERRABEE HOMESTEAD - KERRABEE

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HISTORICAL NOTES

The MacDonaldis originally owned Kerrabee, but it fell into hard times after John died, and his widow was left with 5 children to run the village store and post office and barracks. The next owner William Tindale of Bylong, did not reside at Kerrabee. The current owner is restoring the premises. The homestead group contains the former Post Office.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS / DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS

a ARCH. STYLE *Victorian Georgian*

MATERIALS: **Exterior** *New metal roof to original stone building. Combination of vertical slab, timber construction (incl. free standing shed) and timber weatherboard, and with iron roofing. Timber verandahs.*

b OTHER DETAILS OF PHYSICAL APPEARANCE *Combination of three periods of dwelling construction.*

c MODIFICATIONS *Some verandah infill balustrading.*

d CURRENT CONDITIONS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED - UNSYMPATHETIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED - SYMPATHETIC |

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: *Original stone cottage in excellent condition, timber homestead currently being restored.*

INFORMATION SOURCES

WRITTEN *'Among the Pastoralists and Producers', Mackenzie, H.M.*

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

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| AESTHETIC | RARE <input type="checkbox"/> | REPRESENTATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> |
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

A collection of buildings of significance for providing evidence of early homestead site planning, construction systems and materials. It is of significance for the good condition of each component, the former role of each building in local community life and for the rarity of such a group in the region. Kerrabee is further significant for its association with a pioneer pastoralist family in this area, a family also involved in providing postal services to the community.