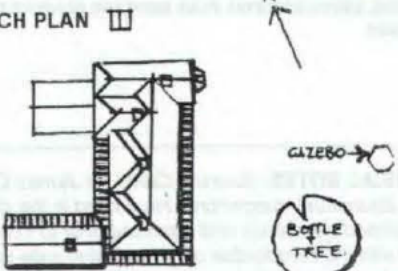




MUSWELLBROOK HERITAGE STUDY

Inventory 1996

'BENGALLA' - MUSWELLBROOK

<p>PRESENT NAME <i>'Bengalla'</i></p> <p>PREVIOUS/OTHER NAMES <i>'Inglebrae'</i></p>	<p>REFERENCE No <i>BENG/R002</i></p> <p>PREVIOUS REFERENCE No <i>MUSW/R028 - Hunter REP Sch. 4 Review</i></p> <p>DATE INSPECTED <i>22nd February 1996</i></p>
<p>LOCATION</p> <p>STREET No <i>183</i> STREET NAME <i>Bengalla Road</i></p> <p>TOWN/SUBURB <i>Muswellbrook</i> POSTCODE <i>2333</i></p> <p>LOCALITY <i>Bengalla</i></p> <p>LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA <i>MUSWELLBROOK</i></p>	<p>SITE SKETCH PLAN </p>
<p>TYPE <i>Private</i></p>	<p>PROPERTY DETAILS:</p> <p>a REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION <i>Psh Clanricard Lot 22 DP77675</i></p> <p>b SITE AREA</p> <p>c EXISTING ZONING <i>1(a) - Rural 'A', and 7(L1) - Environment Protection - Alluvial Areas</i></p>
<p>CATEGORY <i>Building(s)</i></p> <p>SUB CATEGORY <i>Homestead; Stable; Garden; Farm Cottage</i></p> <p>DATE OF CONSTRUCTION <i>c.1877</i></p> <p>ARCHITECT/DESIGNER <i>Unknown</i></p> <p>BUILDER <i>J.H. Keys</i></p>	<p>MAP REFERENCE <i>'56' 297400E, 6426580N AMG Muswellbrook 9033-II-N</i></p> 
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