

MUSWELLBROOK HERITAGE STUDY

Inventory 1996

'ELLAMARA' - GIANTS CREEK

PRESENT NAME 'Ellamara'		REFERENCE No GIAN/R001
PREVIOUS/OTHER NAMES		PREVIOUS REFERENCE No MUSW/R033 - Hunter REP Sch. 4 Review
		DATE INSPECTED 22nd February 1996
LOCATION STREET No STREET NAME Merriwa Road TOWN/SUBURB Sandy Hollow POSTCODE 2333 LOCALITY Sandy Hollow LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA MUSWELLBROOK		SITE SKETCH PLAN
PRESENT OWNER	TYPE Private	PROPERTY DETAILS:
		a REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 2 DP788165
		b SITE AREA 23.970 hectares
		c EXISTING ZONING 7(d) - Environment Protection - Scenic
CATEGORY Building		MAP REFERENCE '56' 268800E, 6420600N AMG Sandy Hollow 9033-III-N
SUB CATEGORY Homestead		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION c.1901-1910		
ARCHITECT/DESIGNER Unknown		
BUILDER Unknown		

PHOTOGRAPH



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HISTORICAL NOTES

The earliest reference to this property dates back to 1910 when it was functioning as the Giants Creek General Store, however it was probably established late last century. It was owned by the E.W. Stringers. The Giants Creek Post Office also operated from the site in 1901 and was renamed Sandy Hollow Post Office in 1937 when it appears to have moved. There have been many owners since, but it is currently owned by Penelope Young and her daughter who are turning it into accommodation, a craft shop and restaurant.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS / DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS

a ARCH. STYLE Victorian Georgian - original Huts and Staging Post and PO/Store b OTHER DETAILS OF PHYSICAL APPEARANCE c MODIFICATIONS New neo-'Federation' living quarters, restaurant and shop. Metal deck roofing and metal walling. d CURRENT CONDITIONS <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INTACT <input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED - UNSYMPATHETIC </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> REPAIRS REQUIRED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED - SYMPATHETIC </div> </div>	MATERIALS: Exterior Timber slab cottages and sheds, corrugated iron roof & walls. Brick, double chimney
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☒ **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:** Recent repairs and additions have restored this group of buildings to near original state, there are also new buildings that accentuate the original ones.

INFORMATION SOURCES

WRITTEN	
ORAL	Penelope Young, present owner; Mrs Chick May (nee Stringer) of Camden
GRAPHIC	

EVALUATION CRITERIA	(S) = STATE (R) = REGIONAL (L) = LOCAL	
HISTORIC	RARE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (L)	REPRESENTATIVE <input type="checkbox"/>
AESTHETIC	RARE <input type="checkbox"/>	REPRESENTATIVE <input type="checkbox"/>
SOCIAL	RARE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (L)	REPRESENTATIVE <input type="checkbox"/>
SCIENTIFIC	RARE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (L)	REPRESENTATIVE <input type="checkbox"/>

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The site of the general store and post office is on the main road between Sandy Hollow and Merriwa, near the intersection of the Giants Creek Road. Its historic locational significance to its community is attested to by the proximity of the historic Church School and cemetery. It has local historic significance. The building group is significant also for reflecting the activities important to a small community of the late 19th century in the Hunter Valley and for displaying intact evidence of its initial purpose and structure. The fact that the property remains relatively large of type is an indication of the decline in importance of this location with the advent of the motor car. The grouping is representational of type but has regional significance for its rarity. This homestead has local social and scientific significance.