

MUSWELLBROOK HERITAGE STUDY

Inventory 1996

OLD KERRABEE HOMESTEAD - KERRABEE

PRESENT NAME <i>Kerrabee Homestead</i>		REFERENCE No <i>KERR/R001</i>
PREVIOUS/OTHER NAMES <i>Kerrabee Post Office</i>		PREVIOUS REFERENCE No <i>MUSW/R016 - Hunter REP Sch. 4 Review</i>
		DATE INSPECTED <i>23rd February 1996</i>
LOCATION STREET No <i>3179</i> STREET NAME <i>Bylong Valley Way</i> TOWN/SUBURB <i>Kerrabee</i> POSTCODE <i>2328</i> LOCALITY <i>Kerrabee - bordering Rylstone Shire</i> LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA <i>MUSWELLBROOK</i>		SITE SKETCH PLAN
PRESENT OWNER [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	TYPE <i>Private</i>	PROPERTY DETAILS: a REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION <i>Lots 4/5 & Pt. Lot 13 DP755437</i> b SITE AREA <i>453.6 hectares</i> c EXISTING ZONING <i>7(d) - Environment Protection - Scenic</i>
CATEGORY <i>Building</i>		MAP REFERENCE <i>'56' 248220E, 6410000N AMG Kerrabee 8933-2-S</i>
SUB CATEGORY <i>Homestead</i>		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION <i>1896</i>		
ARCHITECT/DESIGNER <i>Unknown</i>		
BUILDER <i>Unknown</i>		
PHOTOGRAPH 		

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HISTORICAL NOTES

The MacDonalds 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 <i>Victorian Georgian</i>	MATERIALS: <i>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.</i>
b OTHER DETAILS OF PHYSICAL APPEARANCE <i>Combination of three periods of dwelling construction.</i>	
c MODIFICATIONS <i>Some verandah infill balustrading.</i>	
d CURRENT CONDITIONS <input type="checkbox"/> INTACT <input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED - UNSYMPATHETIC	<input type="checkbox"/> REPAIRS REQUIRED <input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED - SYMPATHETIC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: <i>Original stone cottage in excellent condition, timber homestead currently being restored.</i>

INFORMATION SOURCES

WRITTEN *'Among the Pastoralists and Producers', Mackenzie, H.M.*
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EVALUATION CRITERIA	(S) = STATE (R) = REGIONAL (L) = LOCAL
HISTORIC	RARE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (R)
AESTHETIC	RARE <input type="checkbox"/>
SOCIAL	RARE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (R)
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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.