## MUSWELLBROOK HERITAGE STUDY Inventory 1996

## WIDDEN STUD - BAERAMI

PRESENT NAME Widden Stud PREVIOUS/OTHER NAMES	REFERENCE No BAER/R001
	PREVIOUS REFERENCE No MUSW/R001 - Hunter REP Sch.4 Review
	DATE INSPECTED 22nd February 1996
LOCATION STREET No 1650 STREET NAME Widden Valley Road TOWN/SUBURB Widden POSTCODE 2328 LOCALITY Widden	SITE SKETCH PLAN
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA MUSWELLBROOK	Theore House
PRESENT OWNER TYPE Private	PROPERTY DETAILS: a REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Parish McDonald b SITE AREA 1732 hectares c EXISTING ZONING 7(L1) - Environment Protection - Alluvial Areas
CATEGORY Building SUB CATEGORY Homestead; Stable; Church; Gardens	7(d) - Environment Protection - Scenic       MAP REFERENCE     '56' 251980E, 6398160N AMG Widden 8932-1-N       wing     (round
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION 1880s	Widden" WYDDEN
ARCHITECT/DESIGNER Unknown	23 72
BUILDER Unknown	az I A A
PHOTOGRAPH	

HERITAGE LISTING	HISTORICAL PERIOD	
REGISTER OF THE NATIONAL ESTATE (AHC) - REGISTERED     REGISTER OF THE NATIONAL ESTATE OF AUST. (AHC) - INTERIM	BUILT USED	
REGISTER OF NATIONAL TRUST (NSW)		
REGISTER OF SIGNIFICANT TWENTIETH CENT. ARCHITECTURE (RAIA)     DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS HERITAGE AND CONS. REGISTER	PRE 1800	
COMMONWEALTH HISTORIC SHIPWRECKS ACT (DECLARED SITE)	1826 - 1850 🗆 🗆	
HERITAGE COUNCIL REGISTER - PERMANENT CONS. ORDER	1861 - 1876 🗆 🗆	
HERITAGE COUNCIL REGISTER - INTERIM CONS. ORDER	1876 - 1900 🖌 🗸	
HERITAGE COUNCIL REGISTER - SECTION 130 ORDER	1901 - 1925	
HERITAGE COUNCIL REGISTER - NOMINATION     NSW GOVT DEPT HERITAGE REGISTER (S170 HERITAGE ACT)	1926 - 1950 □ ✓ 1951 - 1975 □ ✓	
NP&WS HISTORIC SITES REGISTER	POST 1976 🗆 🗸	
NP&WS ABORIGINAL SITES REGISTER (CONTACT SITES)		
INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS (NSW) HERITAGE REGISTER	HISTORICAL THEMES	
EXISTING HERITAGE STUDY (WRITE NAME BELOW)     REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN HERITAGE SCHEDULE	S.H.I.P. THEMES LOCAL THEMES	
LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN HERITAGE SCHEDULE		
D OTHER	Pastoralism Horse breeding in the Widden Valley	
	Persons The Thompsons of Widden Valley	
HISTORICAL NOTES The first settler in the Widden valley in 1836 was John Tindale. In 1855-56 John and William Thompson acquired their land on Widden Brook and 11 years later bought Tindale's land. At this time the emphasis changed from wool production to the breeding of thoroughbred horses and raising cattle. After seven generations of Thompsons the stud has seen some leading horse breeders and has been referred to as one of "the finest thoroughbred studs in the world".		
PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS / DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS		
a ARCH. STYLE Victorian Gothic chapel; Federation stables; Materials: Exterior Stone & timber vertical slab stables, Inter-War Georgian Revival homestead timber slab weatherboard		
b OTHER DETAILS OF PHYSICAL APPEARANCE		
c MODIFICATIONS		
d CURRENT CONDITIONS ✓ INTACT □ REPAIRS REQUIRED		
□ ALTERED - UNSYMPATHETIC ✓ ALTERED - SYMPATHETIC		
✓ ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Buildin many additions, the champion stallions	gs of major significance to the study include the homestead with its stable and the drop slab church.	
INFORMATION SOURCES		
WRITTEN D.M. Barrie, "Valley of Champions - The Story of Widden Stu	ud". Australian Stud Book Vol.1 - 1878	
ORAL		
GRAPHIC		
EVALUATION CRITERIA (S) = STATE (R) = REGIONAL (L) =	LOCAL	
SCIENTIFIC RARE ✓ (S) REPRE		
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE		
Historically the Stud is significant not only to the region but to the state in rel NSW. Socially the property is of regional significance for its association with pioneer horsebreeding families, and one of the oldest thoroughbred studs in significance for its rare potential to reveal information which could contribute in the mid to late 19th century and later and of the lifestyles of the generation	h seven generations of the Thompson family, one of the state's the world. Scientifically the stud must be considered to be of state to an understanding of the scale of thoroughbred breeding in NSW	