

Place name Mewburn Park

Survey Date:

Other name

Id:

725

Street Tinamba Road

Last Update

Locality Maffra

Postcode 3860

Official Locality

Property No

Local Government Area Wellington Shire

Property Info

Precinct: Not in precinct

Easting

Northing

Map

Workshop number

Workshop votes

Field survey number

Community priority

Designer

Builder

Ownership Resident owner

Built Date 1840

Change Date

Description Mewburn Park on the Tinamba Road west of Maffra was taken up by Lachlan Macalister and Dr Arbuckle in 1840. Captain Johnson-Boe acquired the run soon afterwards and erected the original U-plan single storey brick homestead with wide timber verandahs and shingle roof in the 1840s in a typical Colonial vernacular tradition. Later additions were made in the 1930s, forming a rambling complex. (RNE 004724)

Condition and Integrity : One of the original wings was demolished in the 1930s and additions made to the front of the house. The 1840s surviving wing is in good condition with the shingles under the existing corrugated Iron. (RNE 004724)

Condition

Integrity

History The property was taken up by Lachlan Macalister in conjunction with Dr. Arbuckle in the early 1840s. Captain Johnson Boe settled there in 1847 and in 1854 purchased more land and built his homestead. The bricks were made on the property. The next owner was Mr. Glassford, first president of the Maffra Shire. In 1917 the property was bought by Rover Gilder and has since changed ownership in recent years (M. LeCheminant, Maffra Workshop 2001)

Heritage Protections Register	Reference	Zoning	Status
National Trust Register	B2966		Listed
Planning Scheme	HO76		Listed
Register of the National Estate	004724		Listed
Victorian Heritage Register	601136		File only

National Estate

Research Required

Recommendations

Fieldwork priority?

Stage 1 Ranking

Assessed & protected

Stage 2 priority

No Action: Already include

Final Ranking

Final Recommendation Amendment C26

Statement of significance Mewburn Park, located between the Macalister and Thomson Rivers near Maffra, was the first brick house in the region and is one of the oldest established pastoral homestead buildings in eastern Victoria. The homestead is a distinctive vernacular structure with important associations with Captain John Johnson-Boe, a pioneer pastoralist and later parliamentary representative for North Gippsland. The later brick stables and offices are of interest. (RNE 004724)

The elegant verandah is noteworthy. The stables are a symmetrical composition, with 2-storey stable area and single storey service wings. (National Trust Register, B2966)

Extent of designation

Informant

Notes

Follow up

Bibliography

Maffra Past and Present Kemp, Doris, Maffra Shire History
