

## Item Details

**Name**  
Southridge  
**SHR/LEP/S170**  
LEP #  
**Address**  
1 Southridge Street EASTERN CREEK NSW 2766  
**Local Govt Area**  
Blacktown  
**Local Aboriginal Land Council**  
Unknown

Item Type	Group/Collection	Category
Built	Residential buildings (private)	House

## All Addresses

Addresses								
Records Retrieved: 1								
Street No	Street Name	Suburb/Town/Postcode	Local Govt. Area	LALC	Parish	County	Electorate	Address Type
1	Southridge Street	EASTERN CREEK/NSW/2766	Blacktown	Unknown			Unknown	Primary Address

## Significance

### Statement Of Significance

The Southridge property is associated with a number of the early settlers of the district from the early to mid-nineteenth century. The property is located on part of the large estate established by emancipist William Hayes. Hayes for some years was the estate manager at South Creek for the widow of Governor King.

Southridge House was built by French emigrant Moyse Roussell who resided there with his wife, whilst farming the adjacent land.

The house is a relatively intact example of a simple mid nineteenth century dwelling. The main core of the original house survives with minor alteration. The perimeter verandahs have been enclosed and additions and alterations made to the west of the original house.

A shingled roof survives under the corrugates iron cladding of the main building. Two of the original rooms have the original timber boarded ceiling lining intact above later flat sheeting.

Being located on one of the highest hills in the area Southridge House has landmark qualities.

### Criteria a)

#### Historical Significance

The Southridge homestead is a relatively intact example of a modest mid nineteenth century farmhouse which has developed in two distinct phases of growth. The house is associated with the former agricultural and viticultural usage of the surrounding lands. Retention of the house in a prominent position within the Employment Lands provides a key reminder of the past of the area and a reference to the rural value of Western Sydney.

### Criteria b)

#### Historical Association Significance

**Updated**

Southridge is located on a ridge and is approached from the north along a gravel driveway originally from Old Wallgrove Road. The area has now been subdivided and the homestead is located on a remnant curtilage within the Eastern Creek Employment Lands. The property retains its hilltop location and a curtilage to the rear incorporating a Dam, and to the side and front incorporating the immediate homestead grounds.

The homestead has a core of four rooms encircled by a verandah on the north, south and east. The north and east verandahs have been enclosed. The house has a steeply pitched hipped roof and the verandah roof is broken back to the main roof. Multipane double hung windows open to the verandahs with shutters.

The building is constructed of rendered brick and originally had timber boarded ceilings. These have been removed and replaced with fibre cement linings. In some rooms these have been covered by flat sheeting. The original shingle roof remains under corrugated iron sheeting.

Timber flooring, doors and fireplaces remain. The Fireplaces are simple open fires with simple mantles.

To the rear of the house a servant's wing incorporating a modern kitchen and toilet and bathroom areas with décor dating from the 1940's were located in an area that may have housed the original kitchens. These were demolished in 2014 as part of the conservation works for the cottage.

The cottage has been restored with new roofing over the original shingles which have been left in place. Windows have been repaired and the verandahs rebuilt using original material where viable.

The cottage will now sit within a retail core to the M7 employment area.

There is a free standing circular brick tank (above ground) remaining to the west of the homestead which remains from the 1940's, and an in ground brick cistern to the immediate south of the building.

Other out building has been removed and the wider property has been developed for large scale industrial bulk storage.

The homestead dam remains on the property and visible from the house.

The property entrance driveway alignment has been changed by a new road, although the alignment of the homestead driveway circle remain interpretable.

### **Physical Condition**

**Updated 10/22/2015**

The remaining house has recently been restored including replacement of the roofing. The original shingle roofing remains under the new sheeting.

### **Modifications And Dates**

Property subdivided and developed for Bulk Storage industrial use. Rear kitchen wing demolished.

Curtilage retained around the house.

### **Further Comments**

Listing needs to be included on the SEPP Employment Lands

### **Current Use**

### **Former Use**

## **Listings**

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Listings

			Records Retrieved: 3		
Heritage Listing	Listing Title	Listing Number	Gazette Date	Gazzette Number	Gazzette Page
Local Environmental Plan	Amend No 143		4/12/2002 12:00:00 AM	72	2262
Local Environmental Plan	Blacktown Local Environmental Plan 2015	I23	7/7/2015 12:00:00 AM	430	
Heritage study					

Procedures/Exemptions

Records Retrieved: 0					
Section of Act	Description	Title	Comments	Action Date	Outcome
No Results Found					

History

Historical Notes or Provenance

Updated

William Hayes arrived in Australia in 1801 as a convict. He was issued with a certificate of freedom in 1810 and married Mary Poor the following year. Hayes received his first Land Grant of 50 acres in 1810. A grant of 200 acres at Eastern Creek in 1819 was supplemented by 50 acres inherited from his nephew James Hayes. At this time he lived on Captain King’s farm at South Creek where he was responsible for much of the management of the property as King had returned to England. When King’s wife, Harriet Phillip Parker King, arrived in Sydney in 1827, she decided to live at Dunheved, South Creek. Mary Hayes then moved from the property to her farm at Eastern Creek. William shared his time between Dunheved and his Eastern Creek property until 1828 after Harriet King decided to have her own manager Flanagan look after Dunheved. William Hayes then moved to his Eastern Creek land, calling it Lucan Park.

In 1830, Hayes stated that he had retained and improved all 900 acres that he had received in grants. As well as fencing and clearing, he had built a house of 9 rooms and a kitchen, stables, offices and outbuildings. It is not known when this house was built, but it is possible that a dwelling was on the estate as early as 1822.

Mary and William Hayes both died in 1849, 12 days apart. Their estate was left to Mary’s daughter Margaret. Margaret had married Charles Roberts, a wealthy colonial born tradesman, in 1827. They are thought to have lived in Castlereagh Street until 1845 when Roberts retired and moved to Lucan Park. In 1847, they had a daughter, Mary and in 1849 a son, Charles Joseph James who died two years later.

It is suggested that Charles Roberts got into debt from gambling and the couple began to mortgage property in the 1850s. Eventually they separated and Charles lived at Wallgrove and Margaret at Lucan Park. Failing to meet payments on her mortgages on Lucan Park, the property was gradually sold between 1858 and 1862.

Charles Roberts died in June1865 and Margaret died two months later.

John Francis Moyse Rousell was born in France in 1805. He married Sarah Payne in London in 1838. The couple arrived in Sydney in 1840. In 1859 Rousell purchased 435 acres of Lucan Park. The house they built c.1860 became known as Herguilliers Cottage.

Moyse Rousell died at Eastern Creek in 1869. His wife died in 1872.

Sarah Madeline Roussell married Linus Perkins in 1861 and the couple lived in a weatherboard house, Mt Capicure, on her parents’ Eastern Creek property.

Sarah Perkins died in 1907 and her husband died the following year. Their children then appointed trustees to sell the estate, reserving only the homestead, Mt Capicure.

In 1919 Frederick Bigg purchased the land with the Herguilliers cottage, renaming it Southridge. Bigg was a respected cattle breeder with 642 acres of land in the area. In 1940 he also purchased the 45 acres with the Mt Capicure homestead. He died in 1941 and Southridge was sold by his executors in 1950 to Penfolds Wine. Penfolds used Southridge to house manager Ivan Comhet and his family. With the closure of the Minchinbury vineyards, the property was sold to Austral Brick Company who valued it for its deposits of Bringelly shale based clay.

Historic Themes

Records Retrieved: 2

National Theme	State Theme	Local Theme
4. Settlement	Land tenure	Unknown
3. Economy	Agriculture	Farming activities

Recommended Management

Management Summary

Management

Records Retrieved: 0

Management Category	Management Name	Date Updated
No Results Found		

## Report/Study

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### Heritage Studies

Records Retrieved: 3

Report/Study Name	Report/Study Code	Report/Study Type	Report/Study Year	Organisation	Author
In House Heritage Items Review			2009		Margaret Fallon
Blacktown Heritage Study			1995		(not stated)
Blacktown Heritage Study			1988		Jonathan Falk Planning Consultants in association with Rodney Jensen and Assoc.s

## Reference & Internet Links

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### References

Records Retrieved: 2

Type	Author	Year	Title	Link
Written	Eric Martin & Associates	2003	Southridge House and Property - Conservation Management Plan	
Written	Casey & Lowe	2002	Eastern Creek Strategic Land Use Study - Non-Indigenous Heritage Study	

## Data Source

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