

Item Details

Name
Berkshire Park Homestead Site

SHR/LEP/S170
LEP #A662

Address
844-848 Richmond Road BERKSHIRE PARK NSW 2765

Local Govt Area
Penrith

Local Aboriginal Land Council
Unknown



Item Type	Group/Collection	Category
Archaeological-Terrestrial	Farming and Grazing	Homestead Complex

All Addresses

Addresses								
Records Retrieved: 1								
Street No	Street Name	Suburb/Town/Postcode	Local Govt. Area	LALC	Parish	County	Electorate	Address Type
844-848	Richmond Road	BERKSHIRE PARK/NSW/2765	Penrith	Unknown			Unknown	Primary Address

Significance

Statement Of Significance

The property is unique in the northern sector of Penrith LGA for its historic associations with a settler family of note and colonial era rural estate; the property demonstrating a phase in the development of the region with the establishment of large pastoral and agricultural estates. The property retains a landscape of undulating pasture, remnant garden plantings and open forest which demonstrates an European land management practice of note in this part of Penrith LGA.

Criteria a)

Historical Significance

The property demonstrates a phase in the development of the region with the establishment of large pastoral and agricultural estates.

Criteria b)

Historical Association Significance

The property is associated with the Rouse family.

Criteria c)

Aesthetic/Technical Significance

The property retains a landscape of undulating pasture, remnant garden plantings and open forest which demonstrates an European land management practice of note in this part of Penrith LGA.

Criteria f)

Rarity

The property is unique in the northern sector of Penrith LGA for its historic associations with a settler family of note and colonial era rural estate.

Integrity/Intactness

low

Owners

Records Retrieved: 0		
Organisation	Stakeholder Category	Date Ownership Updated
No Results Found		

Description

DesignerBuilder/Maker

Physical DescriptionUpdated

Located on high ground to the west of South Creek, the site of the former homestead of Berkshire Park is determined through a land management practice of undulating pasture adjacent the creek and remnant cultural plantings and possible archaeological relics of the former homestead and its outbuildings. The most noticeable features of the former garden trees are pine trees and stands of natives, but further investigation is likely to reveal more detail. The cleared pasture setting of the house is important for it reflects a long standing land management scheme.

Physical ConditionUpdated

Modifications And Dates

Further Comments

Current Use

Former Use

Farming

Listings

Listings

			Records Retrieved: 2		
Heritage Listing	Listing Title	Listing Number	Gazette Date	Gazzette Number	Gazzette Page
Local Environmental Plan	Penrith Local Environmental Plan 2010	A662	9/22/2010 12:00:00 AM		
Heritage study		2260662	11/1/2007 12:00:00 AM		

Procedures/Exemptions

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

History

Historical Notes or Provenance

Updated

A grant of 300 acres was made in April 1804 to Martin Mason who was the government surgeon and magistrate at Parramatta and Toongabbie between 1799-1803. He moved to the fledgling township of Windsor in 1804 to run a private practice. Arising from Bligh’s removal from office, Mason sold the grant, named Penruddock Farm, to Richard Rouse in 1810 on his return to England with Bligh to give evidence on behalf of the Hawkesbury settlers. Rouse renamed the grant Berkshire Park and erected a 10 room brick cottage for his daughter Mary on her marriage to Jonathon Hassall in 1819. Further grants of 310 acres and 320 acres to the west were made in 1838. The numerous grants on Ropes Creek were absorbed into the estate. Mary Rouse lived at Berkshire Park until her death in 1883. The house with 90 acres was offered for sale in July 1883, then being described with 20 acres under crop, two small orchards and vineyard, dwelling house of six rooms and outbuildings of barn, stables, coach house, barn and sheds. The house was destroyed by bushfire in 1944. The remaining area of the estate was subdivided into over 200 allotments of about four acres each, and put up for sale.

Historic Themes

Records Retrieved: 2		
National Theme	State Theme	Local Theme
4. Settlement	Land tenure	Rural settlement
3. Economy	Agriculture	Country estates

Recommended Management

Management Summary

Management

Records Retrieved: 0		
Management Category	Management Name	Date Updated
No Results Found		

Report/Study

Heritage Studies

Records Retrieved: 4

Report/Study Name	Report/Study Code	Report/Study Type	Report/Study Year	Organisation	Author
Penrith Heritage Study Review			2005		Paul Davies Pty Ltd
Penrith Heritage Study Review			2005		Pail Davies Pty Ltd
Penrith Heritage Study Review			2005		Paul Davies Pty. Ltd.
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Reference & Internet Links

References

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Type	Author	Year	Title	Link
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