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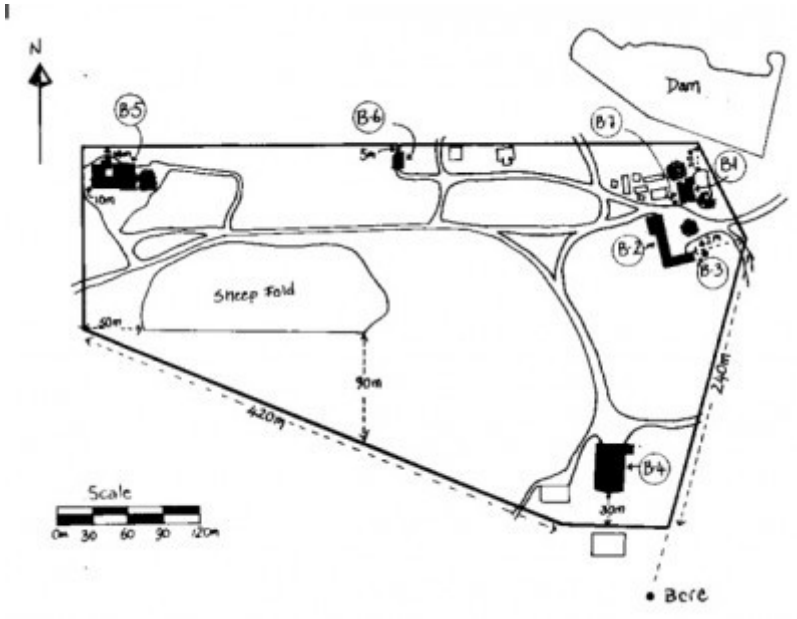
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1 mount hesse homestead mount hesse estate road winchelsea stables



mt hesse station registration plan

Location

155-159 MOUNT HESSE ESTATE ROAD OMBERSLEY, COLAC OTWAY SHIRE

Municipality

COLAC OTWAY SHIRE

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1208

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO218

VHR Registration

October 24, 1996

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 11, 1999

Mount Hesse Station was established as a pastoral property in the late 1830s by William Harding and John Highett. Harding's homestead, the first homestead on the property, dates from the 1840s and was built in several stages. It was originally constructed as a two-roomed stone cottage with a hipped roof; later additions include a stone skillion kitchen to the rear and a weatherboard section on the north-west corner. The Shepherd's Hut, built c.1849, sits at the back of Harding's homestead and is a single roomed stone building with a simple hipped roof. The L-shaped stone stables were constructed in two stages, the north-west wing was built in 1849 and the adjoining right-angled south-east wing in 1873. The 1844 elevated circular store building is clad with bead-edge softwood boards and stands on a wrought and cast iron frame which bears its maker's mark and date. In 1852 the stone woolshed was constructed by Harding for contract shearing and whilst still used for shearing today, the original twenty stands have been reduced to nine. The woolshed has 20 inch thick walls, a vast helm roof and pronounced buttressing.

The main homestead was built c.1856 for William Timms (Senior) to the design of Backhouse and Reynolds and was later extended by Davidson and Henderson for William Timms (Junior) in 1873. In 1941 the house was severely damaged by fire, although it was re-built in 1947 using some of the original materials. The Lodge was built in 1873 for William Timms (Junior) as a three roomed gate lodge and it sits adjacent to the original main gate entrance.

Mount Hesse Station is of architectural and historical significance to the State of Victoria.

Mount Hesse Station is of architectural significance as an extensive rural property containing rare and intact buildings relating specifically to Victoria's pastoral industry. The buildings on the site describe the early and successive functions of the property and demonstrate a direct linkage with early pastoral activities in Victoria. The stables and the woolshed are amongst the oldest surviving examples of their kind in Victoria and the circular store is a rare building type. The unusual form and positioning of the small store building is thought to relate to mouse and rat prevention techniques. The extensive use of vesiculated stone is uncommon on such a scale, as is the use of blackwood floors, and shingles and the stone houses are representative of early dwellings in rural Victoria. The composite elements of Mount Hesse Station result in the property being a complex of high architectural integrity, demonstrating both functional requirements and architectural influences from the 1840s onwards.

Mount Hesse Station is of historical significance for its ability to describe Victoria's early pastoral industry. Established as a pastoral run c.1837, Mount Hesse is an extensive and early example of agrarian farming and its buildings reflect the evolution of pastoral and associated activities on the site. The property has historical associations with a number of important figures in Victoria's history including early pastoralists John Highett and William Harding, who first established the property, and later the Geelong merchants William Timms and John Wilson, who owned the property from 1853 to 1856. William Timms, who by 1849 was Geelong's biggest exporter of wool, became sole owner of Mount Hesse in October 1856 when he bought John Wilson's share for £17,500. The property was later broken up and acquired by Timms' sons and run as three separate properties, 'Eurack', 'Mountside' and 'Mount Hesse', Mount Hesse being the homestead section and comprising 15,866 acres (6,400ha). In 1882 James Kinninmonth purchased Mount Hesse from William Timms (Junior) and it has been managed by the Kinninmonth family ever since.

Permit Exemptions

General Exemptions:

General exemptions apply to all places and objects included in the Victorian Heritage Register (VHR). General exemptions have been designed to allow everyday activities, maintenance and changes to your property, which don’t harm its cultural heritage significance, to proceed without the need to obtain approvals under the Heritage Act 2017.

Places of worship: In some circumstances, you can alter a place of worship to accommodate religious practices without a permit, but you must notify the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria before you start the works or

activities at least 20 business days before the works or activities are to commence.

Subdivision/consolidation: Permit exemptions exist for some subdivisions and consolidations. If the subdivision or consolidation is in accordance with a planning permit granted under Part 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the application for the planning permit was referred to the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria as a determining referral authority, a permit is not required.

Specific exemptions may also apply to your registered place or object. If applicable, these are listed below. Specific exemptions are tailored to the conservation and management needs of an individual registered place or object and set out works and activities that are exempt from the requirements of a permit. Specific exemptions prevail if they conflict with general exemptions.

Find out more about heritage permit exemptions here.

Specific Exemptions:

EXEMPTIONS FROM PERMITS:

HOMESTEAD
Non-structural work on the fabric of the 1947 homestead.

WOOLSHED AND STABLES
Interior maintenance work, excluding renovation/restoration works.

FENCING
Erection or construction of roads and tracks and of fencing, gates, stockyards or any other forms of access and enclosure necessary for the continuation of agricultural activities on the property provided that the works do not adversely affect the registered buildings and land.

INTERIOR DECORATION - GENERAL
Interior painting/wall papering to walls and ceilings, provided the preparation work for painting/papering does not remove evidence of the building's original paint or decorative scheme.
Removal of existing carpets/ flexible floor coverings.
Installation of carpets and flexible floor covering.
Installation of curtain track, rod, blinds and other window dressings.
Installation of hooks, nails and other devices for the hanging of paintings, mirrors and other wall mounted works of art.

REFURBISHMENT OF BATHROOMS, TOILETS, KITCHENS - GENERAL
Refurbishment of bathroom/toilet including removal of existing sanitary fixtures and associated piping, mirrors and floor coverings, and installation of new fixtures, and wall and floor coverings.
Removal of any existing benches and fixtures (stoves, dishwashers etc.) and floor coverings and installation of new benches and fixtures, including associated plumbing and wiring.

OTHER - GENERAL
Re-wiring provided that all new wiring is fully concealed and any original light switches are retained in-situ.
Installation of smoke detectors
Installation of insulation.

Construction dates	1840,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	2053
Property Number	

History

Associated People: Assoc.People WILLIAM HARDING AND JOHN HIGHETT
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Extent of Registration

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION

As Executive Director for the purpose of the Heritage Act, I give notice under section 46 that the Victorian Heritage Register is amended by including the Heritage Register Number 1208 in the category described as a Heritage Place:

Mount Hesse Station, Mount Hesse Estate Road, Wnchelsea, Surf Coast Shire.

EXTENT:

1. All of the buildings known as Mount Hesse Station as marked B-1 (Harding Homestead), B-2 (Stables), B-3 (Circular Store), B-4 (Woolshed), B-5 (Homestead), B-6 (Lodge), B-7 (Shepherd's Hut) on Diagram 601200 held by the Executive Director of the Heritage Council.

2. All of the land marked L-1 on Diagram 601200 held by the Executive Director of the Heritage Council being part of the land described in Certificate of Title Volume 9495 Folio 668.

RAY TONKIN
Executive Director
[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. G42 24 October 1996 p.2773]

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/