Victorian Heritage Database Report

The Log Cabin



Location:
1510 Mt Dandenong Tourist Road, Mt Dandenong VIC 1510 - Property No 21060

Heritage Status / Level of Significance:
Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number:
Listing Authority: HI

Heritage Overlay Number: HO279

Statement of Significance:
The Log Cabin, built in 1926 by builder John Dodd, is of regionalarchitectural and historic significance.

Architecturally, it is one of the few known structures built entirelyout

of horizontal logs in the American pioneer fashion, from the 20thcentury. As such, it is a successful and thorough example of a rusticstyle, suitable for its location in the heavily wooded Dandenong Ranges,and for its use as a tea room and restaurant.

Historically, it is significance as an early tourist development in theDandenong's. It is also notable for its connection with John Dodd, whowas a noted axeman and builder and constructed a number of log houses inthe area, and was the son of George Dodd, an original co-founder of theOlinda township in the 1890s. (National Trust Classification Report)

Description

A small rectangular building with verandahs on three sides under a low pitched roof. The walls are entirely made of solid logs, notched together at the corners, and seamed with local clay. The verandah posts are also whole logs. The original twisted timber brackets to the verandah are no longer evident. There is a stone fireplace and chimney. There is also a much larger section of matching construction built in the 1970s. (National Trust Classification Report)

The Mt Dandenong and District Historical Society advises that no nails have been used in the construction of the building. Internally, there is a fine stone fireplace, built of stones collected from an old creek bed on the Basin-Olinda Road. Chairs and tables were also made by Jack Dodd. He treated the logs internally and externally with equal parts of boiled oil, kerosene and vinegar. The earth floor was covered with flour bags and coconut matting. Twice a year the matting and bags were lifted and shaken in the back yard. Afterwards it all took a week to settle and had an "ocean wave" appearance. (Submission 2 Dec. 1999)

Good

Evidence of stages

Heritage Study / Consultant	Yarra Ranges - Shire of Yarra Ranges Heritage Study, Context Pty Ltd, 2000
Construction Date Range	1926 - 1926
Architect / Designer	
Municipality	YARRA RANGES SHIRE
Other names	
Hermes number	115869
Property number	21060

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