

## Item Details

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**Name**

Bridestowe

**SHR/LEP/S170**

LEP #

**Address**

568 Reservoir Road PROSPECT NSW 2148

**Local Govt Area**

Blacktown

**Local Aboriginal Land Council**

Unknown

**Item Type**

Built

**Group/Collection**

Farming and Grazing

**Category**

Homestead Complex

## All Addresses

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**Addresses**

Records Retrieved: 1

Street No	Street Name	Suburb/Town/Postcode	Local Govt. Area	LALC	Parish	County	Electorate	Address Type
568	Reservoir Road	PROSPECT/NSW/2148	Blacktown	Unknown			Unknown	Primary Address

## Significance

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**Statement Of Significance**

The house is a significant victorian timber homestead relating to the Hick's Dairy Farm complex which operated in this area from 1884 - through to the 1940's, and was a major supplier to local markets in the area.

It has historical significance as a significant early Prospect farm of value to the Prospect community, and aesthetic significance as a rare high quality example of a substantial victorian era weatherboard building in the Blacktown Local Government Area.

**Criteria a)****Historical Significance**

Bridestowe House is of historical significance to Prospect as the home of the Hicks Family who ran a substantial dairy in from 1885 - the 1940's. The homestead complex represents a former way of life in Prospect as a major food supply farming area supporting the Sydney Metropolis throughout the 19th and early 20th century.

**Criteria b)****Historical Association Significance**

The House is associated with the Hicks Family who were prominent in the local area.

**Criteria c)****Aesthetic/Technical Significance**

The homestead is of high aesthetic significance as a rare remaining victorian era weatherboard home of high quality craftsmanship in the Blacktown / Prospect area.

**Criteria e)**

## Research Potential

The homestead complex has the potential to reveal further information about farming activities of the dairy and farming in the district.

## Criteria f)

### Rarity

The item is a rare substantial weatherboard victorian home in the Prospect / Blacktown area.

### Integrity/Intactness

High

## Owners

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Records Retrieved: 0

Organisation	Stakeholder Category	Date Ownership Updated
No Results Found		

## Description

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### Designer

### Builder/Maker

### Physical Description

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A single storey late Victorian weatherboard house with pyramidal hipped galvanised iron roof and gabled section facing the road frontage. A separately roofed verandah on two sides is supported on turned timber posts with decorative brackets.

### Physical Condition

Updated 03/27/2013

Good

### Modifications And Dates

Rear detached office building.

### Further Comments

### Current Use

Residence

### Former Use

Residence for a farm and dairy

## Listings

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## Listings

			Records Retrieved: 2		
Heritage Listing	Listing Title	Listing Number	Gazette Date	Gazette Number	Gazette Page
Local Environmental Plan	Amend No 143		4/12/2002 12:00:00 AM	72	2262
Local Environmental Plan	Blacktown Local Environmental Plan 2015	164	7/7/2015 12:00:00 AM	430	

## Procedures/Exemptions

Records Retrieved: 0

Section of Act	Description	Title	Comments	Action Date	Outcome
No Results Found					

## History

### Historical Notes or Provenance

### Updated

On 31 July 1884, William Edward Goodin sold various parcels of land from Kennedy's grant south of the Great Western Highway to James Hicks, farmer of Ryde, for £700. Hicks mortgaged the land on 1 August 1884 for £500. James Hicks died in 1903 leaving the property to his son. His son, Joseph, later stated that the buildings on the land, which consisted of weatherboard buildings with iron roofs, had been built about 1889 by his father. It was known as "Bridestowe". One study has identified Joseph Hicks as commencing the dairy on land opposite the post office, on land bought from [sic] James (John) Goodin in 1885.

Yewen's Directory of 1900 showed that J Hicks of the Western Road, not only conducted a dairy, but also grew barley, oats, maize and grapes as well as having an orchard on this property.

A valuation of James Hicks property on 7 April 1903, after his death, described the house as an eight-roomed residence, along with a barn, stables, dairy, piggery, coach house and fowl shed.

When the Valuer-General valued this land in December 1922, there was a 6-roomed weatherboard cottage with an iron roof named "Bridestowe" on this parcel of 26 acres 3 roods and 25 perches. In addition, there was a dairy, hay shed, milking sheds and a stable. Joseph Hicks was the owner and occupier. At that date, there were two dairies in this area plus another further north on the other side of the Great Western Road on one of the Church and School Portions. By the 1930s, another dairy was operating on land west of the Reservoir.

An aerial photo of March 1930 shows Bridestowe at the front of the property and a cluster of farm buildings at the rear plus a large area of cleared land, possibly improved pasture. Some of these outbuildings, but not all, are visible in the 1943 aerial photo taken for the Department of Main Roads.

Hicks Brothers were still operating a dairy whilst living in the property "Bridestowe" in 1942. In total, they owned 188 acres and leased a further 170 acres of Water Board land plus 99 acres from adjacent owners. They ran a total of 90 to 95 cows on the land.

The remains of the original slab dairy and a c 1940 dairy are located to the rear of the house on adjacent State Reserve land. These are both in a dilapidated condition.

### 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

### Heritage Studies

Records Retrieved: 4

Report/Study Name	Report/Study Code	Report/Study Type	Report/Study Year	Organisation	Author
In House Heritage Items Review			2009		Margaret Fallon
Prospect Heritage Study - Draft Final Report			2005		Terry Cass / Jackson Stepowski Planning and Robertson and Hindmarsh
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

### References

Records Retrieved: 3

Type	Author	Year	Title	Link
Written		1922	Valuation Cards	
Written	Yewen	1900	Directory of the Landholders of NSW 1900	
Written			Land Titles	

## Data Source

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Local Government	Blacktown City Council	1140066

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