

Item Details

Name

Site of Veteran Hall

SHR/LEP/S170

LEP #

Address

Reservoir Road PROSPECT NSW 2148

Local Govt Area

Blacktown

Local Aboriginal Land Council

Unknown

Item Type

Archaeological-Terrestrial

Group/Collection

Residential buildings (private)

Category

Homestead building

All Addresses

Addresses

Records Retrieved: 1

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

Significance

Statement Of Significance

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Criteria a)

Historical Significance

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Criteria c)

Aesthetic/Technical Significance

The site is important for its dramatic setting and the view from Prospect Hill. (Register of National Estate)

Criteria e)

Research Potential

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Owners

Records Retrieved: 0

Organisation	Stakeholder Category	Date Ownership Updated
No Results Found		

Description

Designer

Builder/Maker

Physical Description

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A brick cairn and two explanatory signs mark the site of William Lawson's residence built during the Macquarie era. The property was resumed by the the Water Board for their headquarters until 1926/29 when the building was demolished. The trees which remain are very significant in their own right.

Physical Condition

Updated

Modifications And Dates

Further Comments

Current Use

Former Use

Listings

Listings

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
State Environmental Planning Policy				WSP	

Records Retrieved: 2

Procedures/Exemptions

Records Retrieved: 0

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

History

Historical Notes or Provenance

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William Lawson built Veteran Hall at Propect in 1810, enlarging it in 1821. After his death, his son William Junior occupied the house, adding a new front in the 1850s. William Lawson junior died in 1861 and his wife Caroline died in 1875.

When Prospect Reservoir was being constructed, the land was resumed by the Sydney Water Supply Authority and the house used by the Board's engineer in chief of the works from 1888 to 1912.

From 1912 to 1915 it was leased to Commonwealth military authorities as a remount depot.

A 1925 decision to demolish the house was not enacted until 1929. Stone from the house was used in a wall at Vaocluse House and bricks were used in the construction of cottages in Granville.

William Lawson arrived in the NSW colony in 1800. While posted at Norfolk Island he married Sarah Leadbeater, a convict. The family settled at Concord, later buying land at Propect where they established Veteran Hall. Lawson is best remembered as a member of the party who found a satisfactory route across the Blue Mountains. He was also a member of our first elected parliament from 1843 to 1848. He died in 1850 and was buried at St Bartholemew's graveyard, Prospect.

Historic Themes

Records Retrieved: 0

National Theme	State Theme	Local Theme
No Results Found		

Recommended Management

Management Summary

Management

Records Retrieved: 0

Management Category	Management Name	Date Updated
No Results Found		

Report/Study

Heritage Studies

Records Retrieved: 0

Report/Study Name	Report/Study Code	Report/Study Type	Report/Study Year	Organisation	Author
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Reference & Internet Links

References

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Type	Author	Year	Title	Link
Written	Harvey, Brett	1977	The History of Blacktown and District	

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