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PROPOSED HERITAGE ITEM 14

ITEM DETAILS					
Name of Item	Hicks Dairy				
Other Name/s Former Name/s					
Item type (if known)	Built				
Item group (if known)	Residential and farming buildings (private)				
Item category (if known)					
Area, Group, or Collection Name					
Street number	568				
Street name	Reservoir Road				
Suburb/town	Prospect	Postcode	2148		
Local Government Area/s	Blacktown				
Property description	Part of lot 19 DP 802753				
Location - Lat/long	Latitude		Longitude		
Location - AMG (if no street address)	Zone		Easting	Northing	
Owner					
Current use	Residence and agriculture				
Former Use	Residence and agriculture				
Statement of significance	A collection of farm buildings which is an excellent example of development of the Victorian era in Prospect.				
Level of Significance	State <input type="checkbox"/>		Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

DESCRIPTION	
Designer	
Builder/ maker	
Physical Description	<p>The dairy, which is a single storey face brick building set well back from the road. The roof is a gable roof clad with corrugated galvanised steel sheeting which appears to be in poor condition. There is a lower pitched skillion roof along the rear of the building covering what appears to be an open area (possibly for milking cows). The two openings in the north, short side of the building appear to have rendered lintels, indicating a date of construction for this building in the 1920s.</p> <p>Behind the brick dairy building there appear to be two timber-clad sheds. The fences leading up to the building are timber post and rail fences.</p>



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<b>Physical condition and Archaeological potential</b>	The dairy building appears to be in reasonable condition with the exception of the roof cladding, which appears to be deteriorating with the consequent deterioration of underlying timber structure.				
<b>Construction years</b>	<b>Start year</b>	1889 (House)	<b>Finish year</b>	Circa 1925 (Dairy)	<b>Circa</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Modifications and dates</b>					
<b>Further comments</b>					

### HISTORY

<b>Historical notes</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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### THEMES

<b>National historical theme</b>	Peopling Australia Developing local, regional and national economies
<b>State historical theme</b>	Accommodation Pastoralism

APPLICATION OF CRITERIA	
Historical significance SHR criteria (a)	
Historical association significance SHR criteria (b)	
Aesthetic significance SHR criteria (c)	
Social significance SHR criteria (d)	
Technical/Research significance SHR criteria (e)	
Rarity SHR criteria (f)	
Representativeness SHR criteria (g)	
Integrity	

HERITAGE LISTINGS	
Heritage listing/s	Blacktown Local Environmental Plan Amend No 143

INFORMATION SOURCES				
Include conservation and/or management plans and other heritage studies.				
Type	Author/Client	Title	Year	Repository
Manuscript		Land Title Deeds (Old System)		Lands Dept
Manuscript		Real Property Application 23722		Lands Dept
Printed		<i>Yewen's Directory of the Landholders of New South Wales, 1900</i>	1900	Mitchell Library
Manuscript		Valuer-General, Valuation Cards, Blacktown, SRNSW	1922	State Records of NSW



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		13/5712, No 2411		
Photograph		Aerial Mosaic, SR Map 32240	1930	State Records of NSW
Photograph		Aerial Photo 9-318	1943	RTA
Manuscript		Deceased Estate File, James Hicks, duty paid 29/6/03, SRNSW 20/218	1903	State Records of NSW

### RECOMMENDATIONS

<b>Recommendations</b>	Place on LEP schedule. DAs and HIS assessed by Council's Heritage Advisor in accordance with LEP provisions and DCP guidelines. Include in Interpretation Plan. Include in brochure on "Prospect" and 'The Western Road'.
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### SOURCE OF THIS INFORMATION

<b>Name of study or report</b>	Prospect Heritage Study	<b>Year of study or report</b>	2005
<b>Item number in study or report</b>			
<b>Author of study or report</b>	Terry Kass, Scott Robertson, Sue Jackson		
<b>Inspected by</b>	Terry Kass, Scott Robertson, Sue Jackson		
<b>NSW Heritage Manual guidelines used?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>This form completed by</b>	Scott Robertson, Terry Kass	<b>Date</b>	13/12/2005



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### IMAGES - 1 per page

Please supply images of each elevation, the interior and the setting.

<b>Image caption</b>	Former Hicks Dairy buildings, Reservoir Road, Prospect (Neg. no 395-582/17)				
<b>Image year</b>	2005	<b>Image by</b>	Scott Robertson	<b>Image copyright holder</b>	Robertson & Hindmarsh Pty Ltd

