



Heritage Inventory No: **H 7 5 2 3 - 0 0 8 2**

Heritage Inventory Site Card

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1. Place

Name Trawalla School

Other/former names

Current site description

The grounds of the former school at Trawalla are situated in a plot of land between the Western Highway and Waterloo Road, west of Mount Emu Creek, Trawalla. The plot is encircled by overgrown pine and fir trees; towards the southwest is a circular feature of basalt blocks; in the northeast is a concrete platform - the footings of a structure; piles of brick and some glass and ceramic fragments are spread across the area. Aerial photographs from the 1960s show a structure, since demolished, to the west of the site.

2. Current statutory listing

Victorian Heritage Register Number

Heritage Overlay Number

3. Suggested protection

Victorian Heritage Register

Heritage Overlay, Local Planning Scheme

4. Archaeological description

Surface cultural material Sub-surface cultural deposits Archaeological potential

Features Disturbance

Artefacts / Artefact scatter

5. Archaeological significance

High Medium Low None Unknown

6. Location

Site location (where known) Waterloo Road, Trawalla

Street number Street Western Highway

Suburb Trawalla State VIC Postcode 3373

Local Government Area Pyrenees

Full AMG co-ordinates (must be AGD 66) Easting 718031 Northing 5853790

Mapsheet name and number (1:100,000 only) Beaufort South, 7523-2-S

7. Cadastral location

County Parish Trawalla Township Trawalla

Section Allotment 1 SPI 1\TP545466

8. Indigenous values Site has known Indigenous values

Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Register Number 7523-0260

9. Associated sites (Inventory, VHR, HO or other)

The site is to the direct east of VAHR 7523-0260 Trawalla 5A. Though its recorded extent does not continue into the area of the historic site, it is possible that there is a continuation of Aboriginal deposits, given the site's proximity to Mount Emu Creek.

10. Keywords

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| <input type="checkbox"/> early 19 th century | <input type="checkbox"/> urban | <input type="checkbox"/> pastoral | <input type="checkbox"/> domestic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> mid 19 th century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> outside urban | <input type="checkbox"/> agricultural | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial |
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| | | <input type="checkbox"/> recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> military |

11. Plan of site

Please attach separate plan. All features on the plan must be labelled and scale noted (eg 1:100,000).

12. Place history (attach sheet if necessary)

Aboriginal occupation of the Trawalla area (the name is thought to mean 'wild water' or 'much rain') spans centuries and millennia, as recent investigations in the area have shown (Anderson et al. 2011). The first European settlers in Trawalla set up sheep and cattle grazing runs, and Trawalla station was established in 1838/9 (Anderson 1969). The early years of European settlement are recorded in Katherine Kirkland's memoir, 'Life in the Bush', published in 1845 (Anderson 1969). Following the discovery of gold in the Beaufort and Waterloo areas from the 1850s, Trawalla would have experienced growth, and it might have been the location of one of the coaching stations run by Cobb & Co. which operated a line along what is now the Western Highway. In the 1870s, the Ballarat to Ararat railway opened, and Trawalla station was located on this line, between Burrumbeet and Beaufort.

The site is likely to be the site of the first school at Trawalla. Trawalla is famed as the birthplace of James Henry Scullin, Australian prime minister between 1929-1932. It is possible that Scullin attended the school located at the present site. According to a local history of the Trawalla area (Nunan 1971), the first records of a headmaster at Trawalla school date from 1885. Whether this was located at the present site is uncertain. The school was closed in the late 1960s and a new primary school was later built on the opposite side of Mount Emu Creek.

13. Interpretation of site (Include phases in the development of the site, functions and activities represented)

There can be little certainty about the site's chronology and development and the activities occurring there on the limited recorded evidence. The basalt feature in the southwest of the area might be part of the main school building, which shows up on aerial photographs taken in 1963 (906/6 Standard Mapsheet Photography, 7523S4, 906/6, no. 84). Artefacts nearby include ceramic and glass sherds that appear to date from the early 20th century. The concrete footings in the northeast of the area probably date from the mid- or second half of the 20th century. The site's function as a school is likely to have lasted from between 1885 and 1971.

14. Assessment of archaeological significance

There is a high likelihood of in situ structural remains and artefact deposits. The site is assessed to have moderate archaeological significance.

15. Assessment of cultural heritage significance

Historical significance

Statement of Significance attached

Scientific significance

Aesthetic significance

Social or spiritual significance

16. Present use

The block is currently vacant.

17. Threats

There are no known immediate threats to the site. Proposed construction of the Western Highway will not affect the present site.

18 References/ Informants

Anderson, H. 1969: The Flowers of the Field: A History of Ripon Shire, Hill of Content, Melbourne.

Anderson, W., Kiddell, H. and Watson, B. 2011: Western Highway Project. Burrumbeet to Beaufort duplication. CHMP 11481. Dr Vincent Clark & Associates, Coburg.

Nunan, J. 1971: Squatters and Soldiers: Trawalla 1839-1971. Back to Trawalla Committee, Ballarat.

Mr John McCartney and Mrs Ann McCartney (pers. comm.)

19. Photographs of site

Please attach as separate sheet.

20. Map showing location of site

Please attach separate plan.

Map must clearly identify assessed area and include any street addresses (eg excerpt from Melway and its reference numbers.)

Describe in detail directions to locate the site in the future

From Beaufort town centre, follow the Western Highway in an easterly direction for 7.5 km. At Trawalla, before reaching Mount Emu Creek, turn to the north along Waterloo Road. The site is on the corner of the Western Highway and Waterloo Road.

21. Owner & Occupier Details

Agency

Owner's name Ann McCartney

Contact name

Postal address

Telephone 53492526 Facsimile

Email address

Occupier's name

Postal address

Telephone Facsimile

Email address

Recording Archaeologist Will Anderson

Company name Dr. Vincent Clark & Associates Date recorded 27/7/2011
(Day/Month/Year)

Other Comments:

Return completed Site Cards to Heritage Victoria via email at archaeology.admin@dpcd.vic.gov.au or Heritage Victoria, PO Box 2392, Melbourne 3001

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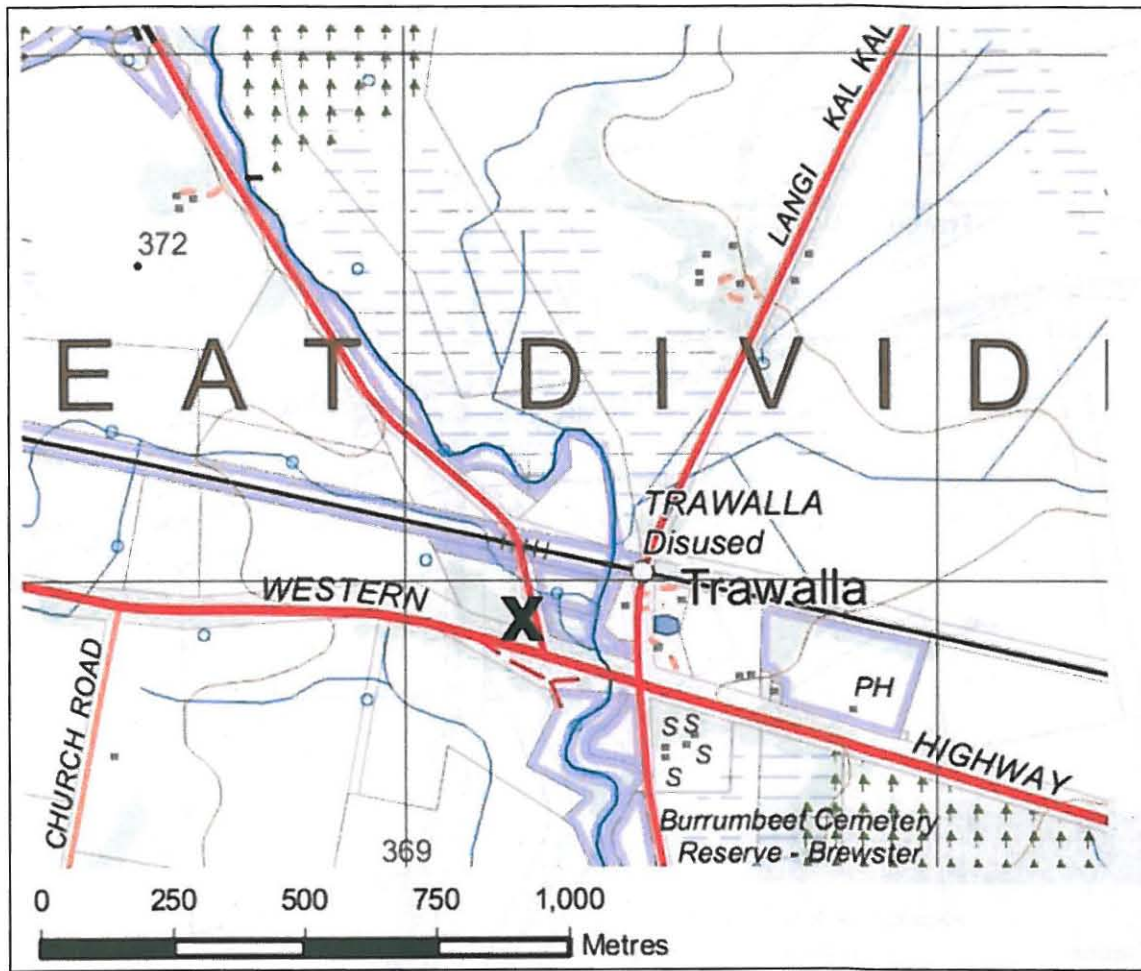


Fig. 1: Location of Trawalla School (marked with 'x') on Victorian topographic map (1:30,000), sheet number 7523-2-2-1 (2010)

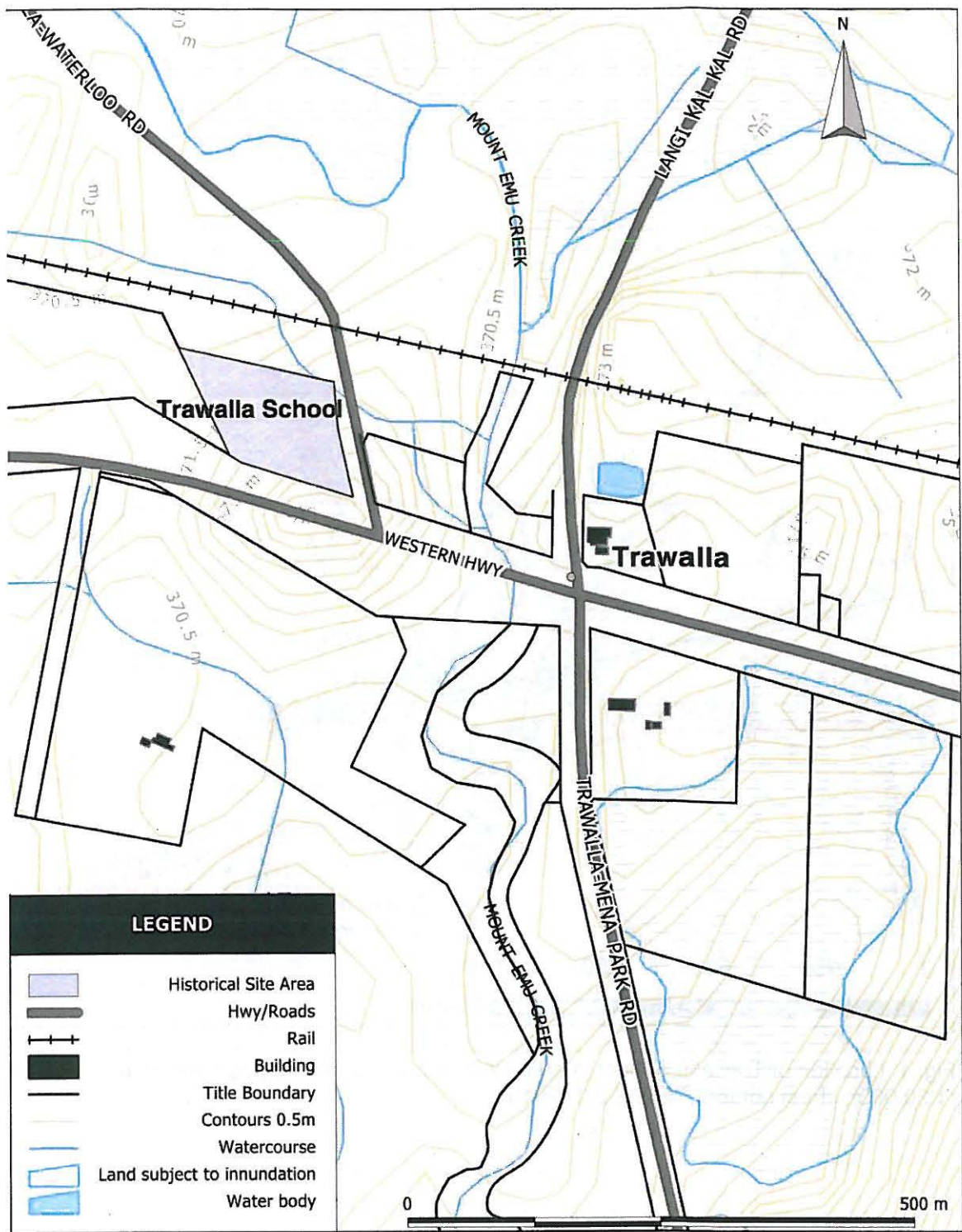


Fig. 2: Location of Trawalla School (1:6,000)



Fig. 3: Plan of Trawalla School (scale = 1:2,000)



Fig. 4: View of the southeastern part of the site, facing north (W. Anderson, 27/7/2011)



Fig. 5: Basalt feature in the southeast of the site (W. Anderson, 27/7/2011)



Fig. 6: Basalt feature in the southeast of the site (W. Anderson, 27/7/2011)



Fig. 7: Basalt feature in the southeast of the site (W. Anderson, 27/7/2011)

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1. Place

Name **Church Road site**

Other/former names

Current site description

Opposite the junction of Church Road with the Western Highway, west of Trawalla, is a slightly elevated and bare patch of land. Artefacts are located on the surface and were found during test excavations in the vicinity. Iron features, perhaps part of a pulley system, are attached to wooden posts beside the highway. Aerial photographs from the 1960s show a structure which has since been demolished.

2. Current statutory listing

 Victorian Heritage Register Number Heritage Overlay Number

3. Suggested protection

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4. Archaeological description

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5. Archaeological significance

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6. Location

Site location (where known) **Western Highway, west of Trawalla**Street number **4022** Street **Western Highway**Suburb **Trawalla** State **VIC** Postcode **3373**Local Government Area **Pyrenees**Full AMG co-ordinates (must be AGD 66) Easting **717398** Northing **5853793**Mapsheet name and number (1:100,000 only) **Beaufort South, 7523-2-S**

7. Cadastral location

County Parish **Beaufort** Township **Trawalla**Section **5** Allotment **4A** SPI **4A~5\PP2096**