

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

Heritage Inventory Site Card

Site Card must be completed in conjunction with the *Guidelines for Conducting Historical Archaeological Surveys* at www.heritage.vic.gov.au.

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

 Victorian Heritage Register Heritage Overlay, Local Planning Scheme

4. Archaeological description

 Surface cultural material Features Artefacts / Artefact scatter Sub-surface cultural deposits Disturbance Archaeological potential

5. Archaeological significance

 High Medium Low None Unknown

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**

8. Indigenous values

Site has known Indigenous values Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Register Number

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

Possibly associated with Amazon Mine, 200 m to the southwest.

10. Keywords

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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)

The site lies in the centre of the Mount Emu Creek floodplain west of Trawalla, an area of gold mining activity during the first half of the 20th century. After the initial gold rushes of the 1850s, there followed further phases of mining activity in the 1880s; the period 1913-1918; and to a limited extent in the 1930s, during the depression (Nunan 1971, 11). Most mining activity in the region occurred north-east of Beaufort, though there were also operations close to Trawalla (Nunan 1971, 11). Four alluvial mines dating from the first half of the 20th century are depicted on a map of mines in the vicinity of Mount Emu Creek: Unity, Trawalla Leads, Amazon and Southern Hope (Cayley and McDonald 1995, 97, fig. 53, Appendix 2). These are all located to the south of the Church Road site, the closest being the Amazon mine, a reef mining site operational from 1938 where there are two mine shafts and associated equipment (Cayley and McDonald 1995, 95). The mine was not particularly successful, and remained operational thanks to government support (Nunan 1971, 12). It is likely that the Church Road site is contemporary with, and perhaps associated with, the early-20th-century mines.

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

An aerial photograph taken in 1963 (906/6 Standard Mapsheet Photography, 7523S4, 906/6, no. 84) shows a standing structure, since demolished, at the location of the Church Road site, which is located in a small; irregular shaped subdivision of land. It is likely that the site was associated with the nearby mines, though whether it was a residence, public house or an industrial-related installation is unknown.

Test excavations in the vicinity of Church Road located glass and ceramic artefacts in seven test holes (fig. 3). Finds from the Church Road site include ceramic, bottle glass, fragments of iron and copper and cylinders of charcoal (figs. 8 and 9). The material appears to date from the first half of the 20th century, though the function of the site cannot be inferred from this small sample. The iron installation attached to wooden posts to the south of the site includes a length of piping on one side and a latch on the other (figs. 6 and 7). This feature has not been identified, though it is likely to be associated with the site's function, perhaps as a pulley. Therefore, it is possible that the site had a role in the processing of material obtained from the nearby gold mines.

14. Assessment of archaeological significance

The structure that once stood at the Church Road site has been demolished since the 1960s. During subsurface testing (undertaken as part of CHMP no. 11481), one test hole was found to contain loose earth with plentiful wood and some artefacts mixed in. On the basis of this excavation, the condition of the site appears to be poor. The excavated artefacts date from the first half of the 20th century, and include glass, ceramic and metal. The site is deemed to have low archaeological significance in terms of its condition, though as its function has not been identified, its overall significance is hard to assess.

15. Assessment of cultural heritage significance

Statement of Significance attached

Historical significance

The cultural heritage significance of the site is that it constitutes a structure in the Trawalla area dating from the early-mid 20th century and perhaps associated with mining in the region. However, the site's identification and function are not known.

Scientific significance

The unidentified iron installation on the wooden post to the south of the site might have technological significance. There is little scientific significance in an archaeological sense because the site appears to be in a poor condition.

Aesthetic significance

There is little aesthetic value to the site, other than its position on the Mount Emu Creek floodplain at Trawalla, which does have aesthetic value (fig. 4).

Social or spiritual significance

The social significance of the site is its relation with occupation of the Trawalla region in the early 20th century, and its possible association with the mining operations that occurred there.

16. Present use

The land is currently overgrown pasture, though does not appear to be currently used for livestock grazing.

17. Threats

The proposed construction of the Western Highway will destroy the site, as both lanes of the new highway will pass through the 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.

Cayley, R.A. and McDonald, P.A. 1995: Beaufort 1:100 000 Map Geological Report. Geological Survey Report 104.

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

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 km. The site is located to the north of the highway, directly opposite the Church Road junction.

21. Owner & Occupier Details

Agency

Owner's name K.J. and A. Topp

Contact name

Postal address 151 Beaufort-Lexton Road, Beaufort, Victoria 3373

Telephone Facsimile

Email address

Occupier's name

Postal address

Telephone Facsimile

Email address

Recording Archaeologist Will Anderson

Company name Dr Vincent Clark & Associates Date recorded 8/4/2011

(Day/Month/Year)

Other Comments:

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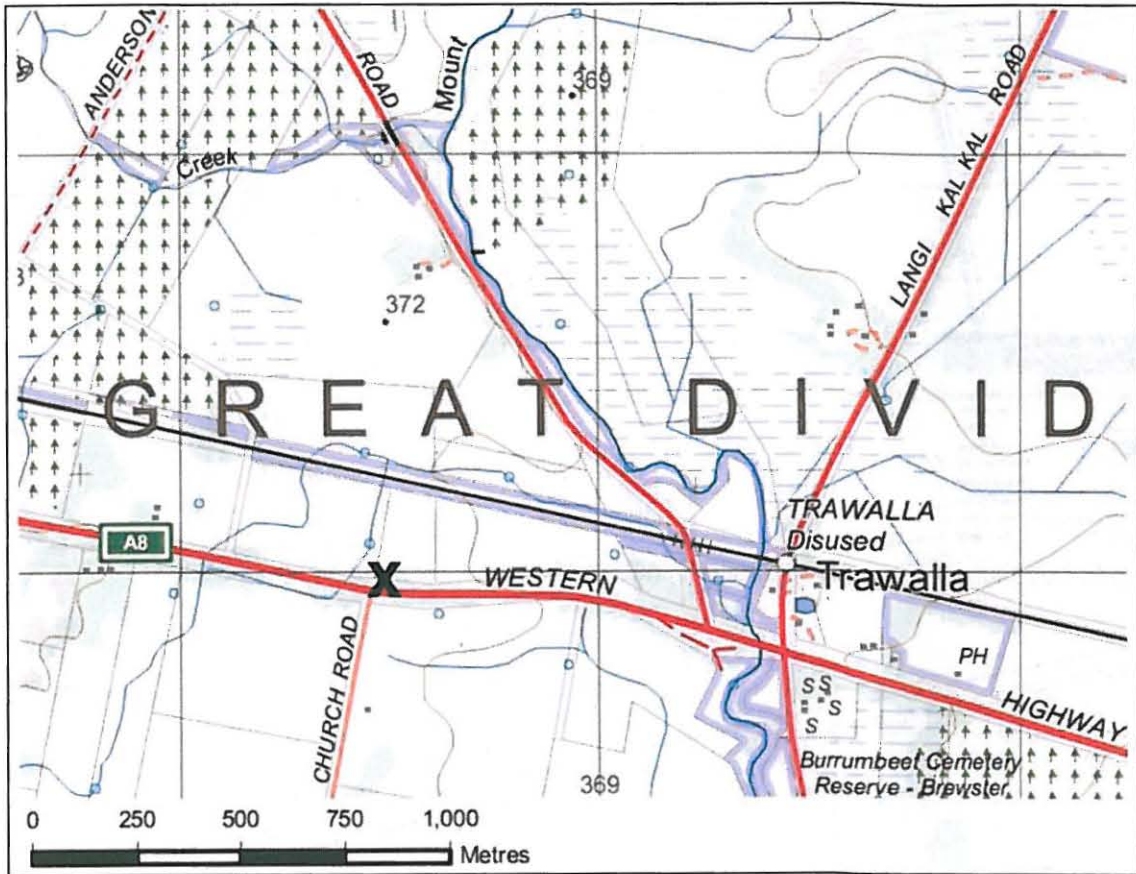


Fig. 1: Location of Church Road site (marked with 'x') on Victorian topographic map (1:30,000), sheet number 7523-2-2-1 (2010)

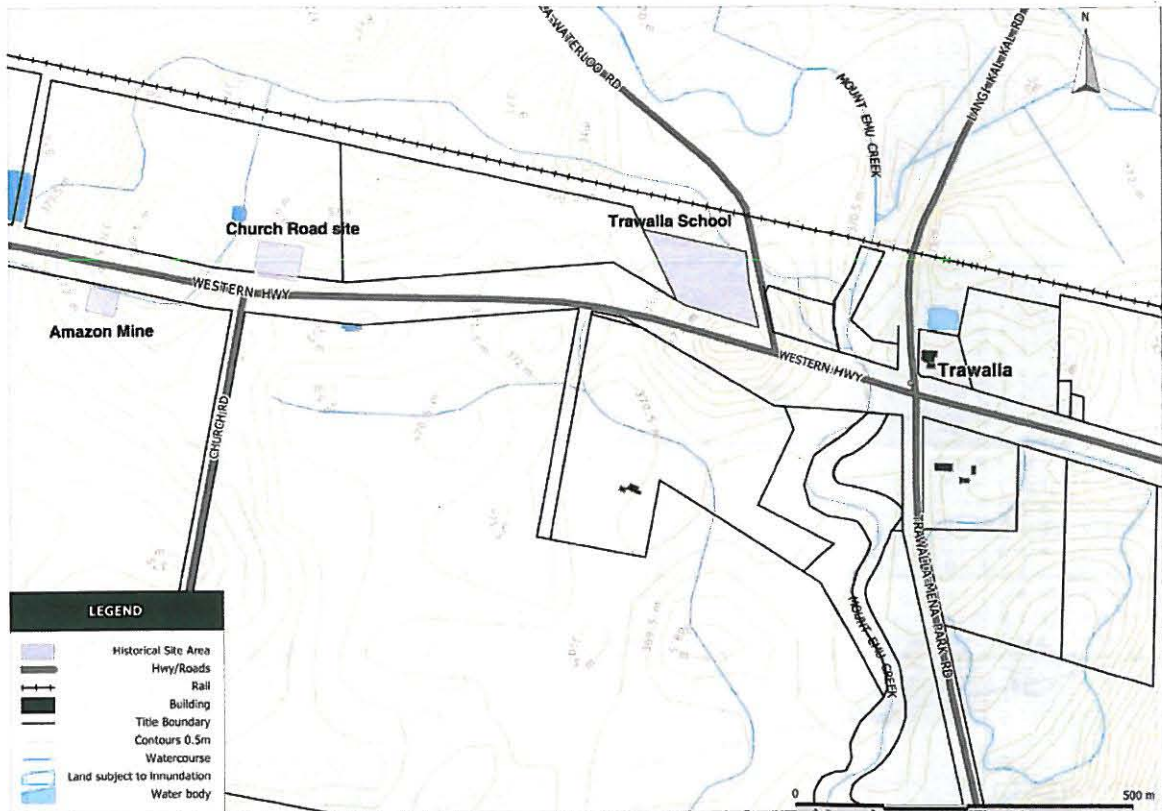


Fig. 2: Location of Church Road site, Amazon Mine and Trawalla School (1:6,000)



Fig. 3: Subsurface testing in the Trawalla area, showing concentrations of historic artefacts near the Church Road site (1:6,000)



Fig. 4: View of Church Road site, facing west (W. Anderson, 8/4/2011)



Fig. 5: Spoil from TH402, containing wood and detritus (W. Anderson, 8/4/2011)



Fig. 6: Feature on wooden posts at Church Road site (W. Anderson, 8/4/2011)



Fig. 7: Detail of feature (latch?) on wooden post at Church Road site (W. Anderson, 8/4/2011)



Fig. 8: Finds from Test Hole 402, Church Road site



Fig. 9: Finds from Test Hole 402, Church Road site

