



Heritage
VICTORIA

Heritage Inventory: Archaeology Site Record

Site name: NINYEUNOOK MECHANICS INSTITUTE SITE

Site type ☒ Civic ☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Domestic
☐ Rural ☐ Religious ☐ Military ☐ Maritime
☐ Other (specify)

Listings ☐ National Estate ☐ Heritage Register
☐ AAV Record ☐ Planning Scheme
☐ National Trust ☐ Other (specify)

Location

Full AMG co-ordinates (Scale 1:25,000)

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Map name and number

Cadastral location

County TATCHERA Allotment 37C Section 1
 Parish NINYEUNOOK Block 1
 Parcel P 123446
 Local Government Area SHERE OF GANNAWARRA

Description of site

Brief description of site NINYEUNOOK MECHANICS INSTITUTE WAS BUILT IN THE 1880'S. A LETTER (FROM PETER HOKING, TO SECRETARY LANDS 9th JULY 1888) STATES "THE ONLY IMPROVEMENT WHICH IS UPON THE LAND IS THE MECHANICS BUILDING WHICH IS OF HARD WOOD FRAME AND WEATHER BOARDS WITH IRON ROOF, VALUE ~~IS~~ ABOUT £170"

Key components of site BUILDING NOW REMOVED (SOLD AND REMOVED IN THE 1960'S). TODAY ALL THAT IS VISIBLE ON THE SITE ARE SOME SCATTERED BRICKS AND A NUMBER OF SUGAR GUMS AND PEPPERBORN TREES
(SEE REFERENCE: CROWN LAND PARCEL P382744)

Condition

Present use AS PART OF ADJ. FARM Threats
(GRAZING ETC)

Statement of significance COMMENT FROM DAVID KANNER HV: CERTAINLY AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE THAT SHOULD BE PLACED ON THE VICTORIAN HERITAGE INVENTORY

Recorded by NORM SIMSON (DSE IBENDIGU)

Plan of site

Scale 1:

See attached
plans / air photos

List all features noted on plan of site

(Indicate site boundary, relative location of important features, prominent landmarks, etc.)

SCATTERED BRICKS, PEPPERCORN TREES,
SUGAR GUM TREES

Interpretation of site

Photograph of site

(See attached
photos)

History of site.

- MECHANICS INSTITUTE BUILDING BUILT 1880'S
- BUILDING REMOVED FROM SITE IN 1960'S
- LAND IS STILL A CROWN LAND RESERVE (MECHANICS INSTITUTE RESERVE) BUT NEW LAND STATUS DETERMINATION YEAR RIVER RED GUM FORESTS INVESTIGATION REPORT (JULY 2008) AS "D7" NINYEUNOOK NAUVE CONSERVATION RESERVE.

Informants, other information and references

- DAVID BANNER HV. COMMENTS (WRITTEN REPORT DATED 29 AUGUST 2006)
- NORM STIMSON SITE INSPECTION (PHOTOS ETC) → 1 FEBRUARY 2006
- HISTORICAL INFORMATION DSE FILE 0615546 NINYEUNOOK MECHANICS INSTITUTE RES. FILE (RS 5468)

Map showing location of site

Scale 1:

(SEE ATTACHED LOCATION PLAN)

Directions for relocation and access OFF NINYEUNOOK ROAD,
NINYEUNOOK
.....

Owner/occupier details

Private

Crown CURRENT: D.S.E. FUTURE: PARKS VIC.
Agency

Owner's name DSE Contact name

Postal address 40 DSE Postal address

PO BOX 4100
BENDIGO DELIVERY CENTRE

Telephone Facsimile Telephone Facsimile

Occupier (if applicable)

Occupier's name

ADJOINING FREEHOLD LAND OWNER NO LICENSED /
AUTHORISED /
OCCUPATION

Postal address LICENCE OR LEASE
..... Postcode

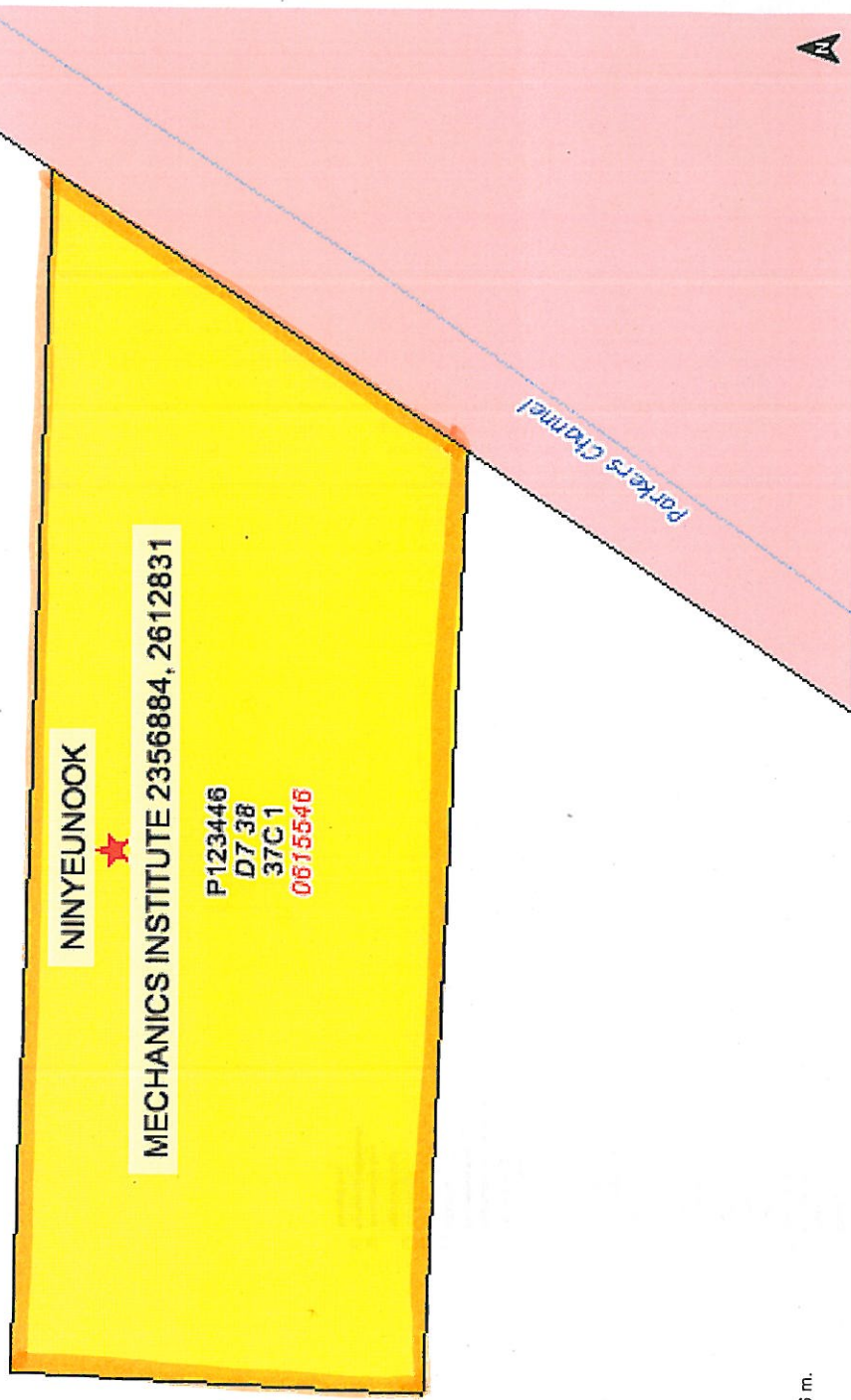
Telephone (Business hours) Facsimile

Report No	File
No	
Consent No	Artefacts Location

Plan No	Inception dates
Photo No	
AHC Site Type	
..... Date	



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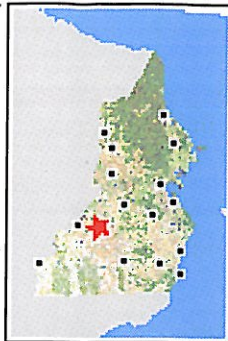
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- PARISH BOUNDARY
- TOWNSHIP BOUNDARIES
- PARCEL
- HOUSE
- Freeway
- Highway
- Main Road
- Other Road (Unimproved)
- Collector
- Collector (Unimproved)
- Local
- Proposed
- WATERCOURSES
- WATERBODIES
- Watercourse Area
- Permanent Waterbody
- Wetland Area



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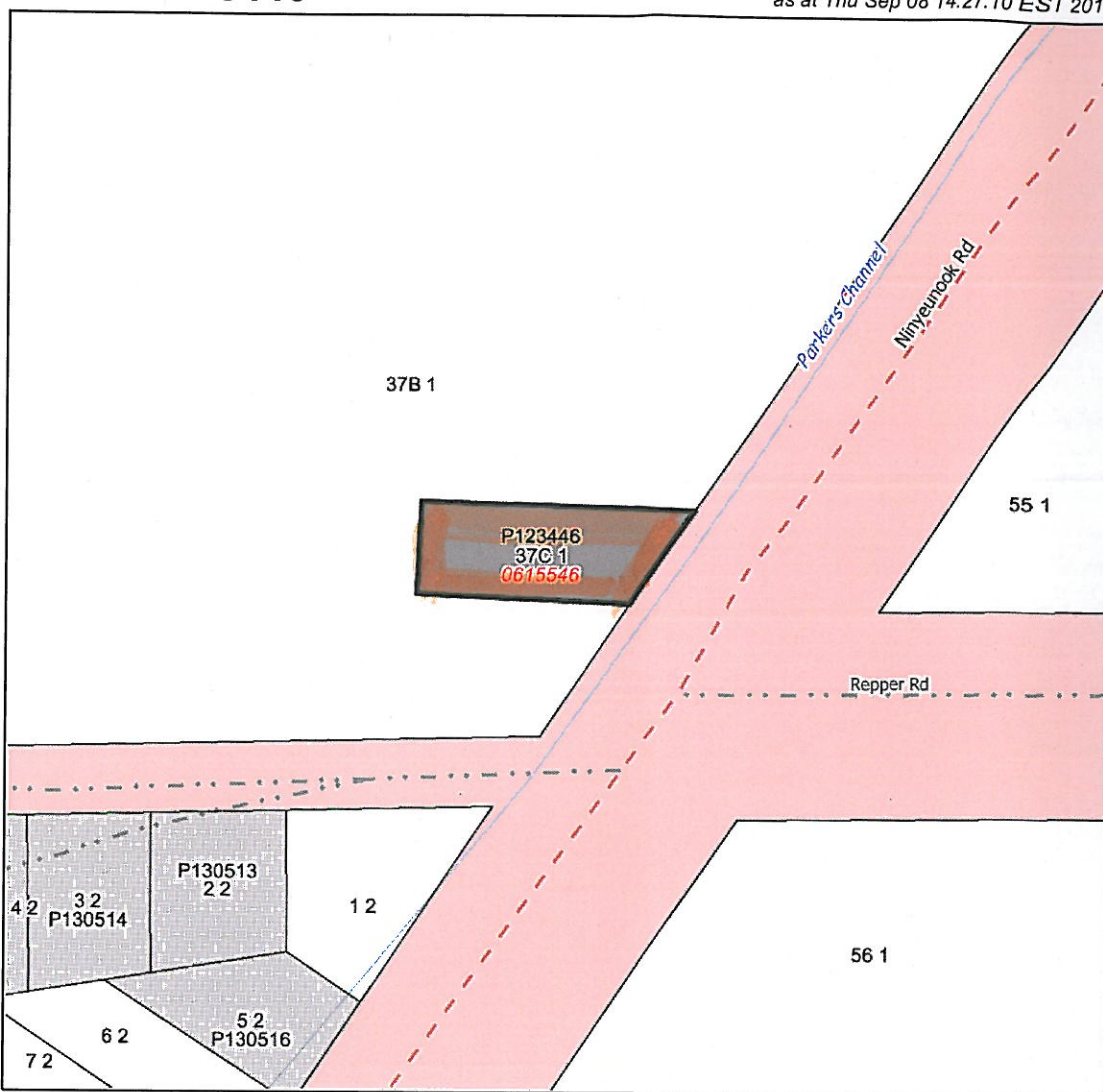
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Parcel P123446

as at Thu Sep 08 14:27:10 EST 2011



Scale 1:2,100

Locality Map



Description

SPI: 37C~1\PP3314
Crown Allotment: 37C
Section: 1
Township: NINYEUNOOK (3314)
Parish: GANNAWARRA
Municipality: 0.2023 Ha
Area: MECHANICS INSTITUTE RESERVE
Plan (OP, Cp etc):
Map Reference:
Local Name:

Related Details

Tenure Id: N
Reserves: 0615546, N

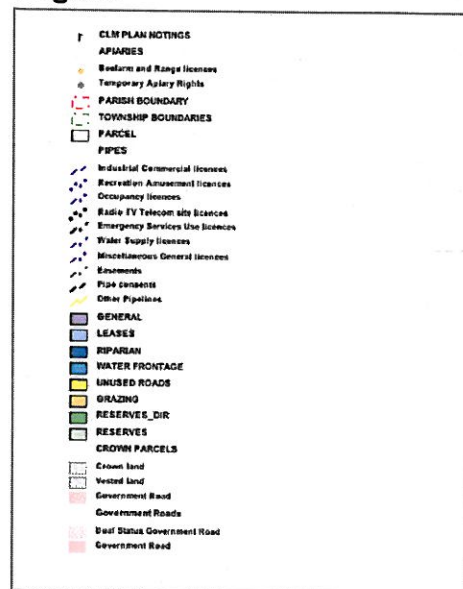
Native Title

Extinguish Assessment Date:
Claim Area: Wamba Wamba, Barapa Barapa, Wadi Wadi V6005/2000

VEAC History

Study: MALLEE REVIEW
Code: U1c
Future Use: OTHER RESERVES AND PUBLIC LAND

Legend



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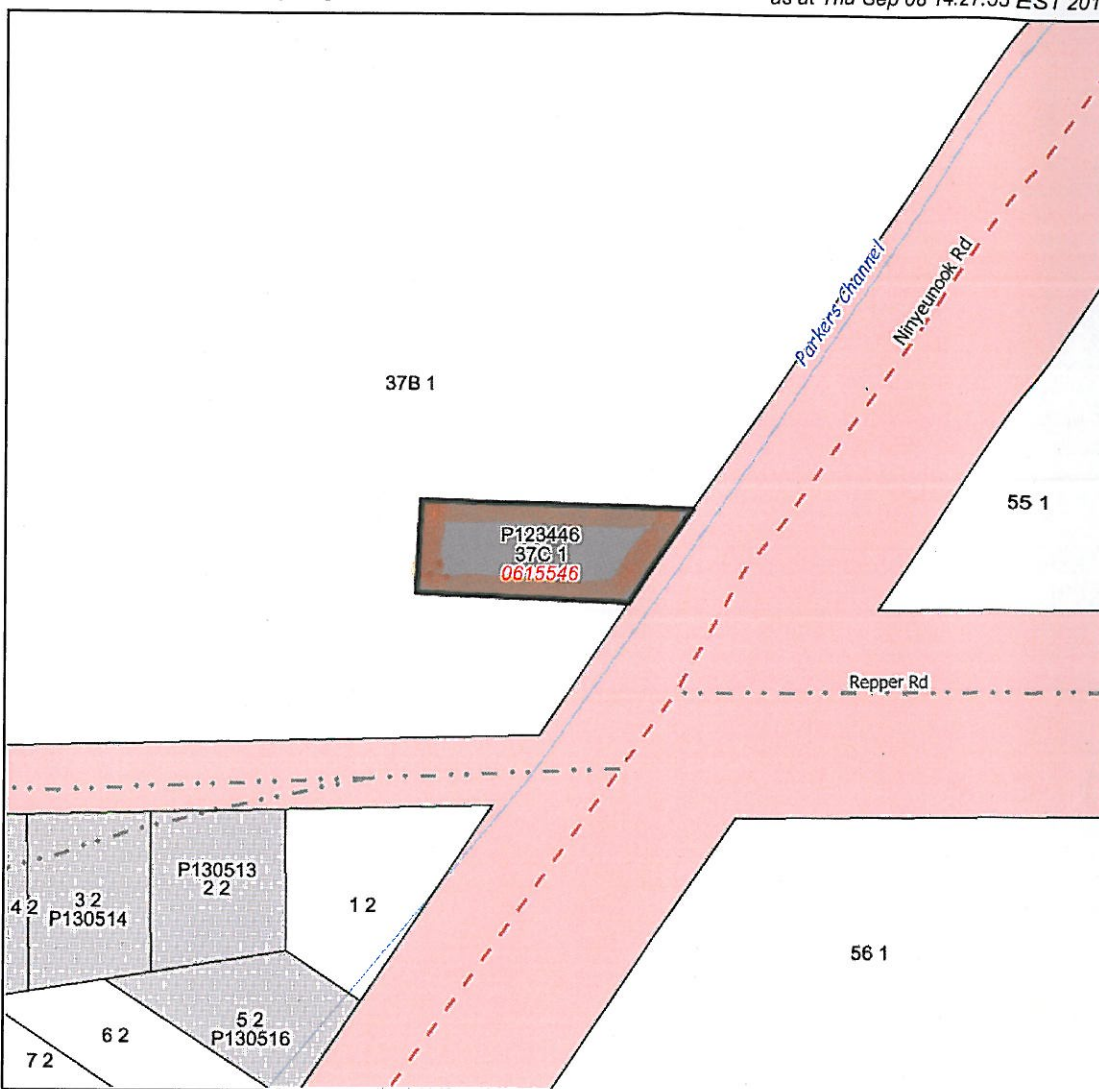
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Epsom 3551
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Reserve 0615546

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Locality Map



Scale 1:2,100

Reserve
Tenure Type:
Parish:
Township:
Area:
Purpose:
Local Name:
Main Parcel:

RESERVE (TRUSTEE - OTHER) GAZETTED
NINYEUNOOK (3314)

0.0010 Ha
MECHANICS INSTITUTE
NINYEUNOOK MECHANICS INSTITUTE
P123446

Description
Crown Allotment:
Map Reference:

37C

Legend

CLIM PLAN NOTINGS	
APURSES	
Breeding and Range Licences	
Temporary Asylum Rights	
PARISH BOUNDARY	
TOWNSHIP BOUNDARIES	
PARCEL	
PIPES	
Industrial Commercial Licences	
Recreation Amusement Licences	
Occupancy Licences	
Radio TV Telecom site Licences	
Emergency Services Use Licences	
Water Supply Licences	
Miscellaneous General Licences	
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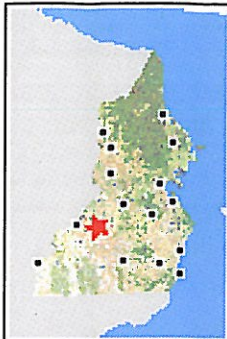
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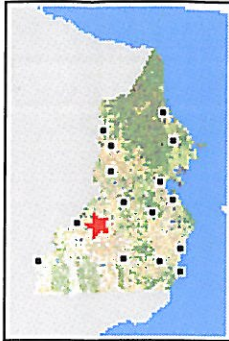
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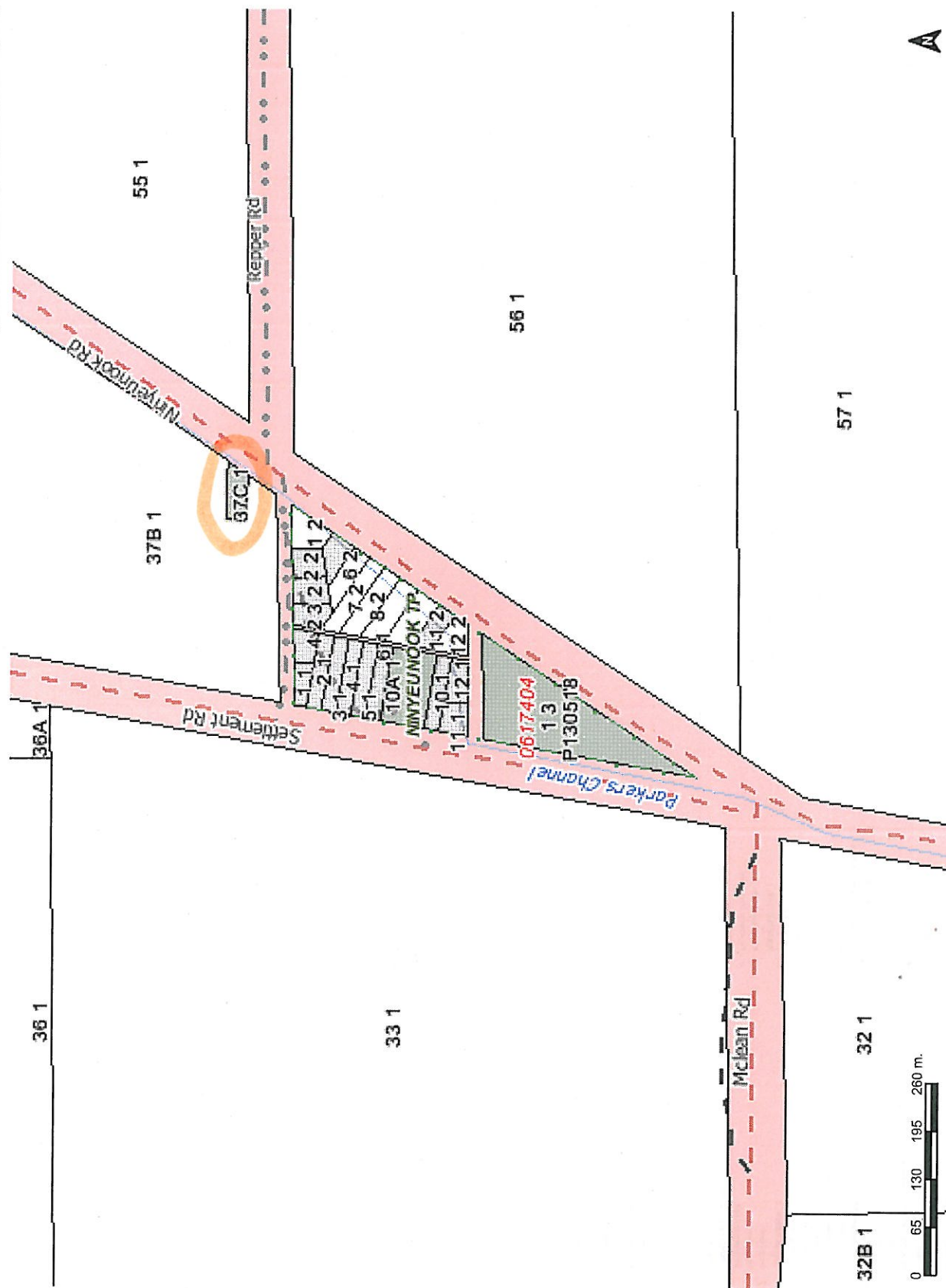
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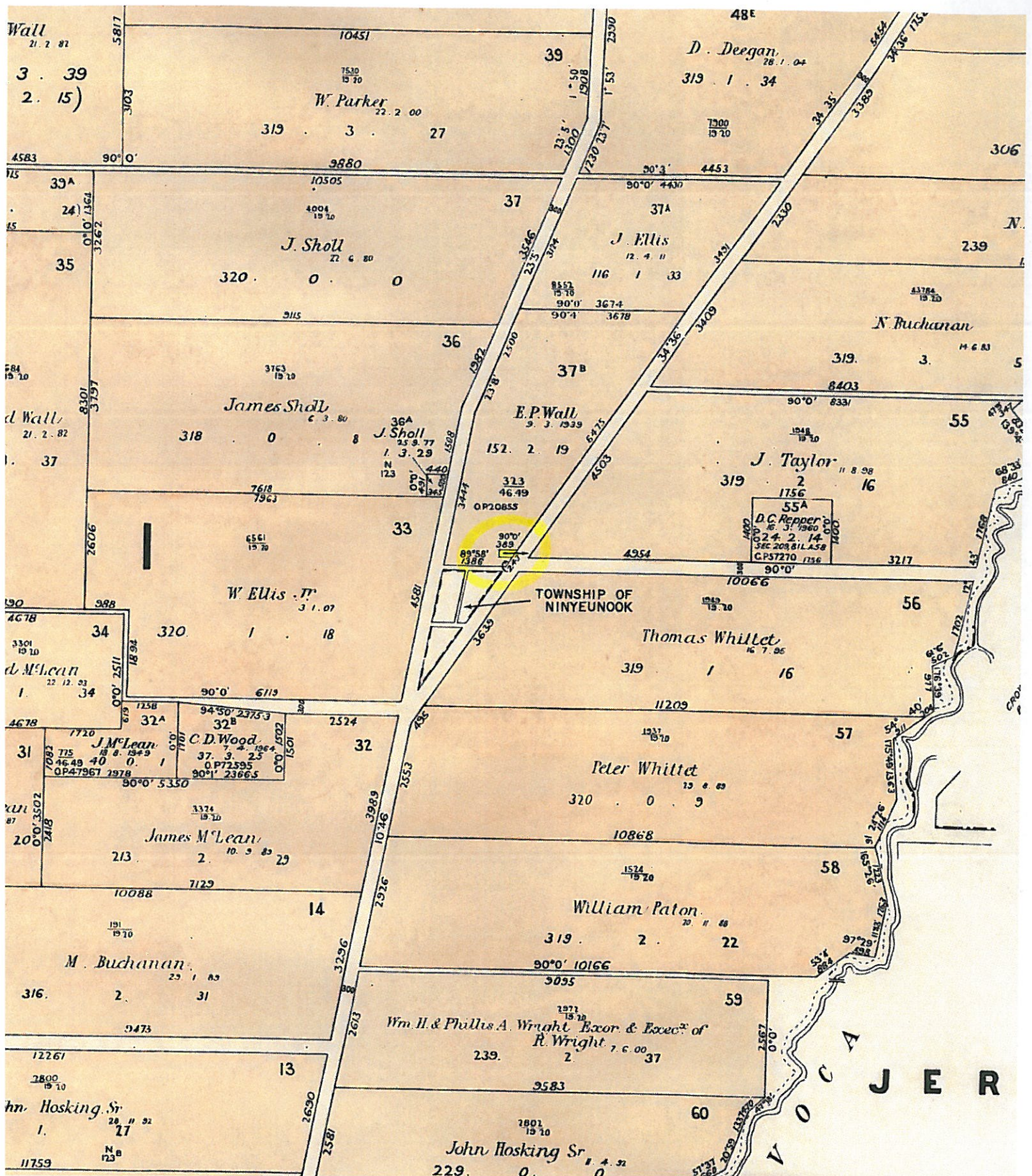
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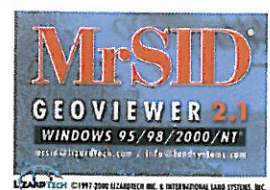




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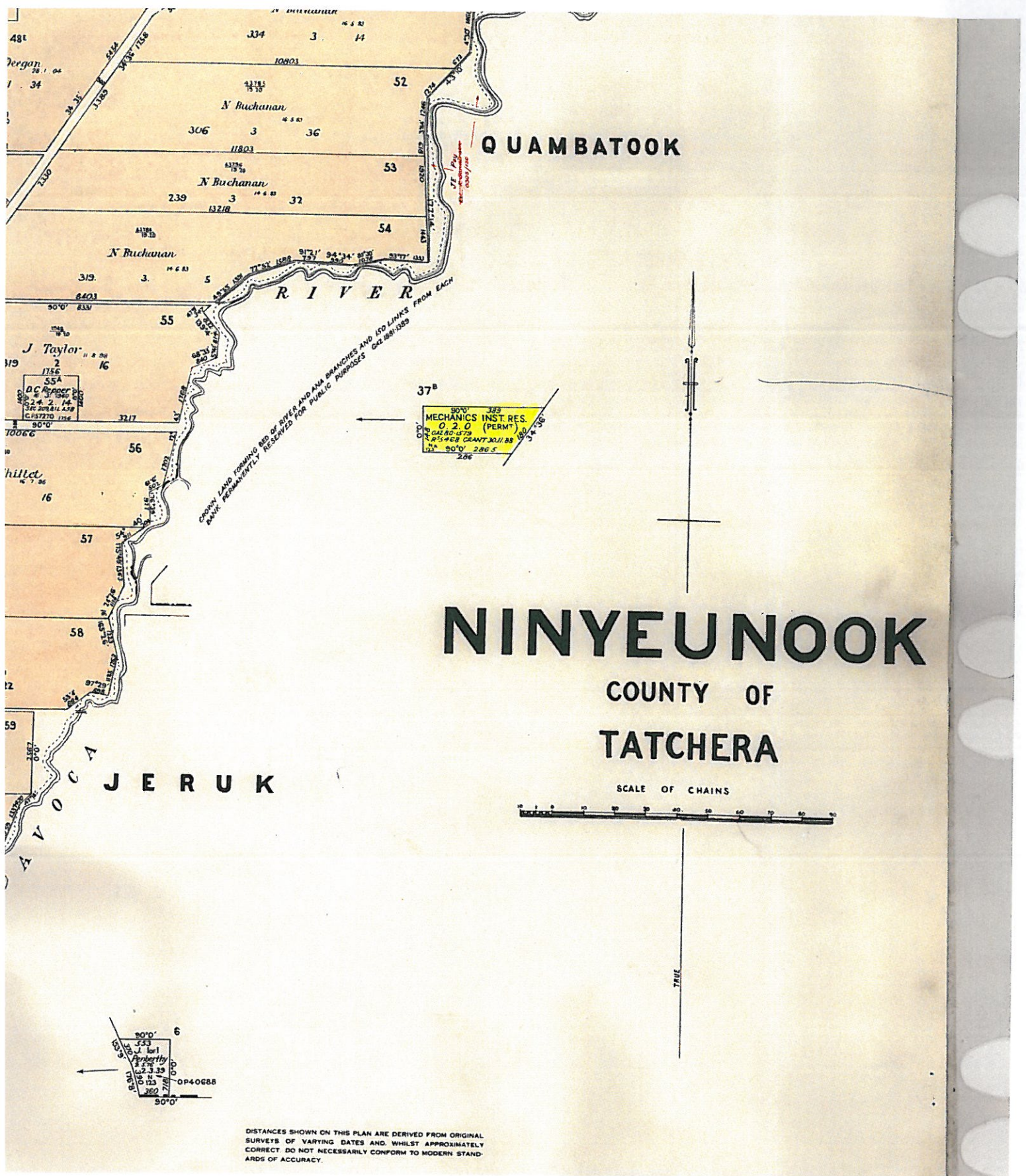
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Your Ref _____ To Chris Tzaros
Our Ref 06/15546 At _____
Date 10.4.2000 From Bill Dundas
At _____ Phone _____
Subject Ningunook Mechanics Institute Reserve.

Chris

As discussed this one came to light in the recent GST mail out.

This small reserve (0.2 ha) was temporarily reserved as a site for a Mechanics Institute on 14.6.1880 and permanently reserved for the same purpose on 21.11.1888.

A wooden hall was built and having fallen into disrepair was demolished approx 1945. The last building on the site ^(Copper roof) was removed in the early 1960's.

The reserve has been controlled by Trustees since 1890 when a Crown Grant issued to them. The Trustees were last appointed in 1944 and they are now apparently all deceased. (L. Parker pers comm).

The land has apparently been part of Owen Parkers paddocks for more than 40 years.

Would you please consider for an appropriate assessment as the land appears to be a real possibility for sale, though being a permanent reserve will require legislation.

Contacts : Mr Owen Parker Ct Post Office, Quambatook 354
Mr Leo Parker, P.O. Box 53, Quambatook, 3540.

Thanks.

Bill Dundas.



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Welcome to the Mechanics' Institutes of Victoria Inc. web site. The MIV was formed in 1998. It aims to foster the preservation and restoration of the social, cultural and physical heritage of MIs through the development of information exchanges and systems of mutual support. Membership is open to groups and individuals with an interest in the MI movement, particularly in Victoria. Since its formation the MIV has staged the first National Mechanics' Institutes Conference in Melbourne in 2000 and published its proceedings; published the 350 page book *If Only the Walls Could Speak: A Social History of the Mechanics' Institutes of Victoria*; assisted the publication of *The Libraries of the Mechanics' Institutes of Victoria*; established a web site; secured a round of Government grants for some of Victoria's MIs; produced a Travelling Exhibition *Remember the Mechanics?*; staged Regional Meetings in country Victoria; established a Mechanics' Institutes' Resources Collection (MIRC) at Prahran; staged the First International Conference ***Mechanics' Worldwide*** in September 2004; launched a plaques scheme for MIs; and launched the Victorian MIs building and history database.

What's New

- **PROJECT MIS-ing** The Great Search for MI records and memorabilia. If you know their whereabouts, contact Pam Baragwanath; Unit 21 Cottinglea Way 12-14 Unsworth Road Ringwood North, V 3134.
Email:
pgbarag@alphalink.com.au

Calendar Dates

- Meeting Date: Committee Meeting Saturday 16 September at 10am. Footscray Mechanics' Institute, 209 Nicholson Street, Footscray. All Welcome!
- Annual General Meeting Saturday, 11 November 2006

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The first Victorian Mechanics' Institute was the Melbourne Mechanics' Institute established in 1839 and renamed The Melbourne Athenaeum in 1873. The Athenaeum continues to operate a library, theatres and shops in its original building at 188 Collins Street, Melbourne.

From the 1850s, Mechanics' Institutes quickly spread throughout Victoria wherever a hall or library, or a school was needed. Nearly a thousand were built in Victoria but just over 500 remain today. Their history is described in, *If the Walls Could Speak: A Social History of the Mechanics' Institutes in Victoria* written by Pam Baragwanath, published by The Mechanics' Institutes of Victoria with the aid of a Centenary of Federation grant in November 2000.

In April 1998 a group of Mechanics' Institute representatives met to exchange information and ideas on the future of Mechanics' Institutes in Victoria.

This conference, hosted by the Kilmore Mechanics' Institute and entitled *Mechanics' Institutes: The Way Forward*, highlighted opportunities and difficulties experienced by the Mechanics' today. At the close of proceedings, participants voted to form an association of the Mechanics' Institutes of Victoria.

Last century each of the district's Mechanics' Institute was known not only as the most important centre of adult education, but it was also the area's hub for social and cultural activities. The recent amalgamation of Shires across Victoria has created new opportunities for the Mechanics' Institutes to again play a central role in their various communities.

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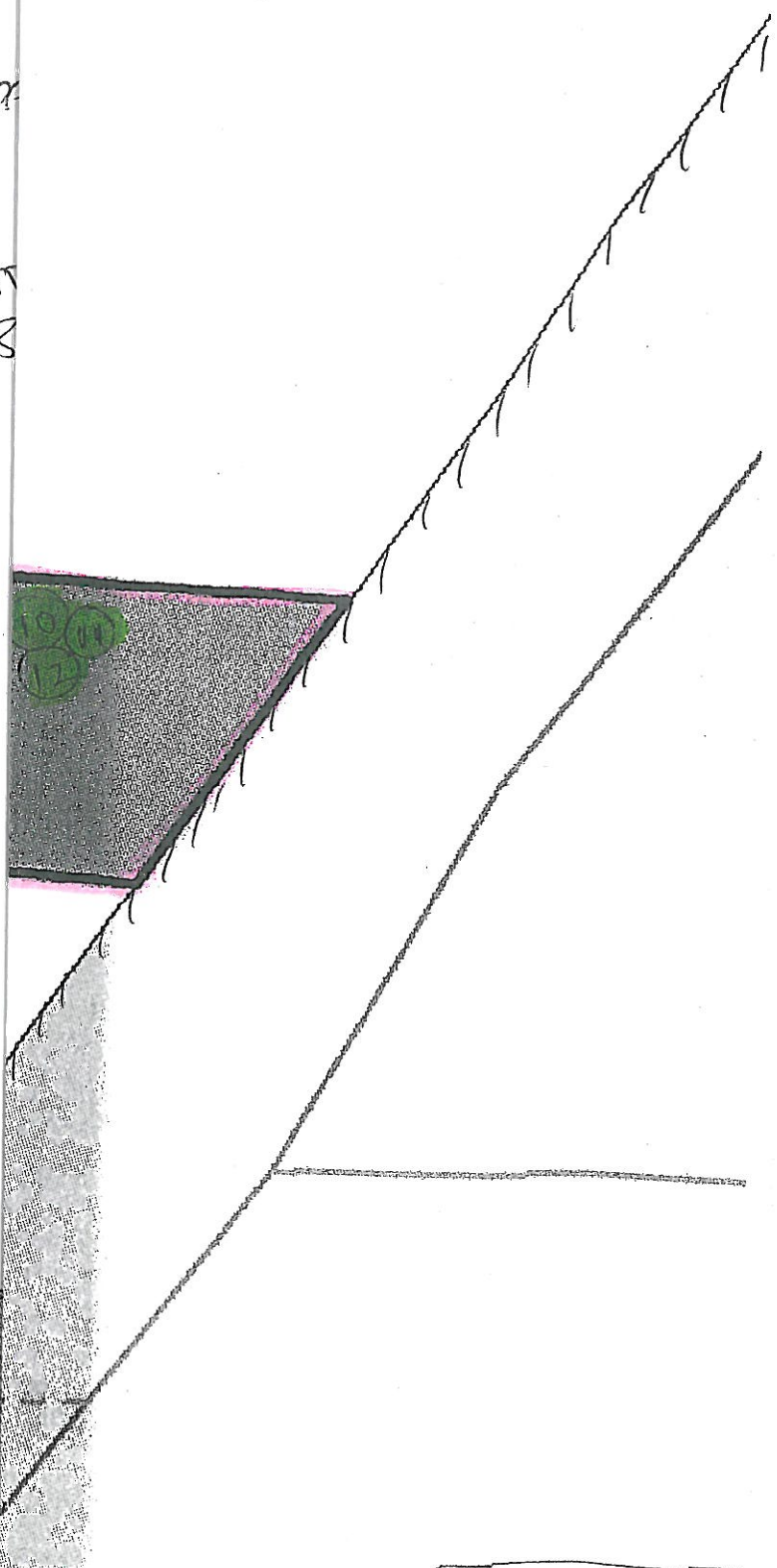
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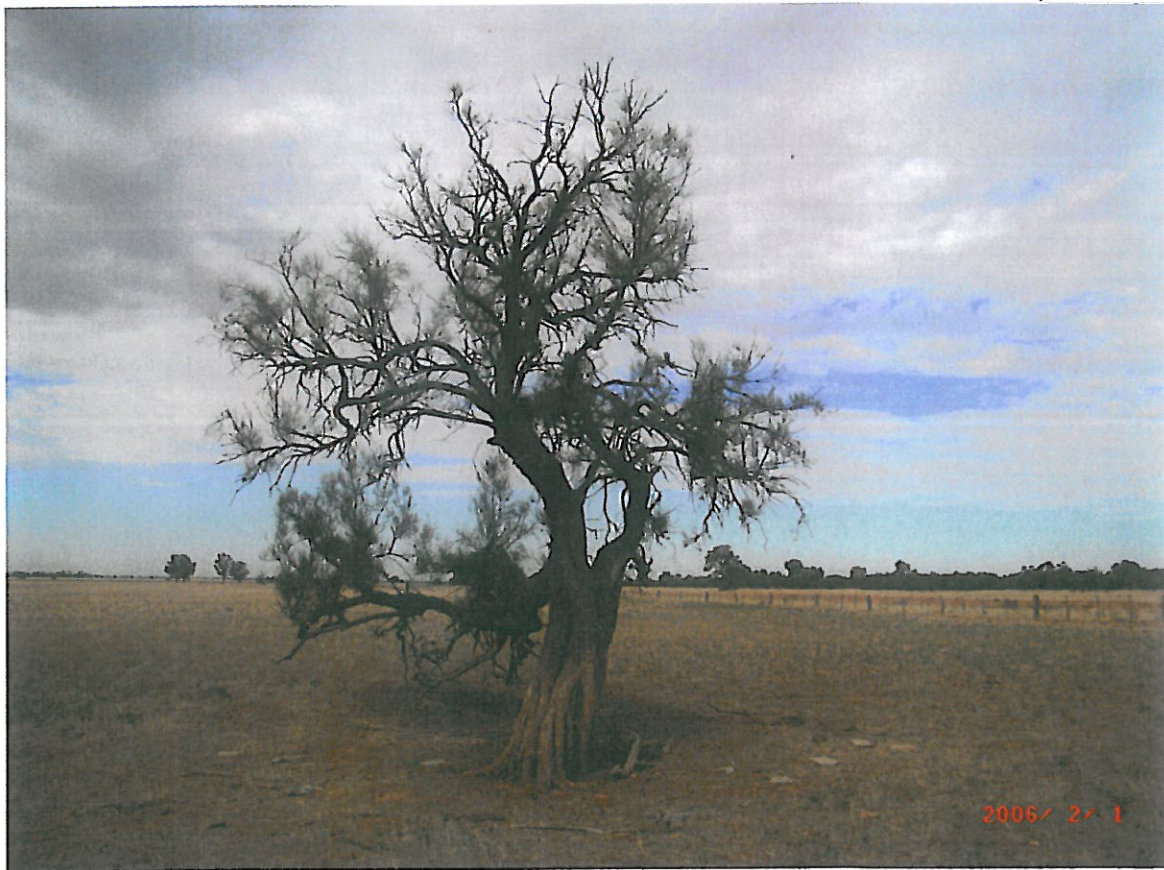


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Remnant Buloke tree

Photo (13)



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Ninjeunook

Mechanics

Institute & Library

2 roods temporarily reserved by O.I.C., 11th June, 1888

Gazette, 18th June, 1888

2 roods permanently reserved by O.I.C., 20th Nov, 1888

Crown Grant
to Trustees

30-11-1888

Gazette, 30th Nov, 1888

10. 1964

6. 6. 1965

6. 12. 1965

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