

Historical archaeological site card

Heritage Inventory number and name

FORMER HOUSE SITE, 343 TRAMWAY ROAD
H8121-0063

Date received

Friday, 14 June 2024

Date accepted

10/7/2024

Hermes Number

212246

1. Place details

Place name:

ORMER HOUSE SITE, 343 TRAMWAY ROAD

Heritage Inventory Number (if any):

H8121-0063

Other or former names:

Municipal Council:

LATROBE CITY

Address:

343 TRAMWAY RD
HAZELWOOD NORTH 3840

Geographical coordinates (GDA94 or WGS84)
expressed in degrees and decimals of a degree:

Mapsheet name and number (1:100,000 only):

2. Cadastral location

County:

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Parish:

Township:

Section:

Allotment:

Standard Parcel Identifier (SPI): PS913895

3. Details of site owner or land manager (where known)

First Name:

Surname:

Business or organisation name:

Position title:

Address:

Email address:

Telephone:

4. Details of site occupier (where known)

First Name:

Surname:

Business or organisation name:

Position title:

Address:

Email address:

Telephone:

5. Aboriginal cultural values

Site has known Aboriginal values NO

Site is recorded on the Victorian
Aboriginal Heritage Register NO

6. Current description of site

Please provide description:

Current visible evidence of the site comprises a circular brick feature (2.2m diameter) and two associated rectangular brick features (2.1m x 1.1m) located within a 10m area in a large open level paddock. These represent the remains of a 19th century rural homestead. The hand made bricks in the bell cistern display scoring marks from manufacture as well as strike marks to improve adhesion.

Date recorded:

Wednesday, 10 April 2024

On Victorian Heritage Register

On Heritage Overlay

Associated sites:

7. Place history

Please provide a brief history of the place (at least 1 to 2 paragraphs):

The history of the site is not known. Background research and consultation with the local historical society has not encountered any historical evidence for a structure at this location. Morwell Historical Society member David McKinnis was born on the farm. His family memory is that his grandparents bought the farm in the 1890s. The house predates the purchase and was not lived in other than unofficially by itinerants. The house was in a partially ruinous state and burnt down during major bushfires in 1944. Since then, the remains have formed part of a large open paddock used for grazing.

8. Analysis of site (interpretation)

Include phases in the development of the site, functions and activities represented, as well as current place use:

The circular brick feature has been interpreted as the remains of a bell cistern/well and the rectangular features as the bases of two associated chimneys. The features are the remains of a 19th century structure, a house/homestead associated with early agricultural use of land in the area.

9. Statement of Significance

What is significant?

The remains of a cistern, two chimney bases and any potential subsurface archaeological features or deposits associated with the former homestead are significant. The extent of the associated structure is not currently known. The cistern has the potential to contain artefacts associated with the use of the homestead. The footprint of the house is not currently known, therefore a 10m radius has been used as a site extent to cover any potential subsurface archaeological deposits associated with the house and associated outbuildings (e.g. laundry, toilet). This site is notable in that it includes the remains of two chimney bases indicating the original owner enjoyed a level of prosperity.

How is it significant?

The Place contains visible features in a ruinous condition that require archaeological skills to interpret. There is a strong likelihood that this place contains archaeological deposits dating to the 19th century, including artefacts and additional sub-surface features.

Why is it significant?

The brick features and associated archaeological potential likely date to no later than the 1890s, and are of moderate local significance as they represent the rare survival of evidence for a rural homestead in a landscape that has otherwise been heavily modified by brown coal mining and state power infrastructure.

10. Suggested Protection : Heritage Inventory

11. Threat

Is the place under any threat? If so, what is the threat?

planned development of the open field into an industrial subdivision by the current owners

12. References / Informants

Please list books or other sources that may provide historical information about this place.

13. Attachments

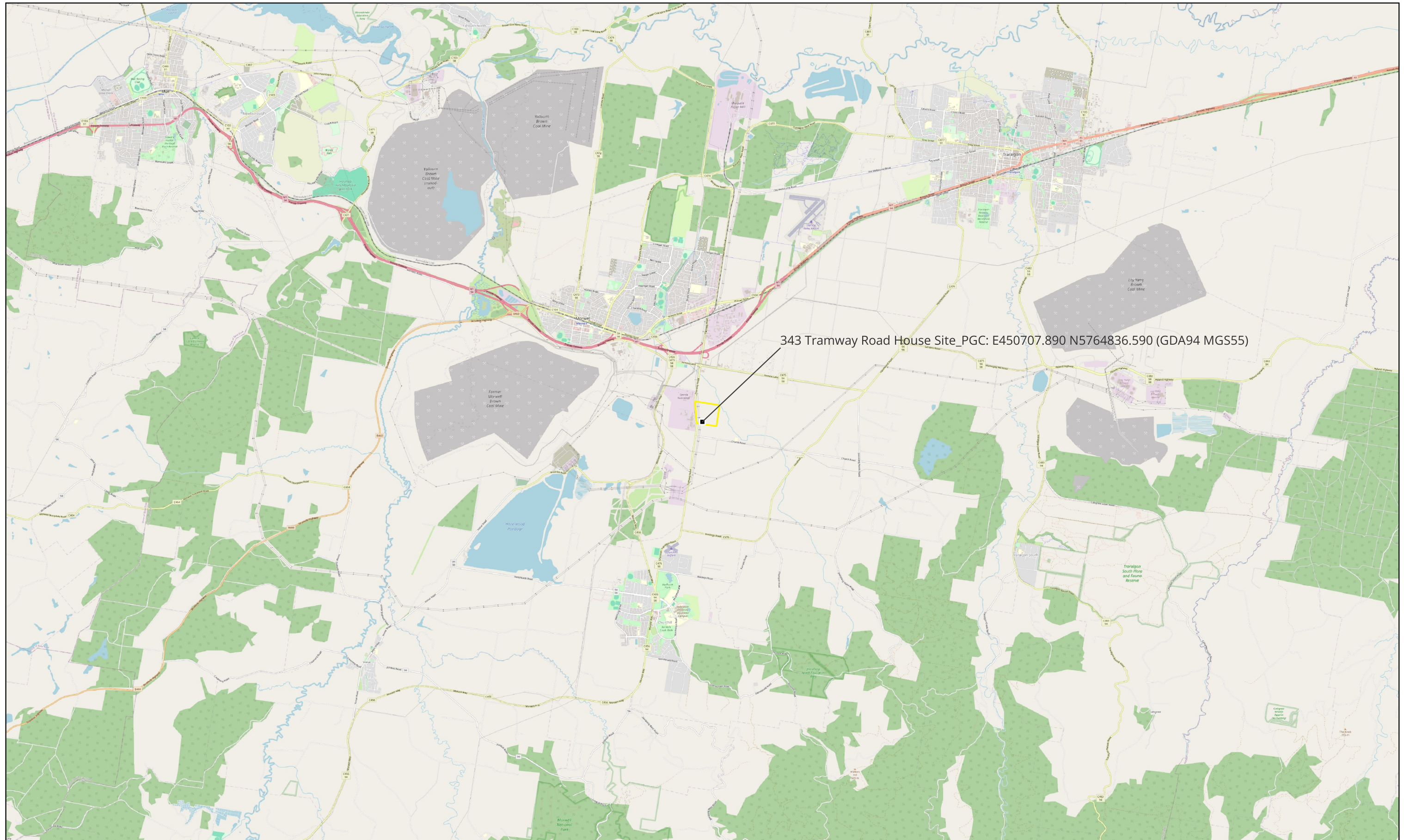
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- Application form AO.pdf
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14. Recording archaeologist's details

First Name:	Andrew
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15. Declaration

I state that the information I have given on this form is correct to the best of my knowledge.



Location: 343 Tramway Rd House Site



0 2.5 5 km

Key

- Primary_Grid_Coord

LGA: Latrobe

Basemap: OpenStreetMap



Map: Andrew Orr
 Checked: Deb Connelly
 Date: 14/06/2024
 Scale: 1: 100 000 @ A3
 CRS: GDA94 / MGA zone 55



Extent: 343 Tramway Rd House Site



LGA: Latrobe

Basemap: ARCGIS

Key

- Primary_Grid_Coord
- Features
- ▨ Proposed_Site_Extent



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