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KALKALLO POLICE PADDOCK SITE		
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1. Place details

Place name:	KALKALLO POLICE PADDOCK SITE
Heritage Inventory Number (if any):	H7822-0891
Other or former names:	DONNYBROOK POLICE STATION , KALKALLO POLICE PADDOCK
Municipal Council:	Hume City
Address:	1310 HUME HIGHWAY KALKALLO, HUME CITY
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:	Bourke
Parish:	Kalkallo





Township:	Kalkallo
Section:	31
Allotment:	1-3
Standard Parcel Identifier (SPI):	1~31\PP5402, 2~31\PP5402, 3~31\PP5402

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)

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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

First Name

6. Current description of site

Please provide description:

1310 Hume Freeway: Currently within the site boundary is a 20th-century shed structure located towards the northeastern corner of the property with two adjoining concrete water tanks. A concrete slab associated with a 20th-century house (now demolished) is located towards the western extent of the property. A series of Cyprus trees line the southwestern boundary. A grassy mound (unnatural) is visible in the northeastern corner of the property boundary next to the shed structure. Bluestone/basalt is scattered across the surface of the property and concentrated around the bases of the aforementioned trees. The origin of this material is not currently known and could be remnant building fabric.

1314 Hume Freeway: Within the site boundary are a number of mature trees. The majority of this property is a grassed paddock following the demolition of a 1950s house. At the centre of the property are remnant footings of the 1860s police station and residence.

1320: This property consists of a gravelled car park.

Date recorded: Thursday, 16 October 2025

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 activity area, 1310-1320 Hume Freeway, is located within Section 31 of the surveyed Kalkallo township, bounded by Yaldwin, Mitchell, Mason and Hawkey (now Hume Freeway) Streets. An 1853 plan of the town shows Sections 31 and 32 as being "Reserved for Police Purposes' with two police buildings partially obscured by the "O" and "L" in police. The adjacent land was used to stable and depasture police horses.

The first known building on the site was a lock-up constructed of fieldstones and mud, the erection of which began in 1849 and was completed in 1850 (The Argus 20 Dec 1849:2; 31 Jan 1850:2).

A foot constable and mounted trooper were stationed at Kalkallo in 1853, and from March 1854, the official gold escort from the Ovens goldfield stopped at the Kalkallo Police Station en route to Melbourne. The escort consisted of eight or nine mounted troopers along with at least twelve horses and required considerable accommodation (Payne 1980: 19).

In 1858, a bluestone lock-up with three cells had been constructed, to replace the original mud and stone structure, as well as a bluestone courthouse building (Victoria Government Gazette 23 July 1858: 1398; ibid. 3 August 1858: 1459; Payne 1980: 20).

By 1860, the Kalkallo police barracks consisted of a senior constable's quarters, officers' quarters, quarters for the gold escort and a stable building with fifteen stalls. The Senior Constable's quarters were made up of one part of slabs patched with shingles, the other half being the old lock-up built of rough boulder stones plastered together with mud. The Officer's quarters were at least partially made of wood. The escort quarters were wood and lined with canvas which was formerly on the roof of the long stable. The stables were made of various materials; one slab, 3 stalls; one weatherboard and framed, 5 stalls; one weatherboard and roofed iron, 7 stalls (in Payne 1980: 19).

In 1869, a new bluestone police station was constructed (Victoria Government Gazette 17 December 1869: 1996). The new building consisted of four rooms, with one doubling as the constable's office and bedroom (Payne 1980: 2021).

By 1887, only four wooden horse stalls remained of the stables, as well as a wooden forage shed (Payne 1980: 21). The police station/residence, courthouse and lockup were all made of stone. The police station was broken up in 1890 (Victoria Police Gazette 7 May 1890: 148).

In 1913 the former police reserve was subdivided, Allotments 1 and 3 were sold to farmers and allotment 2 was sold to the Education Department.

Allotment 2 and the bluestone station were used as housing for the Kalkallo schoolmaster's residence. In 1956 the building was demolished (The Argus 13 July 1956: 14; Payne 1980: 15-17).

Allotment 1 was further subdivided, and the western section, within the activity area, has been used as a car park by the Kalkallo Hotel across the road.

Allotment 3 has been used for farming and has had a series of large sheds and a residence within its perimeters.

8. Analysis of site (interpretation)

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

The site consists of building archaeology and associated features and deposits of a 1850s police compound. The building archaeology occurs as in situ bluestone footings representing earlier and later phases of occupation. The building footings occur on two separate allotments, and there is a strong possibility that footings relating to an additional building are present beneath a third allotment, which includes the carpark opposite the Kalkallo Hotel.

The artefacts so far occur in low densities but include a stong mid-19th century element in the form of ceramics, glass and pipe fragments.

Early-mid 20th century uses of the site had little impact on either the extant or ruinous buildings. A late 20th century use of the site as a poultry farm also appears to have had minimal impact on the archaeology. The demolition of extant buildings in the mid-20th century, although done with machinery, has left the subfloor and footings-related masonry intact.

9. Statement of Significance

What is significant?

The archaeological deposits, features and artefact assemblages that relate to the historic occupation of the site throughout the period between the c.1840s and 1956.

The site's historical location as a stop for the gold escort on its way to Melbourne.

The in-situ structural features that record the nature of the site's early evolution.

The potential artefact-bearing deposits that have the ability to inform regarding the use of the site by those that lived and/or worked there.

The fact that it represent early examples of the policing of Victoria

and has the potential to provide unique information regarding this.

How is it significant?

The site is significant in and of itself because it is unique in its formation and contents and has no modern counterparts.

Being the record of early policing and law and order within Victoria.

Its potential to produce information and comparative data regarding the archaeology of 19th century rural victoria and its occupants, and therefore to contribute to a more substantive understanding of the state's history.

Being of an age and derivation relevant to a wide range of the Victorian Framework of Historical Themes, including Theme 3.1 Establishing pathways, Theme 4.5 Gold mining, Theme 6.5 Living in Country Towns, Theme 7.3 Maintaining law and order and Theme 8.2 Educating People.

Why is it significant?

The site is relatively undisturbed and as such may contain further subsurface archaological deposits relating to the sites use as a police station and as a school masters house.

10. Suggested Protection:

11. Threat

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

Development of site

12. References / Informants

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

13. Attachments

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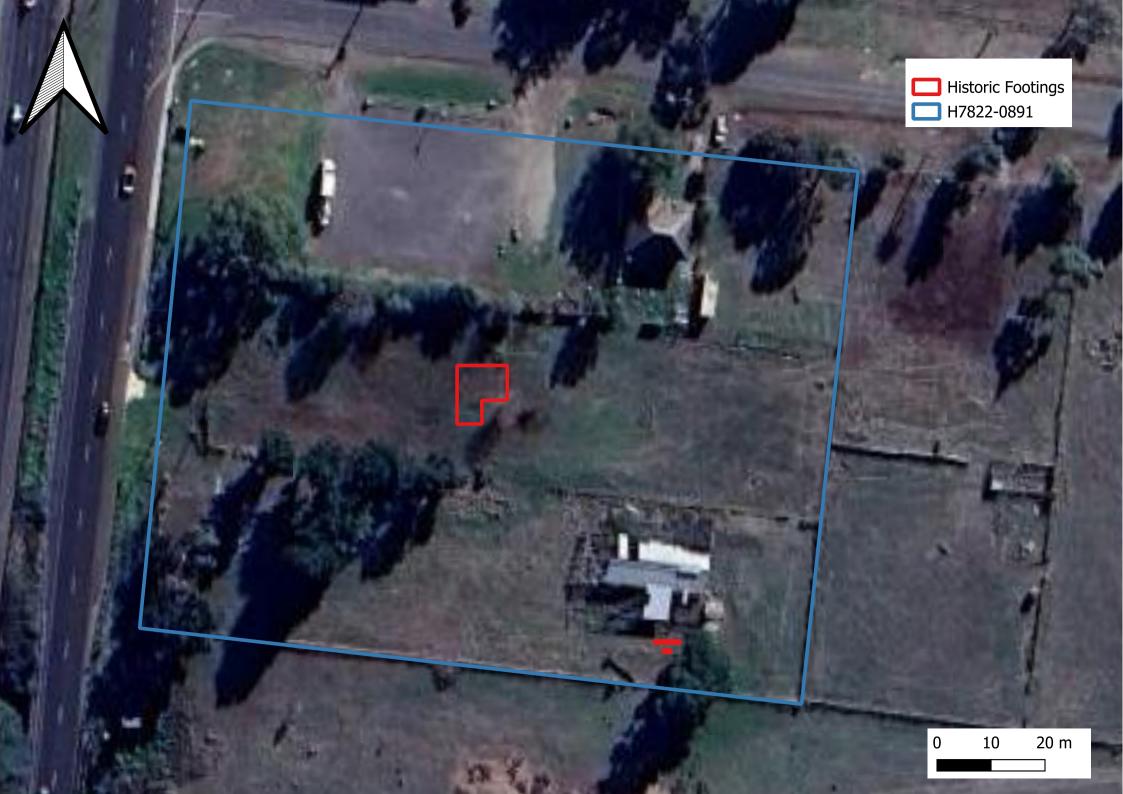
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14. Recording archaeologist's details

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Surname:	
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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.







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