

Irwin Shire Council

Municipal Inventory Place Record

Place Details **Place Number:** 007 **Category:** 2 **HCWA No:** 1220
TPS No: 04 **Assessment Date:** 05/08/1997 **Last Revision Date:** 09/02/2004

Name: Nhargo Farmhouse
Former Name:
Type of Place: Ruin
Address: off Brand Highway (west side)
Map Reference: BOOKARA SW & SE 1:25000
Locality Name: Bonniefield **Area of Site:**
GPS Northing: **GPS Easting:**

Photograph

Date of Photograph: 5/08/1997 **Source:** *Suba & Grundy*



Nhargo Farmhouse, east elevation.

Ownership

Owner: P. Champromarat & H. Hollier **Owner Phone/Fax:**
Address: PO Box 87, Wickham, 6720

Site Details

Lot/Locn: Loc 1203 **Diagram/Plan:** D12/179 **Vol/Folio:** 1498/843
Reserve: **Purpose:**
Assess No: 3220 **Vesting:**
Occupied: No **Occupier:**
PubAccess: No **Lease:**

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Uses of the Place

Original Use: Residence

Current Use: Not in Use

Description

Walls: Limestone

Roof: Corrugated Iron

Condition: Poor

Integrity: Medium

Orig'l Fabric:

Modifications

1997

Situated on a small hill, the former Nhargo Farmhouse is constructed of random rubble limestone. It appears that the building was originally constructed as a four room house with a rear skillion and that subsequently an addition of similar dimensions was added to the south. The hipped roof design has some remaining corrugated iron sheets to the south end while to the north side the remaining timber boarding indicates that the roof was originally shingle. There are two tall chimneys to the north. The house has concrete floors to the north while the southern section has an elevated timber floor with a concrete lined cellar which is accessed through a timber manhole. There is evidence on the front east wall of a verandah and the north wall has had a hole cut through to allow the building to be used as a piggery at one time.

2004

The building has lost some of its roof and generally deteriorated since 1997.

History

Const'n Date: c1890s

Source:

Architect: Unknown

Builder: Unknown

This land was part of the pastoral lease of Hamersley and Company. In 1865 Joseph Grant bought the property as a tillage lease and he built this house on the hill overlooking his property. In 1878 Grant advertised his property, Nhargo, for sale. The property was later sold to Frederick Waldeck, owner of Bonniefield (Place No. 8). On his sudden death in 1883, his widow Isabella, with the help of her brother David Brand and family friend Francis Pearse, took over the management of the farms, which were very successful. Isabella retired in 1901 leaving the farms to her sons Fred and George Waldeck. The houses and property were sold to Charles Dowden in c.1927 and Nhargo was used as a farm workers cottage until the Ferris brothers bought Nhargo about 1935-6. The present owners have established an ostrich farm on the property.

(Source: IDHS Records)

Historic Theme(s)

HCWA

AHC

104 Land allocation and subdivision

3.9 Farming for commercial profit

301 Grazing, pastoralism and dairying

5.8 Working on the land

Statement of Significance

Nhargo Farmhouse has historic significance given its connection to the settlement of the Irwin District and the Waldeck family. The place demonstrates the use of local materials and given its position and high visibility from Brand Highway the place makes a high contribution to the character of the district.

Management Category: 2

MAXIMUM INCENTIVES UNDER THE TOWN PLANNING SCHEME.

High level of protection appropriate: provide maximum protection under the Town Planning Scheme with encouragement to the owner to conserve the significance of the place. Prepare a floor plan and photographically record the place prior to any redevelopment.

Other Listings

Shire of Irwin - Town Planning Scheme (04); 10/03/1998

NTWA - Classified; 02/04/1984

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Supporting Information

IDHS Records
AHC Reference 009673 01-01
HCWA Database No. 1220