

HERITAGE PLACE

NAME OF PLACE: ECHO POINT SHELTER

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE: Car Park, Bents Lookout MOUNT BUFFALO

STUDY NUMBER: ASHS 301 **HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:** 164

PRECINCT: Mt Buffalo National Park

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Alpine Shire

ALLOTMENT: 2009

PARISH: PARISH OF WANDILIGONG

ACCESS DESCRIPTION:

Via Bents Lookout carpark

SIGNIFICANCE RATING: Local



Echo Point shelter Mt Buffalo

Image Date: May 2004

EXTENT OF LISTING:

To the extent of the building.

ECHO POINT SHELTER HUT

Heritage Overlay No
PropertyNo
File Number
Heritage Study No ASHS
Heritage Grading

HPD Number 301

HI Number

VHR Number

Other Names/s

Precinct Mt Buffalo National Park

Group Number 454

Extra Files

Location Car Park, Bents Lookout MOUNT BUFFALO
PARISH OF WANDILIGONG

2009

Planning Authority

Ward

Access Description

Via Bents Lookout carpark

Map Number 0

Map Scale 1:25000

Latitude

Longitude

UMG Zone 55

Easting 484000 AGD66

Northing 5935840

Location Validity

Spatial Accuracy

Extent of Listing

To the extent of the building.

Published Extent of Listing

Significance Local

Statement of Significance

What is significant?

Echo Point has been a popular visitor spot on Mt Buffalo since at least the late 1870s. The Echo Point stone shelter hut was built in the 1930s for the comfort of day visitors to Mt Buffalo National Park. The simple structure makes aesthetic use of local stone, and the design of the building makes allowances for the extreme weather conditions experienced in high altitude. There are stunning views of the Gorge from the windows.

How is it significant?

Echo Point Shelter hut is historically, socially and architecturally significant to the Alpine Shire.

Why is it significant?

The Echo Point shelter hut is historically and socially significant to the Alpine Shire as an example of early 20th century tourist infrastructure, built at a place which has been a popular visitor spot since at least the late 1870s. The building has architectural significance as a well preserved and representative example of stone shelters that were typical of the era.

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Permit Exemptions

Exemptions Policy

Assessment Against Criteria

Criterion A

ITS IMPORTANCE IN THE COURSE, OR PATTERN, OF AUSTRALIA'S NATURAL OR CULTURAL HISTORY

A.1 Importance in the evolution of Australian flora, fauna, landscapes or climate.

A.2 Importance in maintaining existing processes or natural systems at the regional or national scale.

A.3 Importance in exhibiting unusual richness or diversity of flora, fauna, landscapes or cultural features.

A.4 Importance for association with events, developments or cultural phases which have had a significant role in the human occupation and evolution of the nation, State, region or community.

The Echo Point shelter hut is historically and socially important to the Alpine Shire as an example of early 20th century tourist infrastructure, built at a place which has been a popular visitor spot since at least the late 1870s.

Criterion B

ECHO POINT SHELTER HUT

Heritage Overlay No

PropertyNo

File Number

Heritage Study No

ASHS

Heritage Grading

HPD Number 301

HI Number

VHR Number

Other Names/s

Precinct Mt Buffalo National Park

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Extra Files

ITS POSSESSION OF UNCOMMON, RARE OR ENDANGERED ASPECTS OF AUSTRALIA'S NATURAL OR CULTURAL HISTORY

B.1 Importance for rare, endangered or uncommon flora, fauna, communities, ecosystems, natural landscapes or phenomena, or as a wilderness.

B.2 Importance in demonstrating a distinctive way of life, custom, process, land-use, function or design no longer practised, in danger of being lost, or of exceptional interest

Criterion C

ITS POTENTIAL TO YIELD INFORMATION THAT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO AN UNDERSTANDING OF AUSTRALIA'S NATURAL OR CULTURAL HISTORY

C.1 Importance for information contributing to a wider understanding of Australian natural history, by virtue of its use as a research site, teaching site, type locality, reference or benchmark site.

C.2 Importance for information contributing to a wider understanding of the history of human occupation of Australia

Criterion D

ITS IMPORTANCE IN DEMONSTRATING THE PRINCIPAL CHARACTERISTICS OF: (I) A CLASS OF AUSTRALIA'S NATURAL OR CULTURAL PLACES; OR (II) A CLASS OF AUSTRALIA'S NATURAL OR CULTURAL ENVIRONMENTS

D.1 Importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of the range of landscapes, environments or ecosystems, the attributes of which identify them as being characteristic of their class.

D.2 Importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of the range of human activities in the Australian environment (including way of life, philosophy, custom, process, land use, function, design or technique).

The Echo Point shelter hut has architectural importance as a well preserved and representative example of stone shelters that were typical of the era

Criterion E

ITS IMPORTANCE IN EXHIBITING PARTICULAR AESTHETIC CHARACTERISTICS VALUED BY A COMMUNITY OR CULTURAL GROUP

E.1 Importance for a community for aesthetic characteristics held in high esteem or otherwise valued by the community

Criterion F

ITS IMPORTANCE IN DEMONSTRATING A HIGH DEGREE OF CREATIVE OR TECHNICAL ACHIEVEMENT AT A PARTICULAR PERIOD

F.1 Importance for its technical, creative, design or artistic excellence, innovation or achievement

Criterion G

ITS STRONG OR SPECIAL ASSOCIATIONS WITH A PARTICULAR COMMUNITY OR CULTURAL GROUP FOR SOCIAL, CULTURAL OR SPIRITUAL REASONS

G.1 Importance as a place highly valued by a community for reasons of religious, spiritual, symbolic, cultural, educational, or social associations.

Criterion H

ITS SPECIAL ASSOCIATION WITH THE LIFE OR WORKS OF A PERSON, OR GROUP OF PERSONS, OF IMPORTANCE IN AUSTRALIA'S NATURAL OR CULTURAL HISTORY

H.1 Importance for close associations with individuals whose activities have been significant within the history of the nation, State or region

DateAssessed 06/04/2006 Assessed By R Kaufman

Comparisons

Granite stone shelters have been used extensively in the Mt Buffalo National Park. Stone shelters/kiosk were also built in Bright in the 1930s to create amenities in the developing tourist industry.

Rare Assessment

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Not rare

Intact Assessment

Good

Include in VHR Include in RNE Include in Local Planning Scheme No Recommendations for Inclusions

Recommended Management

Represent Shire's interests in any future proposed development by Parks Victoria. Retain in present form as free-standing shelter. Retain stone facework, without paint or render. Retain shingle roof.

Heritage Act Categories

Heritage Item Groups

Heritage Item Categories

Heritage place

Community Facilities

Pavilion

Heritage place

Recreation and Entertainment

Lookout

File Details

Mt Buffalo National Park

Construction Started

Circa No Completed 1930 Circa Yes

Physical Description

The rough-dressed rubble-stone hut has shingle roof on cut timber frame. Dressed stone surrounds the doorway, windows and also the corners of the building and chimneys. There are two chimneys, one at each end of the rectangular building. The internal stone walls have been painted white and there is a long table down the centre of the room. Windows on the far side lookout at the Gorge.

Physical Condition and/or Archaeological Potential

Good

Usage 1930s - present: picnic shelter

Associated People

Historical Notes

The Mt Buffalo plateau was an important place to indigenous Australians for thousands of years before arrival of Europeans. The mountain and its features would have been endowed with special cultural meanings, and the Gorge area would certainly have been a key element in the associative landscape. However, with the near destruction and disconnection of indigenous people associated with the mountain during the early years of European settlement, these meanings have been lost.

The Bright Alpine Club was formed in the late 1880s and actively promoted Mt Buffalo as a tourist attraction. Mt Buffalo National Park was established in 1898, one of the first in the State along with Wilsons Promontory. The Chalet was built by the Victorian Government to accommodate visitors, and lookouts and walking tracks were also installed for the visitors' comfort.

Echo Point was a popular place to visit, from at least the late 1870s. Echo Point shelter hut was built in the 1930s to offer some shelter for picnickers and day visitors. It has two fire places and window overlooking the Gorge.

Listings

References

Author	Title	Year	ShelfLocation
Department of Conservation & Environment	Mount Buffalo National Park Management Plan	1996	
Webb D & Adams B	The Mount Buffalo Story 1898-1998	1998	

Conservation Plans

Owner Type

Section 32 Recommendation

Owners/Occupants/Managers

ECHO POINT SHELTER HUT

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PropertyNo

File Number

Heritage Study No

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Condition

Works

Other Notes

Application Detail

Adviser Comments

Planning Scheme Amendments

Overlay Controls

Planning Scheme Schedule

External Paint Controls? No

Included in Vic Heritage Register? No

Internal Alteration Controls? No

Prohibited uses may be permitted? No

Tree Controls? No

Name of incorporated plan No

Outbuildings/fences not exempt? No

Aboriginal Heritage Place? No

HERITAGE PLACE

NAME OF PLACE: EUROBIN FALLS

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE: Mt Buffalo Road, MOUNT BUFFALO

STUDY NUMBER: ASHS 77 **HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:** 165

PRECINCT: Mt Buffalo National Park

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Alpine Shire

ALLOTMENT: 2009

PARISH: PARISH OF WANDILIGONG

ACCESS DESCRIPTION:

Access from Mt Buffalo Road

SIGNIFICANCE RATING: Local



Eurobin Falls Mt Buffalo

Image Date: May 2004

EXTENT OF LISTING:

To the extent of the Eurobin Falls and surrounds, including Lady's Bath Falls.

EUROBIN FALLS AND CREEK

Heritage Overlay No
PropertyNo
File Number
Heritage Study No ASHS 77
Heritage Grading

HPD Number 77 HI Number VHR Number
Other Names/s
Precinct Mt Buffalo National Park Group Number 454
Extra Files

Location Mt Buffalo Road, MOUNT BUFFALO
PARISH OF WANDILIGONG

2009

Planning Authority Ward

Access Description

Access from Mt Buffalo Road

Map Number 0 Map Scale 1:25000 Latitude Longitude
UMG Zone 55 Easting 485300 AGD66 Northing 5936000

Location Validity Spatial Accuracy

Extent of Listing

To the extent of the Eurobin Falls and surrounds, including Lady's Bath Falls.

Published Extent of Listing

Significance Local

Statement of Significance

What is significant?

The Eurobin Falls have been a part of Alpine Shire's tourist experience since the beginnings of the industry in the 1870s. The falls have been long recognised for their natural beauty, and photographs of the falls were used extensively for advertising the area by the former Victorian Railways. The site has been popular with sightseers and photographers for well over 100 years.

How is it significant?

The Eurobin Falls are of historical and social significance to the Alpine Shire

Why is it significant?

The Eurobin Falls are historically and socially significant to the Alpine Shire as a longstanding and key tourist attraction on Mt Buffalo, the Shire's premier early tourism destination. The social significance is amplified by the continued popularity of the place, boosted by the former Victorian Railways advertising from the 1920s onwards, and reinforced by images appearing in postcards, tourism literature and books.

Gazettal Details

Permit Exemptions

Exemptions Policy

Assessment Against Criteria

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Criterion B

EUROBIN FALLS AND CREEK

Heritage Overlay No

PropertyNo

File Number

Heritage Study No

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Heritage Grading

HPD Number 77

HI Number

VHR Number

Other Names/s

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Extra Files

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Criterion E

ITS IMPORTANCE IN EXHIBITING PARTICULAR AESTHETIC CHARACTERISTICS VALUED BY A COMMUNITY OR CULTURAL GROUP

E.1 Importance for a community for aesthetic characteristics held in high esteem or otherwise valued by the community

The Eurobin Falls and Creek are important for their outstanding, natural aesthetic qualities that have led to them becoming a much-loved part of the Mt Buffalo experience for generations of visitors and locals.

Criterion F

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F.1 Importance for its technical, creative, design or artistic excellence, innovation or achievement

Criterion G

ITS STRONG OR SPECIAL ASSOCIATIONS WITH A PARTICULAR COMMUNITY OR CULTURAL GROUP FOR SOCIAL, CULTURAL OR SPIRITUAL REASONS

G.1 Importance as a place highly valued by a community for reasons of religious, spiritual, symbolic, cultural, educational, or social associations.

Criterion H

ITS SPECIAL ASSOCIATION WITH THE LIFE OR WORKS OF A PERSON, OR GROUP OF PERSONS, OF IMPORTANCE IN AUSTRALIA'S NATURAL OR CULTURAL HISTORY

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Date Assessed 04/10/2006 Assessed By R Kaufman

Comparisons

There are numerous spectacular waterfalls in outstanding scenic locations in Victoria (eg Great Otway National Park), and each has its own special attraction. Because of heavy and widespread promotion of Mt Buffalo and the falls by the former Victorian Railways, the falls would be one of the better-known examples in the State. Access is also considerably easier than many other waterfalls in Victoria,

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being situated just off a sealed and popular tourist road.

Rare Assessment

Relatively rare, as a highly promoted and visited waterfall

Intact Assessment

Natural place with limited intrusive access infrastructure - high

Include in VHR Include in RNE Include in Local Planning Scheme No Recommendations for Inclusions

Recommended Management

Represent Shire's interests in any future proposed development by Parks Victoria. Risk/access infrastructure to be non-intrusive, to maintain scenic qualities that have drawn generations of locals and visitors to the place.

Heritage Act Categories

Heritage Item Groups

Heritage Item Categories

Not categorised

Landscape - Natural

Geological site or area

Not categorised

Recreation and Entertainment

Picnic Ground/ Recreation reserve

Title Details

Mount Buffalo National Park

Physical Description

Eurobin Creek starts on the Mt Buffalo plateau, and it is dammed to form Lake Catani. It then flows underground through a series of caves before emerging to cascade over the edge in a magnificent waterfall. At the bottom of the main falls is a pool called Lady's Bath and a second smaller waterfall called Lady's Bath Falls. The crystal clear creek continues to tumble over granite boulders through lush vegetation. The Falls are visible on the approach road to Mt Buffalo National Park and from the Great Alpine Road.

Physical Condition and/or Archaeological Potential

Natural place - good

Usage 1870s (?) - present: Tourist attraction

Associated People

Historical Notes

The Mt Buffalo plateau was an important place to indigenous Australians for thousands of years before arrival of Europeans. The mountain and its features would have been endowed with special cultural meanings, and the Eurobin Falls and creek would certainly have been a key element in the associative landscape. However, with the near destruction and disconnection of indigenous people associated with the mountain during the early years of European settlement, these meanings have been lost.

The Bright Alpine Club was formed in the late 1880s and actively promoted Mt Buffalo as a tourist attraction. Mt Buffalo National Park was established in 1898, one of the first in the State along with Wilsons Promontory.

The Lady's Bath Falls on Eurobin Creek has been a popular local picnic spot since Europeans first settled in the region. The area around Eurobin Falls was important in the process leading to the declaration of the National Park. Logging in the 1890s threatened the scenic qualities of the popular spot, and galvanised community action to lobby the Government for an area to be set aside.

Eurobin Falls has long been recognised, and was noted as one of Victoria's most beautiful waterfalls in an Australia-wide guide of the 1940s. Photos of The Falls were widely circulated and used in the promotion of the area by the Railways in the 1930s.

The Eurobin and Lady's Bath Falls have been the subject of many postcards and photographs, and have appeared in numerous tourist and other publications.

Historic Themes

1.4 Appreciating the natural wonders of Australia.

3.23 Catering for tourists

Listings

References

Author

Title

Year ShelfLocation

EUROBIN FALLS AND CREEK

Heritage Overlay No

PropertyNo

File Number

Heritage Study No

ASHS 77

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HPD Number 77

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VHR Number

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Extra Files

Webb D & Adams B

The Mount Buffalo Story 1898-1998

1998

Conservation Plans

Owner Type

Section 32 Recommendation

Owners/Occupants/Managers

Other Notes

Application Detail

Adviser Comment

Planning Scheme Amendments

Overlay Controls

Planning Scheme Schedule

External Paint Controls? No

Included in Vic Heritage Register? No

Internal Alteration Controls? No

Prohibited uses may be permitted? No

Tree Controls? No

Name of incorporated plan No

Outbuildings/fences not exempt? No

Aboriginal Heritage Place? No

HERITAGE PLACE

NAME OF PLACE: THE HORN LOOKOUT SHELTER

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE: MOUNT BUFFALO

STUDY NUMBER: ASHS 92

HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:

167

PRECINCT: Mt Buffalo National Park

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Alpine Shire

ALLOTMENT: 2009

PARISH: PARISH OF WANDILIGONG

ACCESS DESCRIPTION:

The hut is at the end of The Horn road and at the start of the walking track to the Horn

SIGNIFICANCE RATING: Local



The Horn Lookout Shelter, Mt Buffalo

Image Date: May 2004

EXTENT OF LISTING:

To the extent of the building and the recent granite wing walls and paving.

THE HORN LOOKOUT SHELTER

Heritage Overlay No
PropertyNo
File Number
Heritage Study No ASHS
Heritage Grading

HPD Number 92

HI Number

VHR Number

Other Names/s

Precinct Mt Buffalo National Park

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Extra Files

Location MOUNT BUFFALO

PARISH OF WANDILIGONG

2009

Planning Authority

Ward

Access Description

The hut is at the end of The Horn road and at the start of the walking track to the Horn

Map Number 0

Map Scale 1:25000

Latitude

Longitude

UMG Zone 55

Easting 478850 AGD66

Northing 5929750

Location Validity

Spatial Accuracy

Extent of Listing

To the extent of the building and the recent granite wing walls and paving.

Published Extent of Listing

Significance Local

Statement of Significance

What is significant?

The Horn Lookout Shelter at the Horn carpark was built in the 1930s by the National Parks Committee of Management. The small, granite-walled, shingle roof lookout shelter is perched on the edge of the mountain giving a framed 'eagle's eye' view of the surrounding valleys and the Australian Alps.

How is it significant?

The Horn Lookout Shelter is of historical, social and architectural significance to the Alpine Shire.

Why is it significant?

The Horn Lookout Shelter is historically and socially significant to the Alpine Shire as early tourist infrastructure from the 1930s, that has provided outstanding service to the tourism industry for over 70 years. The shelter is architecturally significant for its Alpinist character, with high gable, stone walls and jutting prominence. It was designed to blend in with the rugged surroundings and was built of local materials.

Document Details

Permit Exemptions

Exemptions Policy

Assessment Against Criteria

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Criterion B

THE HORN LOOKOUT SHELTER

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PropertyNo

File Number

Heritage Study No

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The shelter is architecturally important for its Alpinist character, with high gable, stone walls and jutting prominence. It was especially designed to blend in with the rugged surroundings and was made of local materials.

Criterion E

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H.1 Importance for close associations with individuals whose activities have been significant within the history of the nation, State or region

DateAssessed 15/09/2006 Assessed By R Kaufman

Comparisons

Granite stone shelters have been used extensively in the Mt Buffalo National Park. Stone shelters/kiosks were also built in Bright in the 1930s to facilitate amenities in the developing tourist industry. In many areas of the State, early visitor amenities have been replaced during upgrades, and structures of the integrity of the Horn Lookout Shelter are relatively rare.

Final Assessment

THE HORN LOOKOUT SHELTER

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PropertyNo

File Number

Heritage Study No

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HI Number

VHR Number

Other Names/s

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Extra Files

Relatively rare

Intact Assessment

Very good

Include in VHR Include in RNE Include in Local Planning Scheme No Recommendations for Inclusions

Recommended Management

Represent Shire's interests in any future proposed development by Parks Victoria. Lobby for retention of existing structure without alteration to form. Replacement of materials only where they become unserviceable, and must like-for-like.

Heritage Act Categories

Heritage Item Groups

Heritage Item Categories

Heritage place

Recreation and Entertainment

Lookout

Title Details

Construction Started

Circa No

Completed

1930

Circa Yes

Physical Description

The gabled rubble granite lookout shelter is perched on the edge of the mountain which gives the feeling of having an eagles view of the surrounding valleys, off into the distance. The gable roof is framed with bush poles, and is clad with Alpine Ash shingles laid on wooden strips. The roof is supported on two large bush logs which themselves are supported on the granite corner pillars. The logs extend beyond the pillars, and are braced with bush poles that are returned to the walls and pinned. The gable ends are infilled with logs laid horizontally. There are bench seats formed by granite stone topped with timber slabs along three sides with open windows.

Granite walls of recent origin had been built as wings on each side of the shelter, and the ground in front of the entrance has been paved with granite blocks. The character of this small lookout shelter is very much reminiscent of the little stone refuge shelters of the the European Alps.

Physical Condition and/or Archaeological Potential

Good

Usage Lookout shelter, late 1930s - present.

Associated People

Historical Notes

The Mt Buffalo plateau was an important place to indigenous Australians for thousands of years before arrival of Europeans. The mountain and its features would have been endowed with special cultural meanings, and the Horn would certainly have been a key element in the associative landscape. However, with the near destruction and disconnection of indigenous people associated with the mountain during the early years of European settlement, these meanings have been lost.

The Mt Buffalo National Park was established in 1898. The shelter was built in the late 1930's by the National Parks Committee of Management for the comfort of tourist and bushwalkers. The Mt Buffalo Committee of Management was formed in 1918, and initially made up of representatives from the Board of Land and Works, Public Works Dept, Victorian Railways and the Tourist Committee. Later representatives were from the Forests Commission, Country Roads Board and local MPs.

It was constructed from local handcut granite and clad with Alpine Ash shingles. The shelter was required to blend in with the rugged nature of the surrounding environment. Since the 1940s when the road from Cresta valley was made suitable for motor cars, many more tourists have been able to enjoy the views framed by the windows.

Historic Themes

1.4 Appreciating the natural wonders of Australia.

3.23 Catering for tourists.

Listings

References

Author	Title	Year	ShelfLocation
Dr Wilkinson JF	The Romance of Mt Buffalo		
Johnson D	The Alps at the Crossroads	1975	

THE HORN LOOKOUT SHELTER

Heritage Overlay No

PropertyNo

File Number

Heritage Study No

ASHS

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Other Names/s

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Extra Files

Parks Victoria

Interpretive panel erected at the Horn carpark (no date).

Webb, D & Adams B

The Mount Buffalo Story 1898-1998

1998

Conservation Plans

Owner Type

Section 32 Recommendation

Owners/Occupants/Managers

Other Notes

Application Detail

Adviser Comments

Planning Scheme Amendments

Overlay Controls

Planning Scheme Schedule

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Internal Alteration Controls? No

Prohibited uses may be permitted? No

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