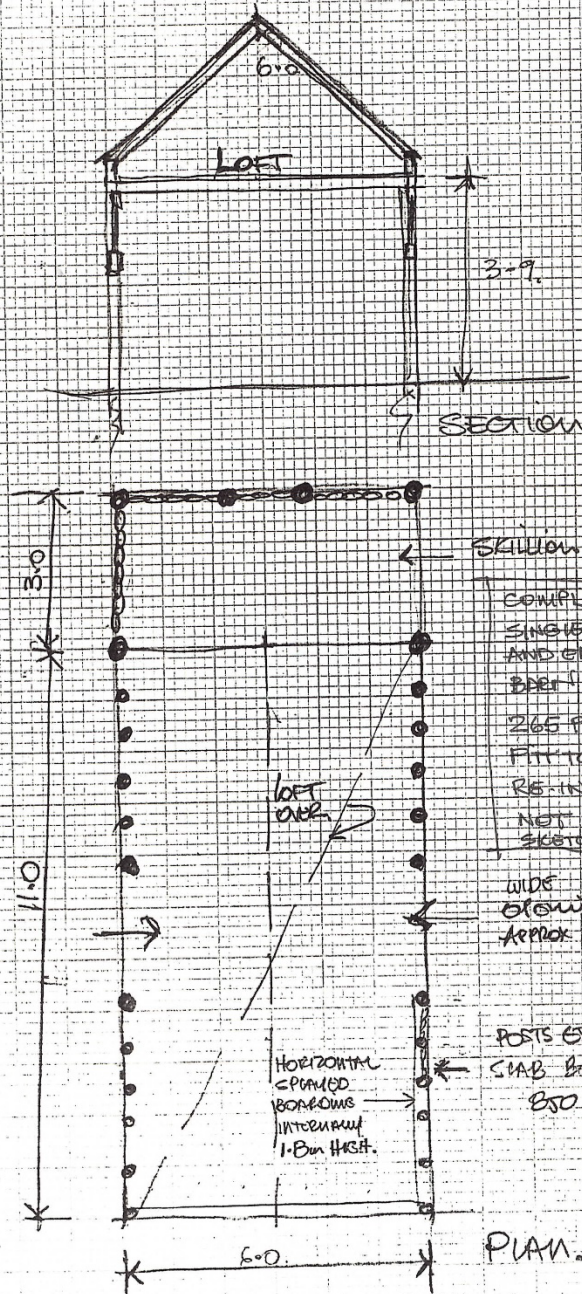




ITEM No 4B.
SKETCH DWG 1991.



COMPLEX OF TWO BARN
SINGLE STORY WITH LOFT
AND END SKILLION
BARN # 2
265 PITT TOWN BOTTOMS ROAD
PITT TOWN BOTTOMS.
RE-INSPECTION 19 MAY 2023
NOT PERMITTED.
SKETCH DWG: 1991.

WIDE
OPENING
APPROX 2.04m.

POSTS EXPOSED TO OUTSIDE
SLAB BETWEEN PILES
ESO CLR.

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| Caption* | Sketch floor plan and section of Barn B at No. 265 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms |
| Date of photograph* | 1991 |
| Name of photographer* | Graham Edds |
| Copyright holder, if known | Graham Edds & Associates |

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A. Nominated item

1. Name

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| Name* | Glenridge Barns |
| Other or former names | |

2. Location

Provide at least one of these three types of location details (it is not necessary to provide all three types):

- Street address
- Land parcels
- Coordinates

If the item does not have a street number, provide land parcel information as well.

If the item has no land parcels, provide coordinates and a map.

For moveable objects enter the principal address where held.

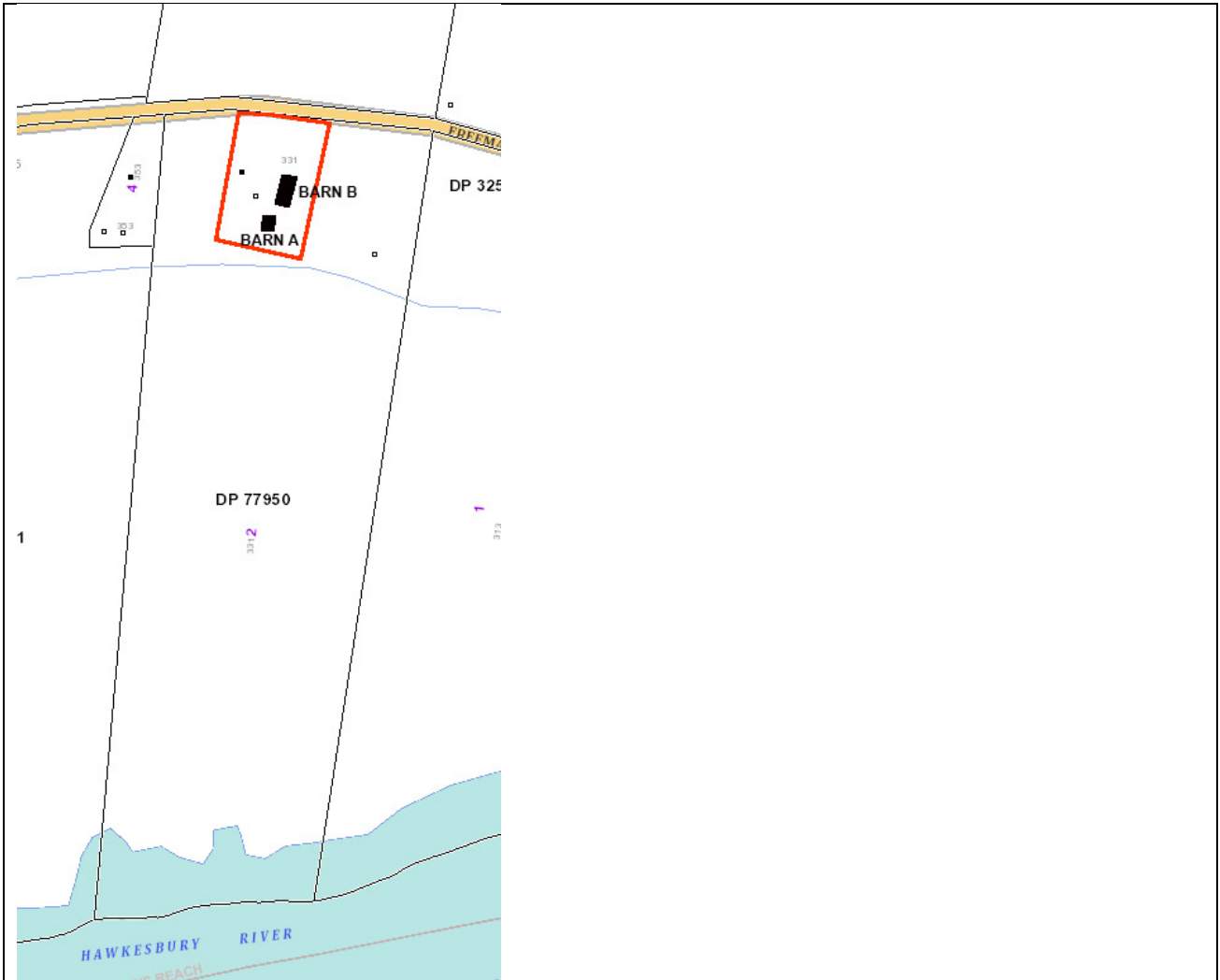
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| Street address* | 331 Freemans Reach Road, Freemans Reach | | | | |
| Alternate street address | | | | | |
| Local government area* | Hawkesbury City Council | | | | |

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|---------------|-----|---|----------------------------|--|----|-------|
| Land parcels* | Lot | 2 | Section (if applicable) | | DP | 77950 |
| | Lot | | Section (if applicable) | | DP | |

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| Coordinates | |
| Latitude | |
| Longitude | |
| Datum | |

3. Extent of nomination

Provide a map or plan clearly indicating the extent of the curtilage (boundary) of your nomination. You may insert the map here or attach it separately.



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| Source of map or plan | SixMaps, annotated by LSJ Architects, 2024 |
| Description of the boundary, if required | Reduced curtilage encompassing only the main group of buildings: house and Barn A & B, and entry driveway. |

4. Ownership

For organisations / company, please provide both the name of the business and a contact.

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| Name of owner(s)* | Mr. Leonard Ridge |
| Business / organisation name, if applicable | Glenridge Turf Farm |
| Address | 331 Freemans Reach Road, Freemans Reach |
| Phone | 0497 259 406 or 4579 7802 |
| Email | |
| Ownership explanation, if required | |

B. Significance**5. Why is it important in NSW?**

Refer to the guideline [Assessing heritage significance](#) when completing this section.

| Statement of significance* |
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| <p>The barns at No. 331 Freeman's Reach Road, Freemans Reach are of historical significance as surviving early 19th century barns that are located on a portion of Stillwell Farm, a grant of 350 acres made in 1795 and purchased shortly thereafter by Commissary John Palmer, who named the farm after his wife Susan Stillwell. The large dairy farm was subdivided and the barns are located on land associated with the Farlow family who first obtained 70 acres in 1838 and continued to reside and work on the property until the mid 20th century.</p> <p>Sited within the floodplains of the Hawkesbury River, the barns are located in a small complex with weatherboard cottage and mature trees that together make a strong contribution to the historical character of the agricultural lands along Freeman's Reach Road. The overall form and configuration of both barns, with corrugated metal cladding, corn drying lofts, surviving timber slabs are good representative examples of the historic barn type found throughout the Hawkesbury City local government area.</p> <p>Each of the barns retains surviving evidence of early 19th century construction techniques including round timber posts closely spaced, round timber loft floor beams, evidence of shingle battens, loft with ventilated floor of slender round boughs with remains of maize still present, internal partitioning of vertical slabs fixed at top to round timber loft floor beam and set into ground at bottom and rectangular adzed longitudinal beams with morticed and tenon joints between posts and longitudinal beams. The relatively high integrity of the barns and extent of surviving early construction techniques makes these barns rare in the Hawkesbury City local government area.</p> |

| Comparisons* |
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| <p>The barns at No. 331 Freemans Reach Road, Freemans Reach are comparable with very few other examples of surviving timber agricultural outbuildings due to their early 19th century construction date and the extent of surviving original fabric.</p> <p>Comparable example include the outbuildings at Wambo Homestead, Warkworth (SHR 00200) dating from the 1830s and 1840s and the surviving farm buildings at Glenlee, Menangle Park (00009).</p> |

C. Description**6. Describe the existing item**

| Description* | Two barns: a smaller one (Barn A) to the south and a larger one (Barn B) to the east of the single-storey house. | |
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| | BARN A | |
| | MAIN BARN STRUCTURE | Single-storey with loft. Round timber posts closely spaced, round timber loft floor beams resting on rectangular sawn longitudinal beams bolted to posts. Date: Early 19 th century Condition: Good |
| | NO. OF BAYS | Seven |
| | ROOF STRUCTURE | Steep 45°+ pitch round rafters, sawn battens suitable for corrugated roofing (previously had shingle battens). Condition: Good |

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| | LOFT | Not accessed. Weatherboard wall claddings. Condition: Good |
| | SKILLION 1 | Single-storey skillion to the east. Sawn rafters supported on round beam on round posts. Condition: Good |
| | ROOF CLADDING: | Corrugated steel with two transparent panels each side. All recently replaced, along with battens (previously had shingle battens). |
| | WALL CLADDING | Corrugated steel over vertical timber slabs at lower level and steel over weatherboard cladding to loft and gable. |
| | OPENINGS | External door apertures to three ground floor compartments with modern wire doors. Possible doorway in northern gable, sheeted over. |
| | FLOORING (GROUND) | Earthen |
| | FLOORING (LOFT) | Loft mainly floored with timber boarding but the southern bay has a ventilated floor of slender round boughs with remains of maize still present. |
| | FLOORING (SKILLION) | Earthen |
| | INTERNAL STRUCTURE | Loft supported on round timber joists. Internal partitions of vertical slabs fixed at top to round timber loft floor beam and set into ground at bottom. |
| | OTHER (Fixings?) | Hollowed out trunk trough in southern bay. |
| | CURRENT USE | Mainly empty machinery stored in skillion. |
| | CHANGES FROM 2010? | New roofing, removal of shingle battens. |
| | BARN B | |
| | MAIN BARN STRUCTURE | Single-storey tall barn supported on round timber posts, occasional round timber cross beams, rectangular adzed longitudinal beams with morticed and tenon joints between posts and longitudinal beams. Date: Early 19 th century Condition: Good |
| | NO. OF BAYS | Nine |
| | ROOF STRUCTURE | Round timber rafters, some pairs of rafters have collar ties, pit sawn shingle battens remain plus modern ones suitable for corrugated roofing. Slatted ridge ends for ventilation. Condition: Good |
| | LOFT | Remains of loft at southern end with boarded floor for ½ bay only. Date: Early 19 th century Condition: Good |
| | SKILLION 1 | Single-storey skillion to the east constructed in same manner as main barn. Noted in 2010 as containing milking stalls. Date: Early 19 th century Condition: Good |
| | SKILLION 2 | Skillion at southern end constructed with pole rafters and shingle battens. Not accessed. Date: Early 19 th century |

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| | | Condition: Good |
| | ROOF CLADDING: | Corrugated steel Date: unknown Condition: Good |
| | WALL CLADDING | Corrugated steel. Remains of weatherboards in skillion gable. No sign of any timber slabs – assume that they were removed when re-clad in steel. Date: Late 20 th century Condition: Good |
| | OPENINGS | Doors of corrugated steel. Window opening in skillion 1 no joinery. |
| | FLOORING | Earthen |
| | FLOORING (LOFT) | Timber boards plain edged with gaps between |
| | FLOORING (SKILLION) | Earthen |
| | INTERNAL STRUCTURE | Loft supported on round timber joists. |
| | OTHER (Fixings?) | Evidence of mortise and tenon joints in main structure between posts and longitudinal beams. |
| | CURRENT USE | Machinery store |
| Condition of fabric and/or archaeological potential* | Condition: Barn A- good/ Barn B- good | |
| Integrity / intactness* | High-Moderate integrity- both barns have additional corrugated metal sheet wall cladding | |
| Modification dates | Unknown | |
| When was the last time you inspected the item? | May 2023 | |
| Current use | Machinery and produce stores | |
| Original or former use/s | Barns/corn drying | |
| Any additional comments | <p>It is recommended that the following Site Specific Exemptions be included in the gazettal listing to allow for the continued use of the structure and to support the continuity of the historical practice of undertaking ongoing repairs and maintenance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The re-sheeting of roofs with corrugated galvanised steel (not zincalume or Colorbond), and the replacement of or introduction of guttering and down pipes, where this does not involve the removal of or damage to the timber structure (roof framing, beams, joists, posts, slabs or weatherboard cladding). • All repairs (such as re-fixing and patching) or the replacement of missing, damaged or deteriorated fabric that is beyond further maintenance, which matches the existing fabric in appearance, material and method of affixing, where this does not involve damage to or the removal of adjacent fabric in good condition. The replacement of damaged or deteriorated fabric with new fabric should not result in more than 50% of the original building being replaced. | |

D. History**7. Origins and historical evolution**

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| Years of construction* | Start | c1838 (assumed) | End | |
| Designer or architect* | None | | | |
| Maker or builder* | Unknown- assumed Robert Farlow | | | |
| Historical outline* | <p>This site is part of a grant of 350 acres made to Daniel Robinson and others on 22 July 1795, known as Stillwell Farm. The grantees quickly assigned the grant to John Palmer on 21 September 1795. It is notable that Stillwell Farm was named after John Palmer's wife Susan Stillwell, who married Palmer in 1783.</p> <p>The transaction was one of a number of instances where powerful officers or a government officials used soldiers to become the recipients of small grants that were then consolidated into a larger holding in the hands of those officials.</p> <p>John Palmer, NSW commissary, appointed in 1790 had made the acquaintance of convict John Stogdell/Stockdale, who had arrived on the First Fleet on the ship, <i>Alexander</i>. Stogdell had administrative skills, as well as the ability to read and write. Palmer was soon using him in responsible roles managing his business concerns. Stogdell acquired land on the Hawkesbury both for himself, and for John Palmer. From September 1796, to November 1800, whilst John Palmer was overseas, Stogdell was agent for Palmer and supervised the construction and completion of Palmer's unfinished residence at Woolloomooloo, supervising the tradesmen and overseeing the fitting out of the premises, so that the building was complete by the time Palmer returned.</p> <p>John Palmer senior assigned Stillwell Farm to his son George Thomas Palmer on 16 October 1806.</p> <p>By a deed of Lease and release, dated 10 & 11 January 1838, George Thomas Palmer and his wife Catherine sold 70 acres to Robert Farlow senior for £700. Robert Farlow had been sentenced to 7 years transportation, arriving in the colony in 1801 and receiving his ticket of freedom in 1811. His wife Ann and daughter Maria came to Australia at the same time as free settlers.</p> <p>The 70 acres was described as bounded on the east by Simon Norris and Benjamin Wood and on the north by the government road (now Bachelors Wharf Road), 20 chains, 29 links on the west by another part of Stillwell Farm, and on the south by the Hawkesbury River. Robert Farlow's 70 acres now contains Nos. 331, 353 and 355 Freemans Reach Road fronting the Hawkesbury River and Nos. 332 and 354 Freemans Reach Road to the north of Freemans Reach Road.</p> <p>The land to the west amounting to 44 acres was sold to Robert's son William Farlow on 28th and 29th May 1838 by a deed of Lease and release, for £440. This land now contains No. 374 Freemans Reach Road.</p> <p>Together, the Farlow family owned 114 acres of the former Stillwell Farm lands.</p> <p>By his will of 21 November 1851, Robert Farlow senior left 53 acres to the use of his wife, Harriet, for her life.</p> <p>Robert Farlow had already conveyed 17 acres by deed of Lease and release on 8 & 9 October, 1840 for £170 to his son James Farlow, farmer of</p> | | | |

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| | <p>Wilberforce, and he appears to have received a further 30 acres via his father's will. The balance of Robert Farlow's land (23 acres) passed to another son, William Farlow. No. 331 Freemans Reach Road is located within this 23 acres.</p> <p>Robert Farlow senior died on 22 May 1853.</p> <p>On 1 December 1853, William Farlow, of Yellow Munday, innkeeper conveyed an area of 23 acres left to him by his father to James Farlow, Freemans Reach, farmer for £700. The 23 acres was described as bounded on the east by Simon Norris and Benjamin Wood, on the north by the main road, and on the west by the land left to James Farlow by the will of Robert Farlow. James Farlow now held the whole of the original 70 acres of land purchased by his father in 1838.</p> <p>James Farlow's will of 4 March 1886 divided the land into equal thirds for the benefit of his daughters, although it appears that his son James William Farlow actually managed the land, together with William Farlow's original 44 acres, as he took out a mortgage over the total 114 acres in 1893.</p> <p>In 1888, an article appeared in <i>The Daily Telegraph</i> noting that a fire at the property of James Farlow, of Freemans Reach, burnt the weatherboard house, barns and other outbuildings to the ground. The exact location of these buildings is not known.</p> <p>James Farlow senior appears to have been a successful arrowroot and maize farmer and cart horse breeder, winning a number of prizes at various agricultural shows in the mid 19th century. Similarly, his son James Farlow junior was also a well-known farmer and breeder of draught horses and trotters.</p> <p>The Farlow family retained ownership over the land until the mid 20th century.</p> <p>Located on part of the former Stillwell Farm lands, a large dairy farm, the property is now in use as a turf farm known as Glenridge Turf Farm.</p> |
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8. Historical themes represented

Themes indicate the broad historical context in which an item is significant. Themes help to identify related or comparative items contributing to the same theme.

Refer to the document [NSW Historical Themes](#) if completing this section.

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| Relevant National / Australian themes | <p>2 Peopling Australia</p> <p>3 Developing local, regional and national economies</p> <p>4 Building settlements, towns and cities</p> <p>9 Marking the phases of life</p> |
| Relevant NSW / State themes | <p>Convicts</p> <p>Agriculture</p> <p>Pastoralism</p> <p>Towns, suburbs and villages</p> <p>Land tenure</p> <p>Persons</p> |

E. Criteria for State heritage significance**9. Assessment under Heritage Council criteria of State significance***

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| It is important in the course or pattern of the cultural or natural history of NSW (Criterion A) |
| The barns at No. 331 Freeman's Reach Road, Freemans Reach are of historical significance as evidence of the long-term agricultural use of the land by the Farlow family, first established in 1838 by ex-convict Robert Farlow and remaining in the Farlow family until the mid 20 th century. Dating from the early 19 th century, the barns appear to be associated with son James Farlow and grandson James Robert Farlow, who appear to have lived and worked on the land from the 1840s through to the early 20 th century and both of whom were locally known as successful dairy farmers and breeders of cart horses. The property is also of historical significance for forming part of the former Stillwell Farm, a grant of 350 acres made to Daniel Robinson and others on 22 July 1795, purchased by Commissary John Palmer shortly thereafter, managed by John Stogdell, and passed to his son George Thomas Palmer. |
| It has a strong or special association with the life or works of a person, or group of persons of importance in the cultural or natural history of NSW (Criterion B) |
| The barns have historical associations with the Farlow family, who have resided in the Hawkesbury district and the Freeman's Reach locality since the early 19 th century. Being located on a portion of the large dairy farm, Stillwell Farm, the property is also associated with Commissary John Palmer (after whose wife the farm was named), his agent John Stogdell and son George Thomas Palmer. |
| It is important in demonstrating aesthetic characteristics and/or a high degree of creative or technical achievement in NSW (Criterion C) |
| Located within a small complex together with a weatherboard cottage and mature trees sited within the floodplains of the Hawkesbury River, the two corrugated metal clad barns make a strong contribution to the historical character of the agricultural landscape along Freeman's Reach Road. Both barns are of technical significance, retaining evidence of early construction techniques associated with agricultural buildings and timber slab construction, including round timber posts closely spaced, round timber loft floor beams, evidence of shingle battens, loft with ventilated floor of slender round boughs with remains of maize still present, internal partitioning of vertical slabs fixed at top to round timber loft floor beam and set into ground at bottom and rectangular adzed longitudinal beams with morticed and tenon joints between posts and longitudinal beams. |
| It has strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group in NSW for social, cultural or spiritual reasons (Criterion D) |
| The historic barns of the Hawkesbury district are appreciated by the local community and others, being symbolic of the history of the agricultural development of the region, as evidenced by the numerous exhibitions, artworks, historical tours, heritage studies and heritage listings associated with these building types. |
| It has potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of the cultural or natural history of NSW (Criterion E) |
| The forms of the barns, with skillions and lofts and retaining evidence of 19 th century construction techniques, have the potential to provide further information into 19 th century farming methods. |
| It possesses uncommon, rare or endangered aspects of the cultural or natural history of NSW (Criterion F) |
| The barns at 331 Freemans Reach Road, Freemans Reach are considered to be a rare grouping within the context of the Hawkesbury City local government area, for the extent of the surviving evidence of early construction techniques and their relatively high level of integrity. |

It is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of cultural or natural places/ environments in NSW (Criterion G)

The barns at 331 Freemans Reach Road, Freemans Reach are representative of the long history of agricultural development within the floodplains of the Hawkesbury River, which commenced in the early 19th century and continues today.

The basic forms of the barn with gabled roofs, skillions and lofts are representative of the typical form of barn found throughout the district.

F. Heritage listings

10. Existing heritage listings

If completing this section, mark against each listing whether the item is listed or not. You may want to contact the relevant local council or organisation to check the item's listing status.

| Listed | Not Listed | Listing |
|--------|------------|--|
| | X | Commonwealth Heritage List |
| | X | National Heritage List |
| | X | Register of the National Estate |
| | X | Declared Aboriginal place |
| | X | Local environmental plan (LEP) – heritage item (or draft item) |
| | X | LEP – heritage conservation area (or draft area) |
| | X | NSW government agency Heritage and Conservation Register |
| | X | National Trust register |
| | X | Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System |
| | X | National shipwreck database |
| | X | Engineers Australia list |

G. Photograph

11. Principal or main photograph*

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| Caption* | Farmstead group at No. 331 Freemans Reach Road, Freemans Reach with main house, Barn A, and outbuildings. |
| Date of photograph* | May 2023 |
| Name of photographer* | Kate Denny |
| Copyright holder, if known | Lucas Stapleton Johnson & Partners |

H. Author details**12. Primary author of this form***


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| Name | Kate Denny |
| Position and organisation, if applicable | Director, Lucas Stapleton Johnson & Partners Pty Ltd |
| Contact phone number | 9357 4811 |
| Email address | kdenny@lsjarchitects.com |
| Date form completed | 11 th March 2024 |

13. References used to complete this form*

| Author | Title | Date Published |
|---|---|-------------------|
| Barkley-Jack, J. | <i>Hawkesbury Settlement Revealed: A new look at Australia's third mainland settlement, 1793-1802,</i> | 2009 |
| Lucas Stapleton Johnson & Partners, Graham Edds & Associates, Dr. Terry Kass in association | <i>Timber Slab Barns Update Study for Hawkesbury City Council</i> | 2024, unpublished |
| | Old Register, Book 1 page 153 no 1160 Old System Deeds, No 574 Bk M; No 91 Bk N; No 840 Bk 29 and No 178 Bk 739 Real Property Application Packet, No 27953, NRS 17513, State Archives of New South Wales Primary Applications 27951 and 27950 Certificate of Title Vol. 4011 Fol.214 | |
| Unknown | Article: "Fire at Windsor"; <i>The Daily Telegraph</i> , Monday 8 Oct 1888, p. 5 Article: "Farm Produce"; <i>The Sydney Mail and NSW Advertiser</i> , Sat 23 Aug 1884, p. 371 Article: "Agricultural Society of New South Wales"; <i>The Sydney Mail and NSW Advertiser</i> , Sat 4 May 1872, p. 548 Article: "The Death of Mr. James Farlow"; <i>Windsor and Richmond Gazette</i> , Sat 8 Sept 1888, p. 3 Obituary: James Farlow; <i>The Sydney Mail and NSW Advertiser</i> , Sat Wed 27 Sept 1905, p. 788 | |


14. Signature of author*

To confirm you have approved the final content of the form, giving permission for the information to be used by Heritage NSW and the Heritage Council of NSW.

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| Name | Kate Denny  | Date | 11 th March 2024 |
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| Name |  Kate Denny | Date | 11 th March 2024 |
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I. Nominator details**16. Nominator to be contacted by Heritage NSW***


You do not need to complete these details again if you are also the author of the form.

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| Name | |
| Position and organisation, if applicable | |
| Contact phone number | |
| Email address | |
| Date form completed | |

17. Reasons for nomination*

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| Background or reasons for nomination |
| <p>This barn has been identified as being of potential State level significance in two previous studies: <i>Hawkesbury City Council Slab Barns Study</i> (Graham Edds & Associates, 2010) and <i>Hawkesbury City Council Slab Barns Update Study</i> (Lucas Stapleton Johnson & Partners, Graham Edds & Associates and Dr. Terry Kass, 2024).</p> <p>The early date of construction, the extent of surviving early 19th century fabric, the construction methods, the grouping of buildings, the associations with an ex-convict, the history of the place as part of the larger Stillwell Farm, make these two barns worthy of listing on the State Heritage Register.</p> |

18. Signature of nominator*

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| Name |  Kate Denny | Date | 11 th March 2024 |
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J. Additional photographs and images



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| Caption* | Barn A at No. 331 Freemans Reach Road, Freemans Reach |
| Date of photograph* | May 2023 |
| Name of photographer* | Kate Denny |
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| Caption* | Interior of Barn A at No. 331 Freemans Reach Road, Freemans Reach with round timber posts closely spaced, resting on round timber loft floor beams, and hollowed out tree trunk trough. Note remains of maize still attached to loft floor. |
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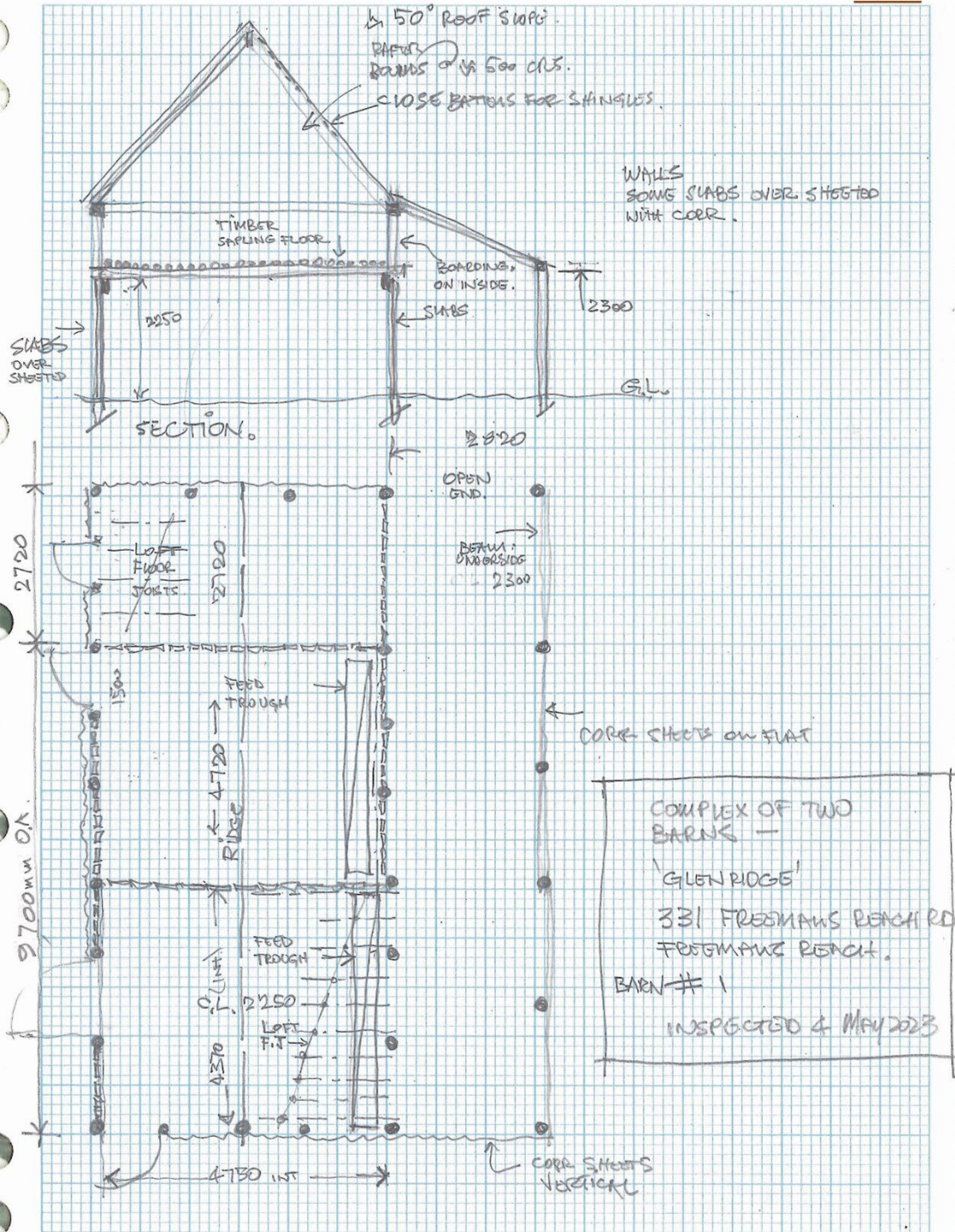
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| Caption* | Interior of Barn B at No. 331 Freemans Reach Road, Freemans Reach with shingle battens. |
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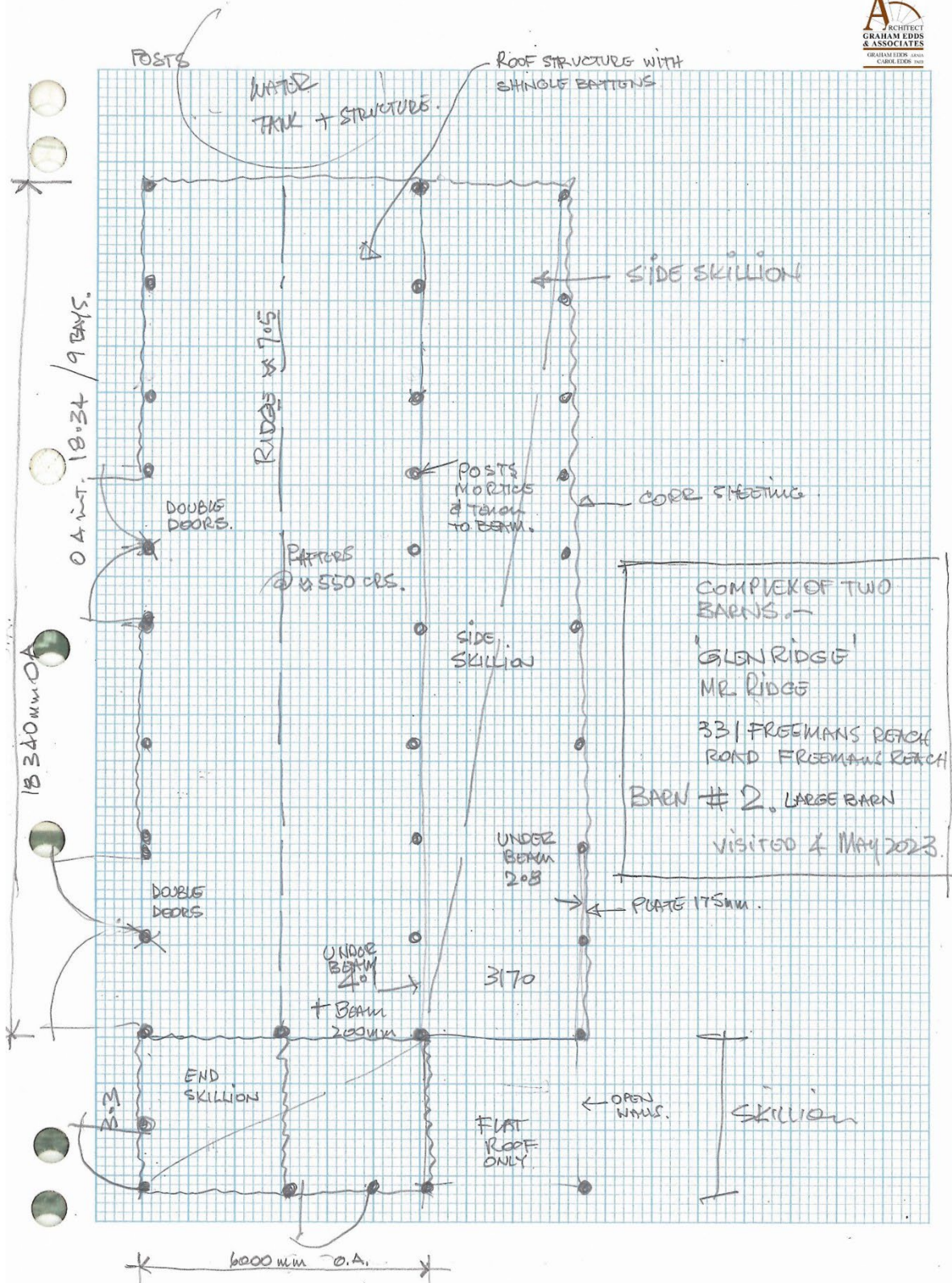


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| Caption* | Sketch plan of Barn A at No. 331 Freemans Reach Road, Freemans Reach |
| Date of photograph* | May 2023 |
| Name of photographer* | Graham Eddis |
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A. Nominated item

1. Name

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| Name* | Pittsmoor |
| Other or former names | Owens Farm |

2. Location

Provide at least one of these three types of location details (it is not necessary to provide all three types):

- Street address
- Land parcels
- Coordinates

If the item does not have a street number, provide land parcel information as well.

If the item has no land parcels, provide coordinates and a map.

For moveable objects enter the principal address where held.

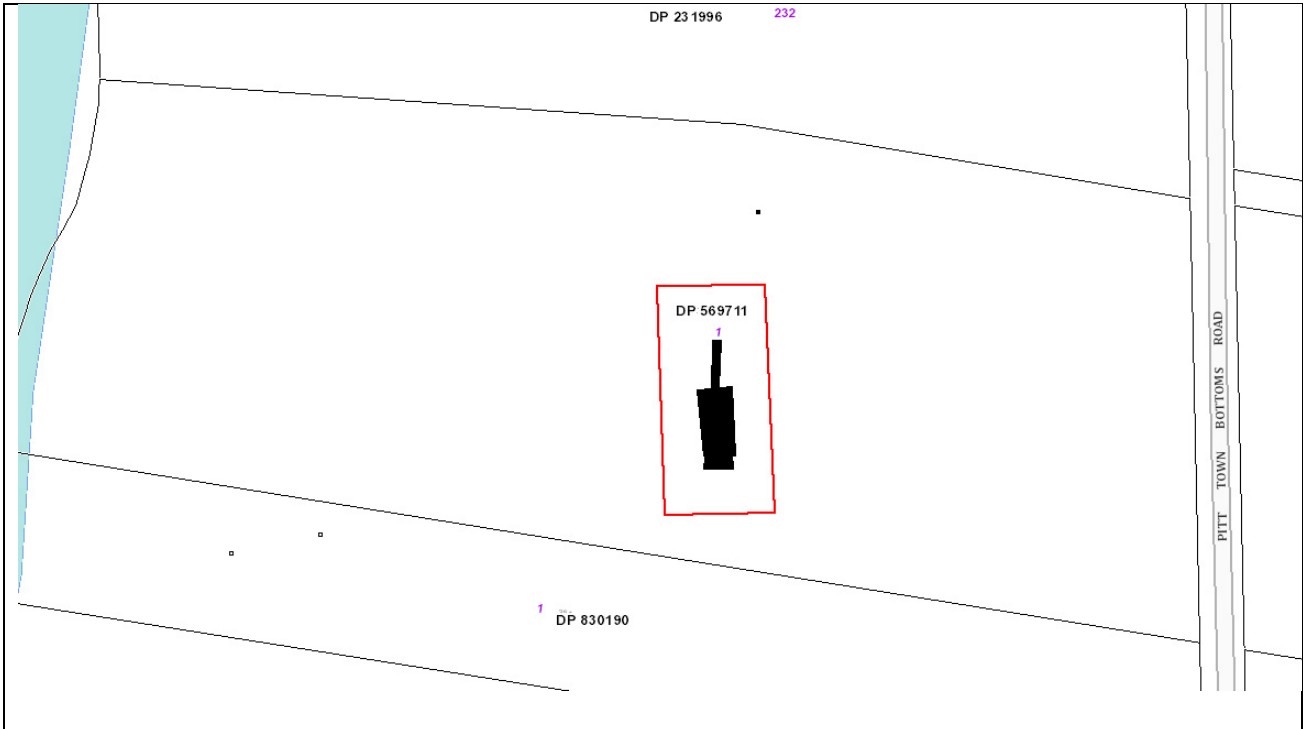
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| Street address* | 353 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms | | | | |
| Alternate street address | | | | | |
| Local government area* | Hawkesbury City Council | | | | |

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| Land parcels* | Lot | 1 | Section (if applicable) | | DP | 569711 |
| | Lot | | Section (if applicable) | | DP | |

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| Coordinates | |
| Latitude | |
| Longitude | |
| Datum | |

3. Extent of nomination

Provide a map or plan clearly indicating the extent of the curtilage (boundary) of your nomination. You may insert the map here or attach it separately.



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| Source of map or plan | SixMaps, annotated by LSJ Architects, 2024 |
| Description of the boundary, if required | Reduced curtilage encompassing the barn with a setback of approximately 15 metres to all sides of the barn. |

4. Ownership

For organisations / company, please provide both the name of the business and a contact.

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| Name of owner(s)* | Mr. Patrick Wong |
| Business / organisation name, if applicable | |
| Address | 6 Aminya Place, Baulkham Hills NSW 2153 |
| Phone | 0417 405 288 |
| Email | pepa353@gmail.com |
| Ownership explanation, if required | |

B. Significance**5. Why is it important in NSW?**

Refer to the guideline [Assessing heritage significance](#) when completing this section.

| Statement of significance* |
|---|
| <p>The barn at No. 353 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms is of historical, aesthetic, technical significance and rarity on a State level as a surviving early 19th century barn of high integrity.</p> <p>The large (8 bay) barn with ramp access to loft level is a distinctive element in the rural landscape of Pitt Town Bottoms Road and makes a strong contribution to the historical character of the locality. The ramp in particular is a distinctive feature related to its position adjacent to the Hawkesbury River, allowing easy transportation of stock, equipment and machinery into the loft in times of flood, an important advantage for properties located in the floodplains.</p> <p>The barn is of technical significance for retaining evidence of its early 19th century construction and unusual detailing including adzed posts, projecting eaves with pegged joints, longitudinal beams with trenched undersides to take post tenons and shaped ends of vertical slabs, roughly squared rafters at close centres pegged to eaves beam and loft floor joists, surviving shingle battens and tightly laid timber floor boards on round joists with top and bottom surfaces adzed flat.</p> <p>The barn at No. 353 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms is considered to be rare within the context of the Hawkesbury City local government area for its unusual detailing, large scale, and extent of surviving early 19th century fabric. Of particular note is the overhanging triangulated roof together with timber pegged joints and close spacing of posts suggesting a very early construction date (potentially in the first two decades of the 19th century).</p> |
| Comparisons* |
| <p>The barn at No. 353 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms is comparable with very few other examples of surviving timber agricultural outbuildings due to its early construction date, the extent of surviving early 19th century fabric and its unusual form and detailing. Other barns with ramp access to loft level have not been identified.</p> <p>A comparable example is the large barn at Hobartville, 36-40 Inalls Road, Richmond (SHR 00035), dating from the early 19th century but with extensive later modifications.</p> |

C. Description**6. Describe the existing item**

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| Description* | PERIOD | Early 19 th century |
| | MODIFICATION/DATES | Mid 19 th (skillion) to Mid 20 th century (roof cladding) |
| | CURRENT USE | Machinery store. |
| | LOCATION ON SITE: | The barn is orientated north-south and is located halfway between road and east bank of Hawkesbury River (approximately 140m east of river). |
| | MAIN BARN STRUCTURE | A large and impressive single-storey barn 13.7m x 6.5m on plan with a loft supported on square adzed posts with unusual projecting eaves detail and longitudinal beams with trenched undersides to take post tenons and shaped ends of vertical slabs. Condition: Moderate Date: Early 19 th century |
| | NO. OF BAYS | Eight |
| | ROOF STRUCTURE | Roughly squared rafters at close centres, pegged to eaves beam and loft floor joists. Most of the original shingle battens survive. Condition: Moderate Date: Early 19 th century |
| | LOFT | Tightly laid timber floor boards on round joists with top and bottom surfaces adzed flat. Condition: Moderate Date: Early 19 th century |
| | SKILLION 1 | Skillion to southern end built of small section round timber rafters on sawn square beam bolted to round posts. There is no sign of shingle battens. Gables are clad in weatherboard. Condition: Moderate Date: Mid- late 19 th |
| | ROOF CLADDING: | Corrugated galvanized iron. Condition: Moderate Date: Mid-20 th century? |
| | WALL CLADDING | Vertical timber slabs, weatherboards to gable ends. Condition: Moderate. Date: Early 19 th century |
| | OPENINGS | Central doorway opening to east side. Loft accessed via external ramp. |
| | FLOORING (GROUND) | Earthen |
| | FLOORING (LOFT) | Timber boarding |
| FLOORING (SKILLION) | Earthen | |
| OTHER (Fixings?) | Unusual cantilevered eaves with pegged joints. Unusual trenched longitudinal edge beam to suit mortises on top of posts and to accept shaped ends of vertical timber slabs. | |
| Condition of fabric and/or archaeological potential* | Good condition | |

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| Integrity / intactness* | High integrity |
| Modification dates | Mid 19 th century: skillion added. Mid 20 th century: roof cladding replaced. Post 2010: Raked round posts have been added outside both long sides and bolted to longitudinal beams to buttress the barn. Ramp rebuilt. |
| When was the last time you inspected the item? | May 2023 |
| Current use | Storage/machinery store |
| Original or former use/s | Barn |
| Any additional comments | <p>It is recommended that the following Site Specific Exemptions be included in the gazettal listing to allow for the continued use of the structure and to support the continuity of the historical practice of undertaking ongoing repairs and maintenance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The re-sheeting of roofs with corrugated galvanised steel (not zincalume or Colorbond), and the replacement of or introduction of guttering and down pipes, where this does not involve the removal of or damage to the timber structure (roof framing, beams, joists, posts, slabs or weatherboard cladding). • All repairs (such as re-fixing and patching) or the replacement of missing, damaged or deteriorated fabric that is beyond further maintenance, which matches the existing fabric in appearance, material and method of affixing, where this does not involve damage to or the removal of adjacent fabric in good condition. The replacement of damaged or deteriorated fabric with new fabric should not result in more than 50% of the original building being replaced. |

D. History

7. Origins and historical evolution

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| Years of construction* | Start | Early 19 th century | End | |
| Designer or architect* | Unknown | | | |
| Maker or builder* | Unknown | | | |
| Historical outline* | <p>The barn at No. 353 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms is located on part of a grant of 30 acres (Portion 24, Parish Pitt Town) made on 3 November 1794 to John Owen situate on the east side of the River Hawkesbury in the district of Mulgrave Place to be known as Owen Farm. Ex-convict John Owen had arrived in the colony as part of the First Fleet.</p> <p>By 1800, John Owen's 30 acres at Mulgrave Place, was held by James Williamson, Commissary with 20 acres cultivated. By this time, Williamson owned 359 acres of land and 419 head of stock including 320 sheep, one of the largest flocks in the settlement. It appears that No. 353 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms was one of a number of properties owned by Williamson and it is assumed the property was farmed by tenants or employees.</p> | | | |

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| | <p>James Williamson died in 1826. On 1 June 1830, his widow, Jane Williamson, of Parramatta, conveyed John Owen's 30 acre grant to Patrick Mahony, Pitt Town, farmer for £300. The deed recited that John Owen's grant, was previously owned by John Owen. It was then held by Robert Ledaway, and then by James Williamson. It had lately been occupied by Patrick Mahony as tenant, who was now purchasing the land.</p> <p>By a conveyance of 13 June 1865, Patrick Mahoney, Windsor, farmer conveyed various parcels of land to Roger Ryan, North Richmond, farmer. The land was 100 acres in several parcels being 50 acres, 37 acres 30 perches and 12 acres 3 roods 10 perches. The last parcel of 12 acres 3 roods 10 perches is the one relevant to this site, being part of a grant to John Owen, commencing at the Hawkesbury River at the south west corner of Cunningham's 30 acres bounded on the north by that grant 37 chains 50 links and then on the east by a line 3 chains 47 Links, on the south by a line to the Hawkesbury River, 38 chains, and on the west by that river.</p> <p>After the death of Roger Ryan, the property passed to Edward Ryan, Glebe, carrier. It was then known as Myall Farm, occupied by Mrs John Ryan.</p> <p>Based on the physical evidence of the construction it is assumed the barn was built by James Williamson between 1800-26 or Patrick Maloney who owned the property from 1826 to 1865.</p> |
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8. Historical themes represented

Themes indicate the broad historical context in which an item is significant. Themes help to identify related or comparative items contributing to the same theme.

Refer to the document [NSW Historical Themes](#) if completing this section.

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| Relevant National / Australian themes | <p>2 Peopling Australia</p> <p>3 Developing local, regional and national economies</p> <p>4 Building settlements, towns and cities</p> <p>9 Marking the phases of life</p> |
| Relevant NSW / State themes | <p>Convicts</p> <p>Agriculture</p> <p>Pastoralism</p> <p>Towns, suburbs and villages</p> <p>Land tenure</p> <p>Persons</p> |

E. Criteria for State heritage significance**9. Assessment under Heritage Council criteria of State significance***

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| It is important in the course or pattern of the cultural or natural history of NSW (Criterion A) |
| The large barn at No. 353 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms, is of historical significance as a surviving early 19 th century barn that remains substantially intact, and as evidence of the long-term agricultural use of the land since the late 18 th century. |
| It has a strong or special association with the life or works of a person, or group of persons of importance in the cultural or natural history of NSW (Criterion B) |
| The property is associated with ex-convict John Owen who was granted the land, known as Owens Farm, in 1794; and with James Williamson, Commissary who owned the land between 1800 and 1826 as one of a number of land holdings and with Patrick Maloney, local farmer who owned the property from 1826 to 1865. It is not known which owner or tenant of the land in the early 19 th century was responsible for the construction of the barn. |
| It is important in demonstrating aesthetic characteristics and/or a high degree of creative or technical achievement in NSW (Criterion C) |
| <p>The large (8 bay) barn with ramp access to loft level is of aesthetic significance as a distinctive element in the rural landscape of Pitt Town Bottoms Road and makes a strong contribution to the historical character of the locality.</p> <p>The ramp is a distinctive feature related to its position adjacent to the Hawkesbury River, allowing easy transportation of stock, equipment and machinery into the loft in times of flood, an important advantage for properties located in the floodplains.</p> <p>The barn is of technical significance for retaining evidence of its early 19th century construction and unusual detailing including adzed posts, projecting eaves with pegged joints, longitudinal beams with trenched undersides to take post tenons and shaped ends of vertical slabs, roughly squared rafters at close centres pegged to eaves beam and loft floor joists, surviving shingle battens and tightly laid timber floor boards on round joists with top and bottom surfaces adzed flat. Of particular note is the overhanging triangulated roof together with timber pegged joints and close spacing of posts suggesting a very early construction date (potentially in the first two decades of the 19th century).</p> |
| It has strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group in NSW for social, cultural or spiritual reasons (Criterion D) |
| The historic slab barns and outbuildings of the Hawkesbury district are appreciated by the local community and others, being symbolic of the history of the agricultural development of the region, as evidenced by the numerous exhibitions, artworks, historical tours, heritage studies and heritage listings associated with these building types. |
| It has potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of the cultural or natural history of NSW (Criterion E) |
| The large, highly intact barn of unusual detailing with surviving evidence of its early 19 th century construction has high potential to provide further information into early 19 th century farming methods and construction techniques. |
| It possesses uncommon, rare or endangered aspects of the cultural or natural history of NSW (Criterion F) |
| The barn at No. 353 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms is considered to be rare within the context of the Hawkesbury City local government area for its unusual detailing, large scale, and extent of surviving early 19 th century fabric. |

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It is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of cultural or natural places/ environments in NSW (Criterion G)

The barn is representative of the long history of agricultural development within the floodplains of the Hawkesbury River and South Creek, which commenced in the late 18th century and continues today. Its overall form with gabled roof, skillion, loft and timber slab wall cladding is representative of the typical form of barn found throughout the district, although it is a large and unusual example.

F. Heritage listings

10. Existing heritage listings

If completing this section, mark against each listing whether the item is listed or not. You may want to contact the relevant local council or organisation to check the item’s listing status.

| Listed | Not Listed | Listing |
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| | X | Commonwealth Heritage List |
| | X | National Heritage List |
| | X | Register of the National Estate |
| | X | Declared Aboriginal place |
| X | | Local environmental plan (LEP) – heritage item (or draft item) |
| | X | LEP – heritage conservation area (or draft area) |
| | X | NSW government agency Heritage and Conservation Register |
| | X | National Trust register |
| | X | Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System |
| | X | National shipwreck database |
| | X | Engineers Australia list |

G. Photograph

11. Principal or main photograph*

You may be contacted to provide the copyright holder details for this photograph and any additional images provided.



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| Caption* | The barn at No. 353 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms |
| Date of photograph* | May 2023 |
| Name of photographer* | Kate Denny |
| Copyright holder, if known | Lucas Stapleton Johnson & Partners |

H. Author details**12. Primary author of this form***


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| Name | Kate Denny |
| Position and organisation, if applicable | Director, Lucas Stapleton Johnson & Partners Pty Ltd |
| Contact phone number | 9357 4811 |
| Email address | kdenny@lsjarchitects.com |
| Date form completed | 11 th March 2024 |

13. References used to complete this form*

| Author | Title | Date Published |
|---|--|----------------|
| Lucas Stapleton Johnson & Partners, Graham Edds & Associates, Dr. Terry Kass in association | Timber Slab Barns Update Study for Hawkesbury City Council, 2024 | unpublished |
| Barkley-Jack, J. | <i>Hawkesbury Settlement Revealed: A New Look at Australia's third mainland settlement 1793-1802</i> | 2009 |
| Baxter, C. J. | <i>Musters and Lists New South Wales: and Norfolk Island 1800-1802</i> , ABGR, Sydney | 1988 |
| Baxter, C. J. | <i>C J Baxter, Musters of New South Wales and Norfolk Island 1805-1806</i> , ABGR, Sydney | 1989 |
| Fletcher, B.H. | 'J Williamson (1758-1826)', <i>Australian Dictionary of Biography</i> , Volume 2 | 1967 |
| | Grants Vol 1 No 107 Old System Deeds, No 446 Bk C; No 798 Bk 98; No 756 Bk 959 | |


14. Signature of author*

To confirm you have approved the final content of the form, giving permission for the information to be used by Heritage NSW and the Heritage Council of NSW.

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| Name | Kate Denny | Date | 11 th March 2024 |
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15. Signature of image copyright holder*

To confirm you have approved the final content of the form, giving permission for the images provided to be used by Heritage NSW and the Heritage Council of NSW.

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| Name | Kate Denny | Date | 11 th March 2024 |
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I. Nominator details**16. Nominator to be contacted by Heritage NSW***


You do not need to complete these details again if you are also the author of the form.

| | |
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| Name | |
| Position and organisation, if applicable | |
| Contact phone number | |
| Email address | |
| Date form completed | |

17. Reasons for nomination*

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| Background or reasons for nomination |
| <p>This barn has been identified as being of potential State level significance in two previous studies: <i>Hawkesbury City Council Slab Barns Study</i> (Graham Edds & Associates, 2010) and <i>Hawkesbury City Council Slab Barns Update Study</i> (Lucas Stapleton Johnson & Partners, Graham Edds & Associates and Dr. Terry Kass, 2024).</p> <p>The early date of construction, the extent of surviving early 19th century fabric, the construction methods and the associations with an ex-convict who received a grant of land in 1794 and with former Commissary James Williamson, make this barn worthy of listing on the State Heritage Register.</p> |

18. Signature of nominator*

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| Name | Kate Denny  | Date | 11 th March 2024 |
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J. Additional photographs and images



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| Caption* | East elevation of barn at No. 353 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms |
| Date of photograph* | May 2023 |
| Name of photographer* | Sean Johnson |
| Copyright holder, if known | Lucas Stapleton Johnson & Partners Pty Ltd |

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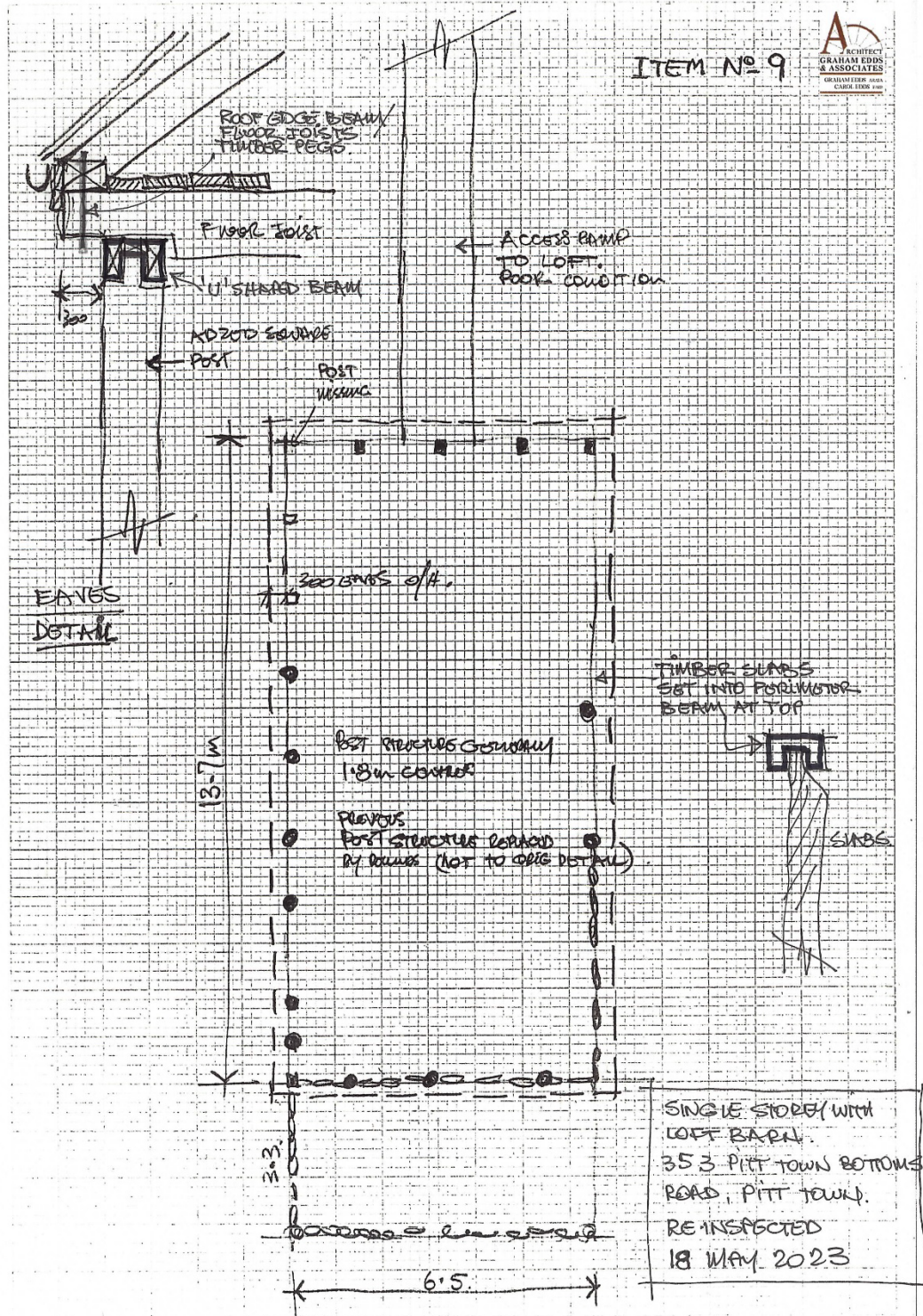
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| Caption* | North elevation of barn and entry ramp to loft level at No. 353 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms |
| Date of photograph* | May 2023 |
| Name of photographer* | Sean Johnson |
| Copyright holder, if known | Lucas Stapleton Johnson & Partners Pty Ltd |



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| Caption* | West elevation of barn at No. 353 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms |
| Date of photograph* | May 2023 |
| Name of photographer* | Sean Johnson |
| Copyright holder, if known | Lucas Stapleton Johnson & Partners Pty Ltd |



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| Caption* | Internal view of loft in barn at No. 353 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms |
| Date of photograph* | May 2023 |
| Name of photographer* | Sean Johnson |
| Copyright holder, if known | Lucas Stapleton Johnson & Partners Pty Ltd |



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| Caption* | Sketch plan of barn at No. 353 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms |
| Date of photograph* | May 2023 |
| Name of photographer* | Graham Edds |
| Copyright holder, if known | Graham Edds & Associates |

Submit the form

Thank you for your interest in the protection, conservation and celebration of heritage in NSW.

Before submitting the form, make sure you have completed all mandatory details.

Email the completed form with any other supporting documentation to:

heritagemailbox@environment.nsw.gov.au

If you are unable to submit via email, you may post your completed form to:

Heritage NSW
Department of Planning and Environment
Locked Bag 5020
PARRAMATTA NSW 2124

[Please refer to our website for information on what happens to your nomination after submission.](#)



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The State Heritage Register provides legal protection under the *Heritage Act 1977* for the conservation and management of State significant heritage places and objects (collectively referred to as 'items').

Read the [nomination guidelines](#) carefully before completing this form.

This form should only be completed if you think that an item is significant for all of NSW. Do not complete this form for items of heritage significance to a local area and community.

Complete all mandatory fields on the form, as indicated with an asterisk (*). Incomplete forms or forms with insufficient information may not be accepted. Submitting a nomination form does not signify that a nomination is accepted and under assessment.

A. Nominated item

1. Name

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| Name* | Two Storey Slab Barn with Side and End Skillions |
| Other or former names | |

2. Location

Provide at least one of these three types of location details (it is not necessary to provide all three types):

- Street address
- Land parcels
- Coordinates

If the item does not have a street number, provide land parcel information as well.

If the item has no land parcels, provide coordinates and a map.

For moveable objects enter the principal address where held.

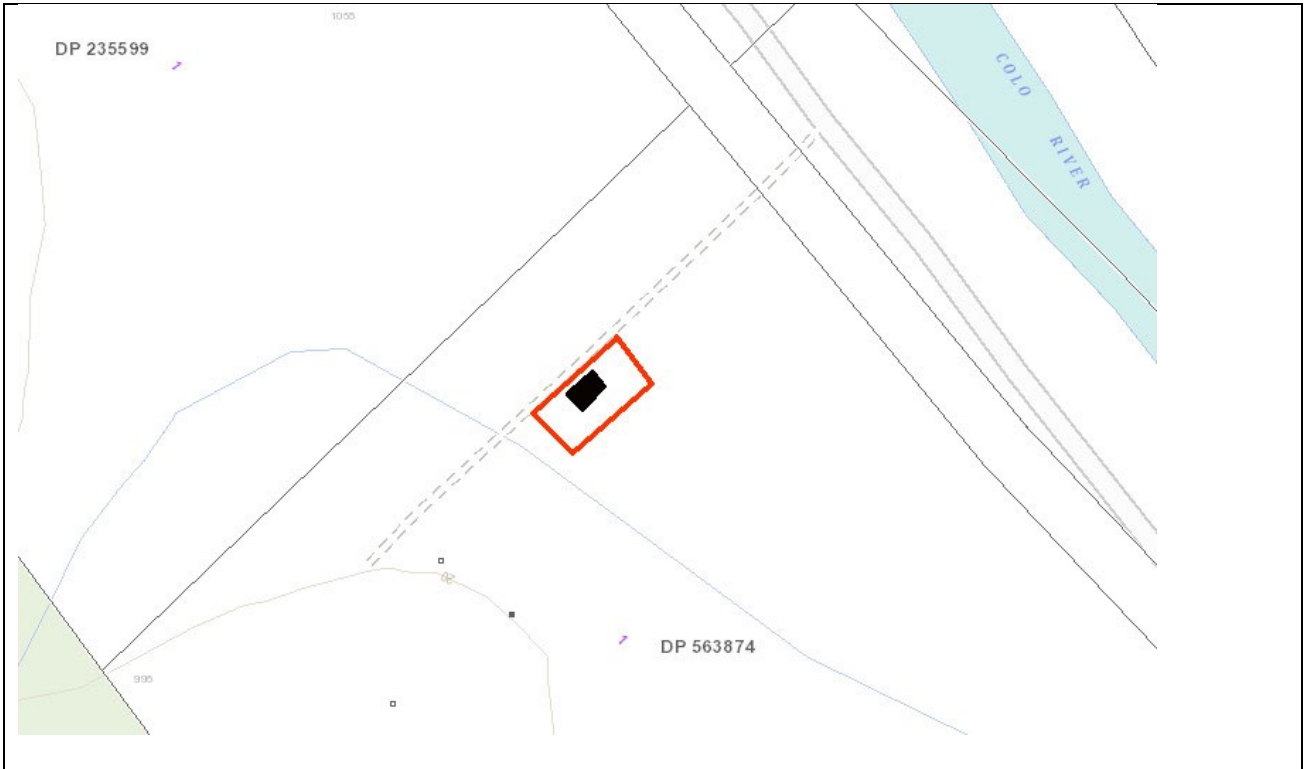
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| Street address* | 995 Upper Colo Road, Upper Colo | | | | |
| Alternate street address | | | | | |
| Local government area* | Hawkesbury City Council | | | | |

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| Land parcels* | Lot | 1 | Section (if applicable) | | DP | 563874 |
| | Lot | | Section (if applicable) | | DP | |

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| Coordinates | |
| Latitude | |
| Longitude | |
| Datum | |

3. Extent of nomination

Provide a map or plan clearly indicating the extent of the curtilage (boundary) of your nomination. You may insert the map here or attach it separately.



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| Source of map or plan | SixMaps, annotated by LSJ Architects, 2024 |
| Description of the boundary, if required | Reduced curtilage encompassing the barn with adjacent remains of stock yards with a setback of approximately 15 metres to its northeast, southeast and southwest sides and running along the fence line immediately to the northwest. |

4. Ownership

For organisations / company, please provide both the name of the business and a contact.

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| Name of owner(s)* | Mrs. Norma Bruce (contact Mr. Phil Bruce) |
| Business / organisation name, if applicable | |
| Address | 995 Upper Colo Road, Upper Colo NSW 2756 |
| Phone | 4565 9223 / 0416 090 790 |
| Email | |
| Ownership explanation, if required | |

B. Significance**5. Why is it important in NSW?**

Refer to the guideline [Assessing heritage significance](#) when completing this section.

| Statement of significance* |
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| <p>The barn at No. 995 Upper Colo Road, Upper Colo is of historical significance as a late 19th century timber framed agricultural building that survives on its original land grant made in 1866, that is associated with John Thomas Gosper Jnr. and his descendants. Gosper was a notable person in the Hawkesbury region, being an Alderman on Windsor Municipal Council and committee member of the Hawkesbury District Agricultural Society.</p> <p>Clearly visible from Upper Colo Road, the tall two storey barn is a visual landmark in the area and has aesthetic significance for contributing to the historical character of the Upper Colo district.</p> <p>Although in poor condition (structurally failing), it is relatively intact and of technical significance for retaining evidence of its late 19th century construction including first floor, skillions and roof constructed of bush poles with slab and plank cladding and internal slab partitions presumably for stables, slender bush pole rafters with collar ties and sawn boards used as battens for iron.</p> |

| Comparisons* |
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| <p>The lack of individual listings for slab barns and outbuildings as State heritage items and lack of detailed descriptions and dating of those that are listed on the SHR makes identifying comparable examples difficult.</p> <p>The large 'old barn' at Hobartville, Richmond (SHR 00035) was constructed in the late 19th/early 20th century and is somewhat comparable, although larger (8 bays) and does not appear to have been clad in slabs.</p> |

C. Description**6. Describe the existing item**

| Description* | PERIOD | Late 19 th century |
|--------------|---------------------|--|
| | CURRENT USE | Disused |
| | FORMER USE | Barn |
| | LOCATION ON SITE: | Alongside the entrance driveway 110m from the road. |
| | MAIN BARN STRUCTURE | <p>A tall two-storey barn measuring approximately 7 x 4m on plan and 5m high to the eaves. It has skillions on the south-eastern side and south-western end, hipped at the corner. In addition to the usual round pole supports around the perimeter, it has central posts supporting the ridge board at each end and in mid-span. The first floor, skillions and roof are constructed of bush poles. Internally there are slab partitions presumably for stables.</p> <p>Condition: Poor – structure has a pronounced lean to the south-east due to recent flood.</p> <p>Date: late 19th century</p> |
| | NO. OF BAYS | Four |
| | ROOF STRUCTURE | <p>Slender bush pole rafters with collar ties and sawn boards used as battens for iron. Roof pitch approximately 30°.</p> <p>There are round pole cross beams at each end and at mid-span.</p> |

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| | | Condition: Moderate Date: late 19 th century |
| | LOFT | Walls are clad with remains of horizontal plank boarding, now covered over with corrugated iron. Condition: Poor Date: late 19 th century |
| | SKILLIONS | Light weight bush pole structures clad with vertical timber slabs. Side skillion has cattle race built through it. Condition: Poor Date: late 19 th century |
| | ROOF CLADDING: | Corrugated iron Condition: Moderate Date: Mid-20 th century? |
| | WALL CLADDING | Vertical timber slabs up to loft level, corrugated iron above. Condition: Moderate to poor Date: Mid-20 th century? |
| | OPENINGS | Remains of doors to stables on driveway side of main barn. |
| | FLOORING (GROUND) | Earthen |
| | FLOORING (LOFT) | Timber boarding |
| | FLOORING (SKILLION) | Earthen |
| | OTHER (Fixings?) | Bolted connections |
| | CHANGES FROM 2010? | Flood damage causing structure to lean. |
| Condition of fabric and/or archaeological potential* | Moderate to poor condition | |
| Integrity / intactness* | Moderate integrity | |
| Modification dates | Unknown | |
| When was the last time you inspected the item? | June 2023 | |
| Current use | Vacant | |
| Original or former use/s | Stables and hay barn | |
| Any additional comments | <p>It is recommended that the following Site Specific Exemptions be included in the gazettal listing to allow for the continued use of the structure and to support the continuity of the historical practice of undertaking ongoing repairs and maintenance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The re-sheeting of roofs with corrugated galvanised steel (not zincalume or Colorbond), and the replacement of or introduction of guttering and down pipes, where this does not involve the removal of or damage to the timber structure (roof framing, beams, joists, posts, slabs or weatherboard cladding). • All repairs (such as re-fixing and patching) or the replacement of missing, damaged or deteriorated fabric that is beyond further maintenance, which matches the existing fabric in appearance, material and method of affixing, where | |

this does not involve damage to or the removal of adjacent fabric in good condition. The replacement of damaged or deteriorated fabric with new fabric should not result in more than 50% of the original building being replaced.

D. History

7. Origins and historical evolution

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|------------------------|---|-------------------------------|-----|--|
| Years of construction* | Start | Late 19 th century | End | |
| Designer or architect* | Unknown | | | |
| Maker or builder* | John Thomas Gosper (assumed) | | | |
| Historical outline* | <p>The barn at No. 995 Upper Colo Road, Upper Colo is located on part of a 40 acre conditional purchase on the Colo River selected by John Thomas Gosper of Colo River under the 13th section of the <i>Crown Lands Alienation Act</i> of 1861 on 11 February 1862. It was granted to him on 10 February 1866 and he held the land until his death.</p> <p>John Thomas Gosper Jnr (1832–1910) was the son of John Thomas Gosper (after whom Gosper’s Lagoon is named), an early settler in the Upper Colo region. Gosper Jnr. was an Alderman of Windsor Municipal Council, committee member of the Hawkesbury District Agricultural society and director and part owner of the Hawkesbury Steam Navigation Company. He was also a well-known breeder of draught stock. Gosper held numerous parcels of land throughout the Hawkesbury and it is assumed this property was tenanted.</p> <p>This parcel of land was probably occupied by a member of his family or by tenants.</p> <p>On 13 April 1910, the property passed by transmission to John Thomas Gosper’s son Alfred Gosper of Seven Hills, railway guard and John Jackson Paine of Windsor solicitor. They transferred it on 18 October 1910 to Wilfred Arthur Gosper of Upper Colo, farmer, nephew of Alfred Gosper. The land was next transferred on 24 February 1919 to David George Simmons of Upper Colo, farmer.</p> | | | |

8. Historical themes represented

Themes indicate the broad historical context in which an item is significant. Themes help to identify related or comparative items contributing to the same theme.

Refer to the document [NSW Historical Themes](#) if completing this section.

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| Relevant National / Australian themes | 2 Peopling Australia 3 Developing local, regional and national economies 4 Building settlements, towns and cities 9 Marking the phases of life |
| Relevant NSW / State themes | Convicts Agriculture Pastoralism Towns, suburbs and villages Land tenure Persons |

E. Criteria for State heritage significance

9. Assessment under Heritage Council criteria of State significance*

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| It is important in the course or pattern of the cultural or natural history of NSW (Criterion A) |
| The barn at No. 995 Upper Colo Road, Upper Colo is of historical significance as a late 19 th century timber framed agricultural building that survives relatively intact, on its original land grant made in 1866. |
| It has a strong or special association with the life or works of a person, or group of persons of importance in the cultural or natural history of NSW (Criterion B) |
| Located on land originally granted to John Thomas Gosper Jnr. and held by the Gosper family from the mid 19 th century through to the early 20 th century. John Thomas Gosper Jnr. was a notable person in the Hawkesbury region, a successful farmer and horse breeder, large land holder, an Alderman on Windsor Municipal Council and committee member of the Hawkesbury Agricultural Society. |
| It is important in demonstrating aesthetic characteristics and/or a high degree of creative or technical achievement in NSW (Criterion C) |
| Clearly visible from Upper Colo Road, the tall two storey barn is a visual landmark in the area and of aesthetic significance for contributing to the historical character of the Upper Colo district. The barn is of some technical significance for retaining evidence of its late 19 th century construction including first floor, skillions and roof constructed of bush poles with slab and plank cladding and internal slab partitions presumably for stables, slender bush pole rafters with collar ties and sawn boards used as battens for iron. |
| It has strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group in NSW for social, cultural or spiritual reasons (Criterion D) |
| The historic barns and outbuildings of the Hawkesbury district are appreciated by the local community and others, being symbolic of the history of the agricultural development of the region, as evidenced by the numerous exhibitions, artworks, historical tours, heritage studies and heritage listings associated with these building types. |
| It has potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of the cultural or natural history of NSW (Criterion E) |
| Being constructed in the late 19 th century, the barn has some potential to provide further information into farming practices and construction methods of this period. Being of two storey construction makes this barn unusual. |
| It possesses uncommon, rare or endangered aspects of the cultural or natural history of NSW (Criterion F) |
| The barn at No. 995 Upper Colo Road, Upper Colo, being a two storey barn, is considered to be rare within the context of the Hawkesbury City local government area. |
| It is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of cultural or natural places/ environments in NSW (Criterion G) |
| The barn at No. 995 Upper Colo Road, Upper Colo is representative of the long history of agricultural development within the floodplains of the Colo River, which commenced in the early 19 th century and continues today. The building is a notable, yet representative example of typical timber framed agricultural outbuildings found throughout the Hawkesbury City local government area. |

F. Heritage listings

10. Existing heritage listings

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If completing this section, mark against each listing whether the item is listed or not. You may want to contact the relevant local council or organisation to check the item's listing status.

| Listed | Not Listed | Listing |
|--------|------------|--|
| | X | Commonwealth Heritage List |
| | X | National Heritage List |
| | X | Register of the National Estate |
| | X | Declared Aboriginal place |
| | X | Local environmental plan (LEP) – heritage item (or draft item) |
| | X | LEP – heritage conservation area (or draft area) |
| | X | NSW government agency Heritage and Conservation Register |
| | X | National Trust register |
| | X | Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System |
| | X | National shipwreck database |
| | X | Engineers Australia list |

G. Photograph

11. Principal or main photograph*

You may be contacted to provide the copyright holder details for this photograph and any additional images provided.



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| Caption* | The two storey barn with skillions at No. 995 Upper Colo Road, Upper Colo |
| Date of photograph* | June 2023 |
| Name of photographer* | Kate Denny |
| Copyright holder, if known | Lucas Stapleton Johnson & Partners |

H. Author details

12. Primary author of this form*


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| Name | Kate Denny |
| Position and organisation, if applicable | Director, Lucas Stapleton Johnson & Partners Pty Ltd |
| Contact phone number | 9357 4811 |
| Email address | kdenny@lsjarchitects.com |
| Date form completed | 13 th March 2024 |

13. References used to complete this form*

| Author | Title | Date Published |
|---|--|-------------------|
| Lucas Stapleton Johnson & Partners, Graham Edds & Associates, Dr. Terry Kass in association | <i>Timber Slab Barns Update Study for Hawkesbury City Council</i> | 2024, unpublished |
| | "Obituary", Windsor and Richmond Gazette, Saturday 22 nd January 1910, p. 4 | |
| | Biography - John Thomas Gosper - People Australia (anu.edu.au) | |
| | Certificate of title Vol 28 folio 21 | |

14. Signature of author*

To confirm you have approved the final content of the form, giving permission for the information to be used by Heritage NSW and the Heritage Council of NSW.

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| Name | Kate Denny  | Date | 13 th March 2024 |
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| Name | Kate Denny | Date | 13 th March 2024 |
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I. Nominator details

16. Nominator to be contacted by Heritage NSW*


You do not need to complete these details again if you are also the author of the form.

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| Name | |
| Position and organisation, if applicable | |
| Contact phone number | |
| Email address | |
| Date form completed | |

17. Reasons for nomination*

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| Background or reasons for nomination |
| <p>This barn has been identified as being of potential State level significance in two previous studies: <i>Hawkesbury City Council Slab Barns Study</i> (Graham Edds & Associates, 2010) and <i>Hawkesbury City Council Slab Barns Update Study</i> (Lucas Stapleton Johnson & Partners, Graham Edds & Associates and Dr. Terry Kass, 2024).</p> <p>The extent of surviving 19th century fabric, the construction methods, the rare two storey form, and the associations with John Thomas Gosper, a notable land owner and member of Gosper family, early settlers in the Colo area, make this barn worthy of listing on the State Heritage Register.</p> |

18. Signature of nominator*

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| Name | Kate Denny | Date | 13 th March 2024 |
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J. Additional photographs and images

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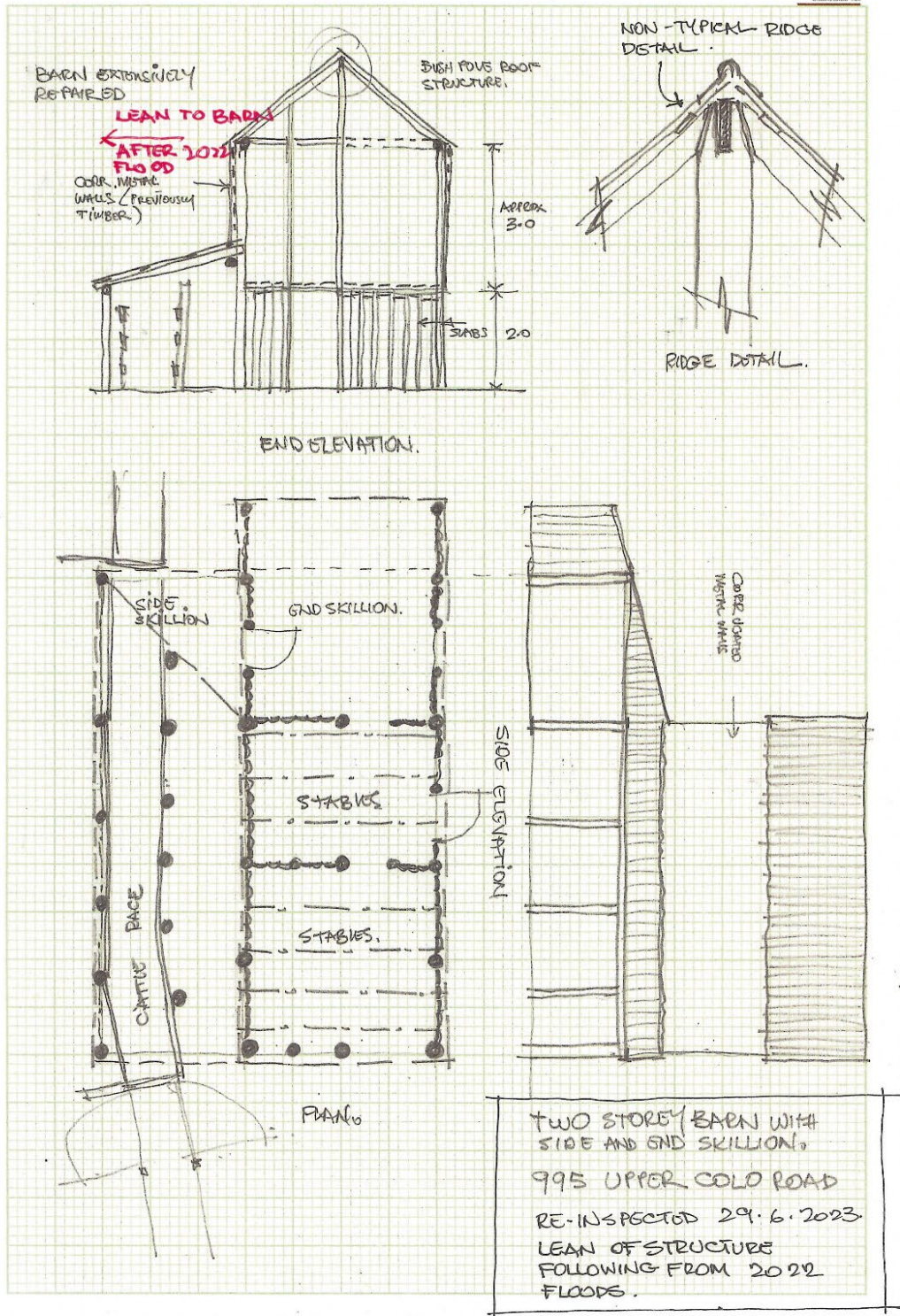
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| Caption* | North and west elevations of barn at No. 995 Upper Colo Road, Upper Colo |
| Date of photograph* | June 2023 |
| Name of photographer* | Sean Johnson |
| Copyright holder, if known | Lucas Stapleton Johnson & Partners Pty Ltd |



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| Caption* | East elevation of barn at No. 995 Upper Colo Road, Upper Colo |
| Date of photograph* | June 2023 |
| Name of photographer* | Sean Johnson |
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| Name of photographer* | Sean Johnson |
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|----------------------------|---|
| Caption* | Sketch floor plan, section, elevation and detail of barn at No. 995 Upper Colo Road, Upper Colo |
| Date of photograph* | 2010 updated June 2023 |
| Name of photographer* | Graham Edds |
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