

A Community Based Heritage Study

Preliminary Evidence Sheets for **Penrose & Wingello**

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Part A: Recommended Heritage Places



Paddy's River Ford Site No. 2

Penrose State Forest, Penrose

Recommendation

Include as a new heritage item (once properly located) in Schedule 5 (Part 1 Heritage items) of the Wingecarribee Local Environmental Plan 2010.

Description

Exact location unknown. To be determined.

Text below added by Philip Morton, taken from BDHS newsletter, October 2021 and he has supplied an early map showing the road and river.

Old Argyle Road

On 28 July 2021 a proposal to close part of the public road reserve being Old Argyle Road, Penrose was notified by Wingecarribee Shire Council. Interest was stimulated locally, with several community groups making submissions supporting the natural habitat, recreational and heritage values of the road section.

Some history follows here. In the 'Great South Road' a compilation of historical records researched and compiled by Bob Raymount, he notes that in 1819/20 the South Road was built from Picton to Cookbundoon Range with Joseph Wild as overseer and Dr Charles Throsby in charge.

Its earliest survey was begun at Camden by William Harper in 1821, and in 1824 he surveyed a minor branch road towards the Shoalhaven to give access to grants in the vicinity of what is now Bungonia. This survey began two miles from Sutton Forest at a turn-off from Wild's South Road and headed southward along the traverse marked by James Meehan during the 1818 exploratory trip he led that included Dr Throsby and Hamilton Hume.

In 1829 a new line of road to the south was in course of construction by Major Lockyer, who was in charge of the road-making department. Major Mitchell reported that when he took charge of his department this line had been marked to Barber's station (67 miles south of Menangle near Marulan), and he understood that it was to have been continued to St Vincent's County by Dr Reid's property (at Inverary – now Bungonia).

In June 1829, when this report was written, the road had been opened, cleared and burnt off and a good bridge had been constructed over the Uringalla River (Paddy's River). At this stage there was no intention of carrying the road to Goulburn Plains. Mitchell pointed out the desirability of the road continuing to the Plains. He also expressed a wish to have the line inspected, with the view to alterations whereby the road would avoid the Mittagong Range.

The road under construction by Lockyer commenced at a point on the old Argyle, or South Road, near Sutton Forest, and ran south across Paddy's River thence towards Inverary (or Bungonia), rather to the east of the track surveyed by Harper some years earlier.

Major Lockyer asked for instructions as to whether he was to continue the road by Dr Reid's as intended originally, or to carry it on to Goulburn as proposed. Lockyer was instructed to continue the part of the road authorized, and Mitchell was asked to report on the other portion.

As Surveyor-General Major Mitchell's Great South Rd (the Hume Highway from 1928) was not completed to Goulburn until around 1839 and only then in parts, the Sutton Forest/Bungonia track continued to serve for several decades as the main route linking the Barbers Creek/Bungonia area with Sydney.

Most of the track, now known as Old Argyle Road, is listed in the inventory of Heritage NSW as follows:

Significance

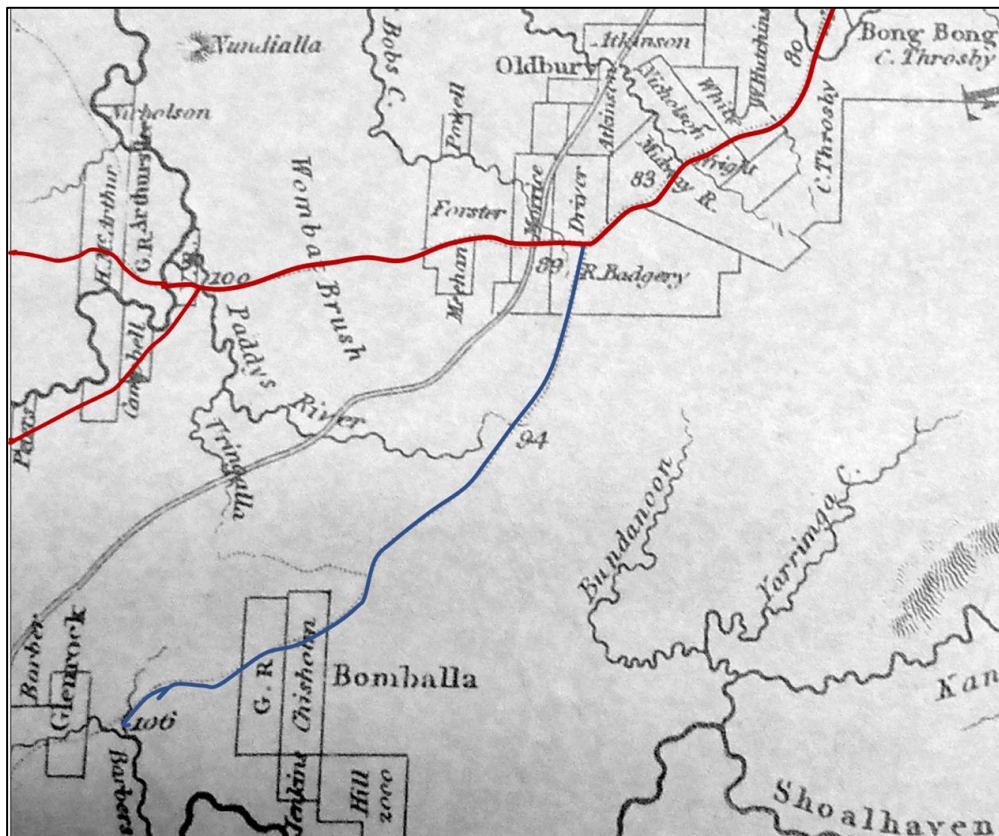
Route south from Sydney to Bungonia thence to either Goulburn or Braidwood; alternative to Wild's line of 1820.

Physical description

Varies between sealed road, gravel road, forest access track, space in trees. South from Wild's line to Ferndale then southwest around Jumping Rock to Penrose, a fire trail and still trafficable. Bifurcated at Wingello, south line accessed Bumbala rejoined north line near Tallong thence to Marulan/Bungonia via Glenrock.

Today, in from the T-junction (see photo opposite) at the top of Ferndale Rd out of Bundanoon, Old Argyle Road is a barely trafficable fire trail that forks in two, rejoins and then passes through rough country to cross Paddy's River and then join up with the Penrose State Forest road to Penrose. Beyond that, the old track is an alternate way to Wingello and Tallong.

Closure to vehicles of the Ferndale Rd to Penrose section of Old Argyle Rd will allow Council to apply for NSW Rural Fire Service funding to upgrade and maintain to standard the fire trail currently located within the reserve and accessed along the left fork. The reserve would remain accessible to pedestrians for bushwalking, bicycle riding and horse riding.



Above: Extract of 1837 NSW Map shows part of Throsby/Wild's South Rd of 1820 (top) and track to Bungonia (lower). The grey line through the middle is the Great South Rd.



In from Ferndale Rd, Old Argyle Road forks. Google map.

Some undocumented heritage is associated with the short right fork in from Ferndale Road, it being the original track and where may be seen drains on the high side, probably cut in the 1830s by convicts with picks, in rock to a width of 300mm with sloping sides and variable depth. These measures must have been inadequate to stop flooding as, at some later stage, a bypass (the left fork) was built around higher ground, meeting the original track at the base of the rise.



Above: Photos show an original section of Old Argyle Rd and two views of the stone drains (perhaps convict built), taken by P Morton in 2012

This Argyle Road track would once have been in constant use by settlers and travellers.

To illustrate the life of one such family at Bungonia, an historical article about Dr David Reid follows here. It was written by Stuart H Hume, a descendant of explorer Hamilton Hume, and appeared in Southern Portland Cement's February 1966 newsletter. SPC's editor then was Barney Creswick, described by Stuart in the article as a "good friend and chronicler". No doubt the staff and workers at SPC's New Berrima cement works and associated sites enjoyed reading the article by Hume, and hopefully readers today will also find it interesting and historically enlightening.

DAVID REID, SURGEON by Stuart Hume

In the Anglican Cemetery at Marulan is the grave of David Reid, a surgeon in the Royal Navy. He died at his home, Inverary Park, Bungonia, on 7 July, 1840. Reid did a great deal to clean up conditions on the convict ships and came to Australia on the Baring in 1819. As a reward for his services, he was

promised and eventually granted 1000 acres at Bungonia in 1822. This was later increased to 2000 acres.

Reid's wife and three children joined him, coming by the Providence in 1823. Other children were born in Australia. The Surgeon was comfortably established in a slab hut when Hume and Hovell came through on their way to Port Philip in 1824. A genial, generous individual, Reid welcomed them and gave Hamilton Hume 'some medicines', particularly (and in all good faith), a remedy for the bite of poisonous snakes. Fortunately, the travellers never had to try it out on a tiger snake bite!!

Reference to Reid's progress as a settler appears on and off in the early papers. In 1832: "Dr Reid is one of the best agriculturists in the Colony and his breed of cattle are second only to those of Dr Throsby." Again in 1835: "Dr Reid of Argyle has succeeded in getting a succession of peach trees, whereby he is enabled to have that fruit in perfection for 3 months together."

His eldest son, David II, had a good story or two to tell of his father. The old surgeon's only obsession were the parrots, which also discovered his orchard. Whenever Reid heard them snickering in his trees he'd boil over, rush around, grab his gun and blaze away till they cleared out. They always came back.

David Reid II, in an excellent set of reminiscences that I've lent to my good friend and chronicler, Barney Creswick, gives a clear picture of life at Inverary and some valuable historical data on the convict days. There were at times up to 40 convict-assigned servants at Inverary and Reid senior had no trouble with them. He augmented the meagre Government rations with an additional ½ lb. tea, 3 lbs. sugar and a "fig" of tobacco (Barretts Twist) a week.

They had one light suit of duck (frock and trousers) for the summer, and one warm (made of Parramatta cloth) for the winter, plus two pairs of boots a year. The Parramatta cloth was made at the "Female Factory" at Parramatta by women convicts. Here a convict or ticket-of-leaver could obtain a wife from a line-up (if the girl was willing and the groom could support her and his credentials were good enough).

One such "Jimmy the Bear", the servant of George Barber of Glenrock, arrived at the female factory with a damper under his arm and selected an agreeable lass. They were married forthwith and he marched out with his wife on one arm and the damper under the other (to show he was capable of supporting her). Yes, they lived happily ever after.

In 1837 from freestone quarried on the property, David Reid built Inverary, which has been a Broadhead home for over a century (pictured above in 1958). The [then] present owners, Mr and Mrs David Broadhead, keep it in a wonderful state of preservation and historically minded visitors get a genuine welcome.

Unfortunately, there are no known portraits of Surgeon Reid, though one is in existence of Agnes his wife - it's held by a relative in Melbourne. If the old couple were pioneers of the Bungonia district, three at least of his children were outstanding even to a greater degree. These were David Reid II, Joanna, Mrs A B Balcombe, and another sister who became the wife of Sir Thomas Murphy, formerly Chief of the Bench of Magistrates in Argyle and later a prominent figure in Victorian politics. A descendant of Mrs A B Balcombe is Dame Mabel Brookes, wife of that great tennis player, Sir Norman Brookes.

David Reid II married Mary Barber of Glenrock, Marulan, she being a niece of Hamilton Hume. Theirs is a staggering story of pioneering in N.E. Victoria in the Gold Rush Days, of encounters with marauding blacks, and the establishment of the first flour mill across the Murray. Mary's portrait, literally of a beautiful girl in a beautiful dress in a huge gold frame, hangs in a descendant's room in Albury.

‘Wingello Place’—house 9-13 Bumballa Road, Wingello

Recommendation

Include as a new heritage item in Schedule 5 (Part 1 Heritage items) of the Wingecarribee Local Environmental Plan 2010.

Heritage Survey 2009 Recommendation

List as a heritage item with the following statement of significance:

The house has significance as an early Victorian residence / cottage.

Description

September 2020: A one storey freestanding undated house but probably early 20th Century period set on a large 35,985 m2 corner site in a village setting that has retained its context. The building is setback from the street and has a timber picket fence on both streets and a side driveway accessing a rear garage.

The front garden is large and informally landscaped and provides a good setting for the house.. The façade presents a complex elevation and is constructed of weatherboard. The roof is gabled, has a medium pitch, closed eaves and is clad in colorbond corrugated sheet. The verandah runs across the façade and returns the corner and has a bullnose profile and is clad in corrugated sheet metal. It has timber brackets and posts. The façade is partially obscured by high vegetation. Fenestration comprises 2- pane double hung timber windows.

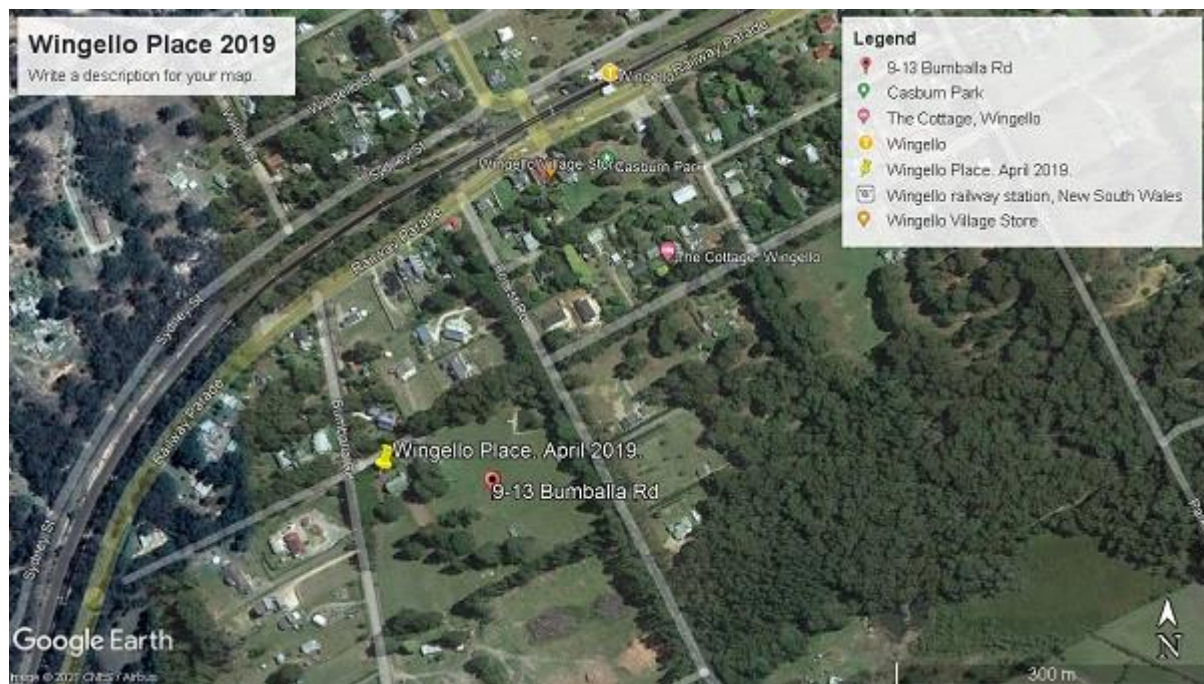
Heritage Survey 2009 Description

The building appears to be in good condition. The original dwelling was probably a small working cottage, facing Bumbala Street. It was later extended to the rear, with a gabled addition. It is now a large weatherboard building with fabric and styles from several periods. Notwithstanding this, the building has an overall unity. Alterations include sympathetic additions. Built over different periods with a mix of details. Would need historic photos to understand the building’s evolution.



Internet Review (2020)

No images on this site except Google Earth below.



Heritage Significance Assessment

The proposed item has been assessed against the seven NSW Heritage Assessment Criteria. To be considered for local heritage listing, an item must meet one or more criteria on a local level. To understand more about the NSW Heritage Assessment Criteria, refer to the Heritage NSW publication *Assessing Heritage Significance* available online at <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/research-and-publications/publications-search/assessing-heritage-significance>.

NSW heritage assessment criteria	Assessment of site (no content = site has not been assessed against that criterion)
(a) HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance to the history of the local area because it illustrates the early development of the village of Wingello.</i>
(b) ASSOCIATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(c) AESTHETIC OR TECHNICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because of its setting and architectural form.</i>
(d) SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(e) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	
(f) RARITY	<i>Of significance because the item possesses a rare aspect of the local area's heritage in this case being one of the few early buildings still remaining in Wingello.</i>
(g) REPRESENTATIVENESS	

Integrity/Intactness

Substantially intact although some alterations have been made.

Statement of Heritage Significance

Wingello Place at 9-13 Bumbala Road, Wingello. is significant because it illustrates the early development of the village of Wingello. It is also of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because of its setting and architectural form and for possessing a rare aspect of the local area's heritage in this case being one of the few early buildings still remaining in Wingello.

Rail cottage

13-15 Sydney Street, Wingello

Recommendation

Include as a new heritage item in Schedule 5 (Part 1 Heritage items) of the Wingecarribee Local Environmental Plan 2010.

Heritage Survey 2009 Recommendation

List as a heritage item with the following statement of significance:

The building has significance for its association with the railway. The development of the railway was highly influential in the development of the villages of the Southern highlands. The house has significance as an early Victorian residence. [Date incorrect.]

Description

September 2020: A one storey freestanding house on a 1316 m2 site that dates from the late Victorian period in a Village setting that has retained its context. The building is setback 5 metres from the street. The site has weld mesh fence. The façade presents a simple symmetrical elevation and is constructed of weatherboard on stumps. The roof is double gabled with a steep pitch and has closed eaves. The roof is clad in corrugated sheet metal. The verandah runs across the facade and has a straight profile. It is clad in corrugated sheet metal and features timber posts. The façade is obscured by high vegetation in the front garden. The front door is centrally located. Fenestration comprises vertically proportioned 2-pane double hung timber windows with hoods. The building appears to be in fair condition and is highly intact. Alterations include non-original verandah infill to one side. The building is in need of maintenance, but has surprisingly good integrity. The striped verandah awning may be original and is to the period. Integrity is enhanced by its prominent location near the rail crossing.



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<https://www.realestate.com.au/sold/property-house-nsw-wingello-131250174>

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Train spotters, weekender or B&B.

13-15 Sydney Street, Wingello

An original railway cottage with all the tell tale signs of an era long passed. Double lined walls, high ceilings and wide hardwood floorboards are evident from the front entry way. The home currently offers 3 bedrooms and a potential office space located off the front verandah.

The timber kitchen has been renovated with electric cooking and dishwasher

An addition to the home of a large entertaining space with s/c fire adds to the scope of this character cottage

Fully renovated bathroom with claw foot bath, timber vanity and modern shower with the works, massage capabilities etc

There are two fire places plus a split system for those colder winter months

The timber and iron home offers a lovely front verandah to sit and watch the world go by Water is via 4 small tanks and a potable bore and there is power and telephone

A fabulous sun filled parcel of land with large external laundry and second wc, plus various outbuildings perfect for both storage or entertaining. There is a carport and the land is fully fenced.

Walk to everything with excellent access to the highway and Wingello State Forest.

Heritage Significance Assessment

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NSW heritage assessment criteria	Assessment of site (no content = site has not been assessed against that criterion)
(a) HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance to the history of the local area because it illustrates the development of the the village of Wingello in the late 19th century and its likely connection with the Great Southern Railway as a railway cottage.</i>
(b) ASSOCIATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(c) AESTHETIC OR TECHNICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance in demonstrating aesthetic value in the local area because the beauty of its setting and architectural form.</i>
(d) SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(e) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	
(f) RARITY	<i>Of significance because the item possesses a rare aspect of the local area's heritage in this case being one of the few early buildings still remaining in Wingello.</i>
(g) REPRESENTATIVENESS	<i>Of significance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of the local area's heritage in this case a small symmetrical fronted weatherboard cottage with double gable form.</i>

Integrity/Intactness

Substantially intact although some alterations have been made.

Statement of Heritage Significance

Rail Cottage at 13-15 Sydney Road, Wingello is significant because it illustrates the development of the village of Wingello in the late 19th century and its likely connection with the Great Southern Railway as a railway cottage. Of significance in demonstrating aesthetic value in the local area because of the beauty of its setting and architectural form and in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of the local area's heritage in this case a small symmetrical fronted weatherboard cottage with double gable form. It is also of significance being one of the few early buildings still remaining in Wingello.

Part B: Not Recommended Heritage Places



Victorian house

1-3 Murrimba Road, Wingello

Recommendation

Include as a new heritage item in Schedule 5 (Part 1 Heritage items) of the Wingecarribee Local Environmental Plan 2010.

Heritage Survey 2009 Recommendation

List as a heritage item with the following statement of significance:

The house has significance as an early Victorian residence.

2009 report said A one storey freestanding house that dates from the late Victorian or early Federation period set on a village allotment site that has retained its context. The building is setback 10 metres from the street. The site has a front fence of timber and mesh wire approximately 0.9 metres high and a side driveway accessing a rear parking area. The front garden is informally landscaped. The façade presents a simple symmetrical elevation and is constructed of weatherboard. The roof is hipped with a

medium pitch and is clad in galvanised, corrugated sheet metal with brick chimneys on the external wall. The verandah runs across the facade and has a bullnose profile. It is clad in galvanised corrugated sheet metal and is unadorned. The front door is offset.

Fenestration comprises vertically proportioned 2-pane double hung timber windows. The building appears to be in good condition and is substantially intact. Alterations include enclosure to verandah ends.

September 2020 Inspection: Building in a poor state of repair and it has lost the bullnose verandah it had when the 2009 study was undertaken. Has been compromised by changes over the years both to it and its setting. Does not appear to be significant.



Internet Review (2020) **One undated Google image at this site which shows the bullnose verandah still intact.**

<https://www.realestate.com.au/property/11-murrimba-rd-wingello-nsw-2579>



Above: 1 Murrimba Road in 2009 (Source: Wingecarribee Heritage Survey 2009)

Victorian era cook ovens (demolished)

77 Railway Parade, Wingello

Description

These ovens were left standing following the Black Summer bush fires of 2019/20 that claimed the houses at 75 and 77 Railway Parade. They were reported to Council but demolished before they could be examined.