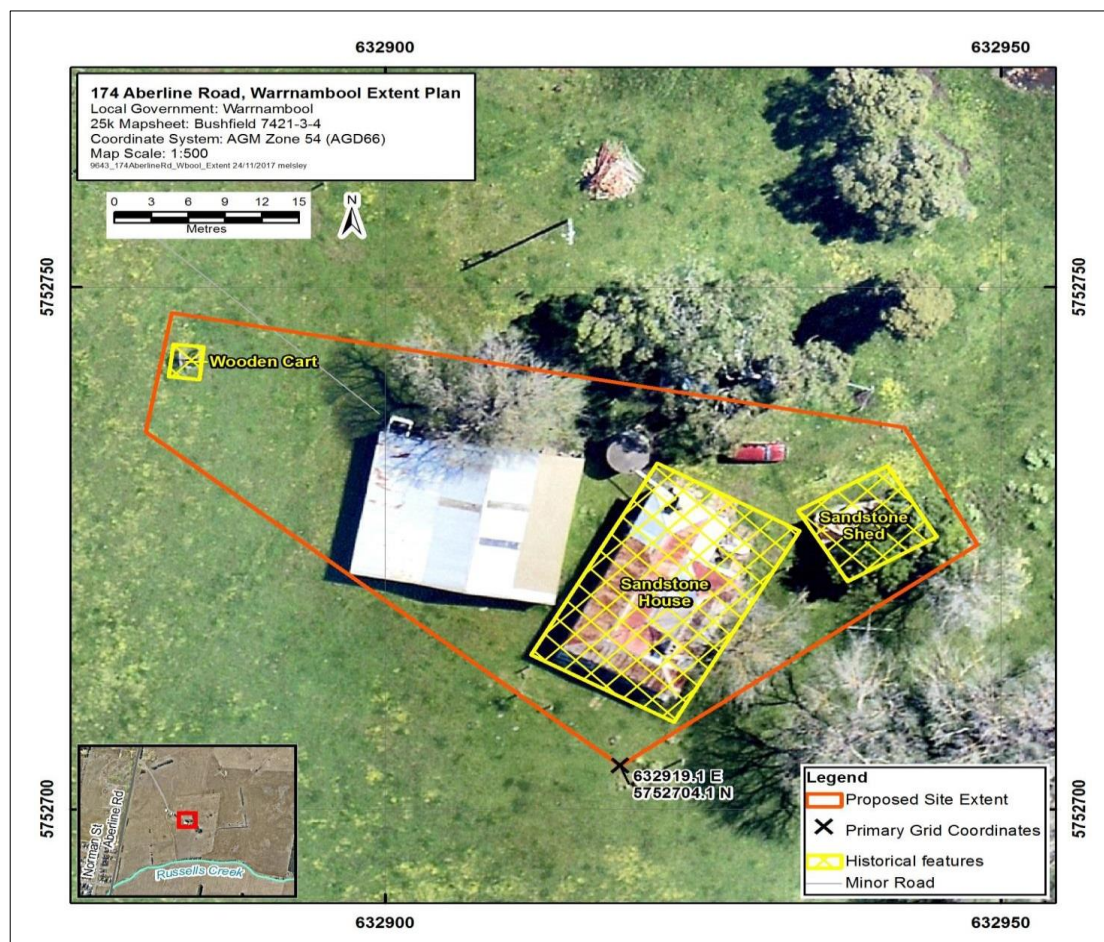


Statement of Significance

Heritage Place: 174 Aberline Road, Warrnambool **PS ref no:** HO381



Photo 1: Extent of 174 Aberline Road, Warrnambool



Map 1: Extent of 174 Aberline Road, Warrnambool

What is significant?

174 Aberline Road, Warrnambool in Warrnambool contains the archaeological remains of a primary sandstone house structure (and associated modern extensions), horse cart/buggy and sandstone structure/kitchen.

Archaeological features include primary sandstone house structure (and associated modern extensions), horse cart/buggy and sandstone structure/kitchen. There is potential for further archaeological evidence, yet poor GSV due to thick grass has covered any evidence of this.

The site has the potential to provide information about post-contact agricultural activities in relation to the geographic region. The site also has potential to provide information about early-mid 19th century architectural construction processes and designs.

How is it significant?

The site is of historical, scientific, aesthetic and social significance to the Warrnambool City Council, at a local level.

Why is it significant?

174 Aberline Road, Warrnambool is of local historical significance because of the representativeness of features within the site boundary. The intact sandstone structures within the site boundaries are representative of early-mid 19th century residential and agricultural structures. The primary sandstone house would have been used for residential purposes, and activities such as stock feeding, stock holding and agricultural storage would have occurred in the secondary sandstone structure. The site possesses moderate historical significance (Criterion A) because of the intact structural remains providing an example of farmstead housing from the mid-1800s, despite lacking written histories surrounding the site itself.

174 Aberline Road, Warrnambool is of local scientific significance because there is archaeological potential within the site boundary. Such potential materials could be previous pavements, prior landscaping, subsurface cellars and artefactual materials. The presence of intact, in situ structural remains means the site has good archaeological potential (Criterion C). The archaeological significance of the site is based solely on the intact structural content of the site. As there are no known written histories specific to the site itself, archaeological significance is based on structural and archaeological integrity of the site. Therefore, the scientific significance of the site is moderate as archaeological material remains are unknown.

174 Aberline Road, Warrnambool is of local aesthetic significance because of the architectural styles of the primary residential sandstone structure and the secondary sandstone structure. The primary and secondary sandstone structures possess low-moderate aesthetic significance (Criterion E). Aesthetic significance is based on the 19th century architecture of both structures. These two structures are a good representation of architecture of the time. The architecture of both structures is predominantly intact and is at low risk of rapid deterioration and loss of structural integrity allowing for the prolonged likelihood of the site to remain a historic architectural example in the future.

174 Aberline Road, Warrnambool is of local social significance because the site has potential to possess significance to the local community on a social level (Criterion G) through connections to agriculture. The site represents the prolonged pastoral history of the landscapes outside of Warrnambool. The recognition of 174 Aberline Road, Warrnambool against Criteria G allows local population to connect over pastoralism and agriculture.

Primary source

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