

INVENTORY of SITES & ITEMS

BK

BLACKALLS PARK

INVENTORY SUMMARY - LIST OF SITES & ITEMS


BLACKALLS PARK - BK

ITEM No.	DESCRIPTION and LOCATION	TYPE	SIGNIFICANCE
	BLACKALLS PARK - BK		S R L
BK-01	FOSSIL TREE SECTIONS, 23 VENETIA Ave, BLACKALLS Pk Recommended that no interpretation by way of signage or tourist information be employed, to avoid theft or vandalism. These may be the only substantial pieces of the trees still in the district. Ensure that all parts of the fence are protected, in case the land the fossils are on changes hands.	a AR	H V V
BK-02	RAILWAY BRIDGES, RAILWAY Pde, BLACKALLS PARK These bridges are vital in maintaining the historic transport link between Fassifern and Toronto. The bridges have the potential to continue their operational life either as part of a revived branch railway or light rail route, or as part of a pedestrian and cycleway route and heritage/industrial trail throughout Lake Macquarie. In either case, the railway permanent way infrastructure (rails and sleepers) should be retained in situ.	w BR	R V
BK-03	RAILWAY STATION, SOUTH PARADE, BLACKALLS PARK The platform should be retained, and maintained, for possible re-use if some sort of rail service is started again. If the line is not re-used, or if it becomes a cycleway, the platform should be retained as a reminder of the former railway.	w RT	H
BK-04	FOSSIL TREE RESERVE, FENNEL BAY, off ALDON Cr, BLACKALLS PARK. It is not known whether any of the fossilized trees, for which the reserve was proclaimed, still exist. A study should be undertaken to assess the present significance of the site.	c NA	- - -
BK-05	c1880s HOUSE, FENNEL Cres., BLACKALLS PARK (not found) Information needed	DW	-
BK-06	HOUSE, 19 BLACKALLS Ave, BLACKALLS PARK (not seen) Information needed	DW	-

INVENTORY SUMMARY - LIST OF SITES & ITEMS

CITY OF LAKE MACQUARIE

HERITAGE STUDY

NAME/IDENTITY: FOSSIL TREE SECTIONS, 23 Venetia Ave, Blackalls Pk. ITEM No. BK - 01	
PREVIOUS/OTHER NAMES OR USES:	
ADDRESS: 23 Venetia Avenue Blackalls Park 2283	S.H.I.P. REF. No.
PARISH: Awaba COUNTY: Northumberland	DATE INSPECTED: October 1992
PRESENT OWNER(S) (Name & Address): Mr Bert Bear 23 Venetia Ave Blackalls Park 2283	BY: Doring
CATEGORY: Archaeological	REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Lot 6 DP 12604
SUBCATEGORY: Fossilised tree pieces	SITE AREA: 976.3m2 CURRENT ZONING: Residential 2(a)
HISTORICAL THEMES: S.H.I.P.: Geology, Natural History	MAP 1:25000 No. 9231-4-N NAME: SWANSEA GRID: 680 474
LOCAL:	Ref. Nos. for RELATED ITEMS
HISTORICAL PERIOD - BUILT: n/a	USED: n/a
BUILDER: n/a	DATE BUILT: n/a
ARCHITECT/DESIGNER: n/a	
PHOTOGRAPH &/OR SKETCH PLAN (and caption): Shows the fence built with cross-section slices of fossilised tree trunks, said to be from the Reserve R.38237 Protection of Fossil Trees in Fennell Bay, Lake Macquarie. (DORING Neg. 437.02)	
	
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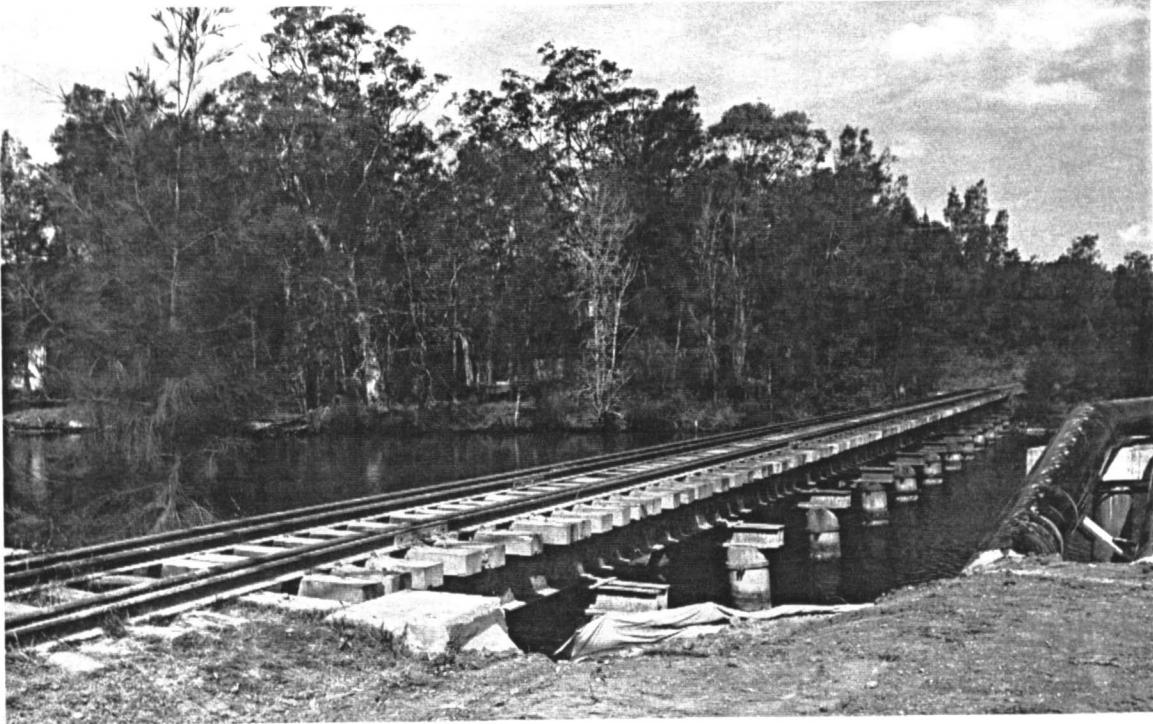
CITY OF LAKE MACQUARIE

HERITAGE STUDY

NAME/IDENTITY	FOSSIL TREE SECTIONS, 23 VENETIA Ave, BLACKALLS Pk ^{ITEM No.} BK - 01																						
KNOWN HERITAGE LISTINGS:	The original site of the fossils (BK-04) is listed in "The Hunter's Heritage", Hunter R.E.P. 1989, Schedule 1 - Items of State Environmental Heritage.																						
PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS	<p>At the original site of the fossils, in Fennell Bay, (see BK-04) there are no visible remains. there may be some fossil tree trunks still under the water.</p> <p>The remains concerned in this schedule item are fossilised tree trunks which have been removed from Fennell Bay, sliced into cross-section pieces, and cemented together into a garden fence.</p> <p>The pieces appear to be fossilised wood from several trees.</p>																						
INTERPRETATION:	It is recommended that no interpretation by way of signage or tourist information be employed, to avoid theft or vandalism. These may be the only substantial pieces of the trees still in the district.																						
CONSERVATION ACTIVITY:	Ensure that all parts of the fence are protected, should the land they are on change hands.																						
PRESENT USE:	Garden Fence.																						
HISTORICAL NOTES:	The "Toronto Tourist Guide - Centenary edition, 1925" notes: "Visitors to Toronto should inspect the petrified trees which are in Fennell's Bay". Over the years since then the trees have gradually disappeared, despite being protected by a government reserve. The slices in the fence are possibly the only substantial evidence still existing in the district.																						
REFERENCES:	Nilsen, L (ed), "Lake Macquarie: Past and Present", pub. LMCC 1985. Toronto Tourist Guide - Centenary Edition, 1925																						
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:	The fossil pieces are important relics of an unusual former geological phenomenon of Lake Macquarie. They are the only substantial relics of this former geological formation known to exist in the district.																						
<p>State Significance - high Regional Significance - very high Local Significance - very high</p>																							
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CITY OF LAKE MACQUARIE

HERITAGE STUDY

NAME/IDENTITY: RAILWAY BRIDGES OVER MUDD CREEK & STONEY CREEK		ITEM No. BK - 02
PREVIOUS/OTHER NAMES OR USES:		
ADDRESS: Mudd & Stoney Creeks Cnr Lake Street & Railway Parade Blackalls Park 2283		S.H.I.P. REF. No.
PARISH: Awaba COUNTY: Northumberland		DATE INSPECTED: November 1992
PRESENT OWNER (Name & Address): State Rail Authority Transport House, York Street Sydney, NSW, 2000		BY: Doring
CATEGORY: Other Works		REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:
SUBCATEGORY: Railway Bridge		SITE AREA: 5 (d) Special Uses CURRENT ZONING: Railway
HISTORICAL THEMES: S.H.I.P. Themes: Transport LOCAL Themes: Railways, Social life		MAP 1:25000 No. NAME: GRID:
HISTORICAL PERIOD - BUILT(route) 1876-1900		USED: (route) 1891 to 1980s
BUILDER:		DATE BUILT: 1940/50s rebuilt
ARCHITECT/DESIGNER:		
<p>PHOTOGRAPH &/OR SKETCH PLAN (and caption): The bridge over Stoney Creek, viewed from Lake Street (west). The bridge over Mudd Creek (out of view to the left) is similar but shorter. A new pipeline is being installed along Railway Parade (right).</p>		
		
Doring Neg. 437.03		ITEM No. BK - 02

NAME/IDENTITY	RAILWAY BRIDGES, RAILWAY Pde, BLACKALLS PARK	ITEM No. BK - 02																				
KNOWN HERITAGE LISTINGS:																						
PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS	Low level steel girder bridges on piles. Stoney Ck bridge has 13 spans, Mudd Ck bridge has 7 spans.																					
DESCRIPTION: There has been a railway crossing since 1891. Existing bridges appear to have been built in the 1940s or 1950s. Pairs of Concrete shell piles may have timber piles inside. Double cross beams spanning pairs of piles are 10"x6" RSJs, longitudinal girders are Dorman Long Steel, 20"x8" RSJs. The deck is 6.5"x10" dressed hardwood sleepers, held onto the girders with oversize rebated nuts. Concrete abutments. Steel straps & angles used for cross-bracing in the deck plane. Stoney Creek has 13 simple spans of 15'0" (4.57m) each.																						
MODIFICATIONS: Original bridges replaced in 1940s to 1950s (confirm date)																						
PRESENT USE: Disused except by pedestrians who appear to prefer the railway line to the roadside. Railway service discontinued on ?																						
HISTORICAL NOTES: Fassifern to Toronto branch line opened for traffic on 7th March 1891, operated by a private company. In 1898 a train capsized on Blackall's bridge (presumably Stoney Ck). The line, & particularly the bridges fell into disrepair and the line was closed in 1909. NSW Govt. Railways took over in 1910 & rebuilt the line. Existing bridges are the 3rd set in 100 years																						
REFERENCES: Nilsen, L (ed), "Lake Macquarie: Past and Present", pub. LMCC 1985. Forsyth JH, "Archives Sect.- Historical Notes on Railway Lines Vol.1" SRA 1983																						
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: The bridges are not particularly outstanding as examples of engineering skill and design. However they are sound in construction and apparently in good order, and are vital in maintaining the historic transport link between Fassifern and Toronto. The bridges have the potential to continue their operational life either as part of a revived branch railway or light rail route, or as part of a pedestrian and cycleway route and heritage/industrial trail throughout Lake Macquarie. In either case, the railway permanent way infrastructure (rails and sleepers) should be retained in situ.																						
Regional Significance - high Local Significance - very high		ITEM No. BK - 02																				

CITY OF LAKE MACQUARIE

HERITAGE STUDY

NAME/IDENTITY: RAILWAY STATION, SOUTH PARADE, BLACKALLS PARK		ITEM No. BK - 03
PREVIOUS/OTHER NAMES OR USES:		
ADDRESS: South Parade Blackalls Park 2283 (Corner Faucett Street)		S.H.I.P. REF. No.
PARISH: Awaba COUNTY: Northumberland		DATE INSPECTED: April 1993
PRESENT OWNER (Name & Address): State Rail Authority Transport House, York St. Sydney NSW 2000		BY: Doring
CATEGORY: building & other works SUBCATEGORY: railway platform & shed		REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: SITE AREA: CURRENT ZONING: 5(d) Railway
HISTORICAL THEMES: S.H.I.P. Themes: LOCAL Themes:		MAP 1:25000 No. 9231-4-N NAME: SWANSEA GRID: 678 474
HISTORICAL PERIOD - BUILT(route) 1876-1900		USED: (route) 1891 to 1980s
BUILDER:		DATE BUILT: platform 1891 ?
ARCHITECT/DESIGNER:		
PHOTOGRAPH &/OR SKETCH PLAN (and caption): no photo		
		ITEM No. BK - 03

NAME/IDENTITY	RAILWAY STATION, SOUTH PARADE, BLACKALLS PARK	ITEM No. BK - 03																				
KNOWN HERITAGE LISTINGS:																						
<p>PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS Blackalls Park Railway Station is a short built-up platform on the south side of the railway line. It contains a small brick shed or station building which appears to have been built in the 1950s.</p>																						
DESCRIPTION:																						
MODIFICATIONS:																						
PRESENT USE: disused																						
<p>HISTORICAL NOTES: Fassifern to Toronto branch line opened for traffic on 7th March 1891, operated by a private company. The line fell into disrepair and was closed in 1909. NSW Govt. Railways took over in 1910 & rebuilt the line. The service continued until the late 1980s. This platform has existed at least since 1923, & possibly earlier. The shed appears modern.</p>																						
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<p>STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: The platform is not intrinsically interesting except as part of the original Fassifern to Toronto Railway. It appears to be in good order, but neglected and rather overgrown with weeds. The platform should be retained, and maintained, for possible re-use if some sort of rail service is started again. If the line is not re-used, or if it becomes a cycleway, the platform should be retained as a reminder of the former railway.</p>																						
Local Significance - high		ITEM No. BK - 03																				

CITY OF LAKE MACQUARIE

HERITAGE STUDY

NAME/IDENTITY: FOSSIL TREE RESERVE, FENNELL BAY, BLACKALLS PARK		ITEM No. BK - 04
PREVIOUS/OTHER NAMES OR USES: off Aldon Crescent, Blackalls Park		
ADDRESS: off Aldon Crescent Blackalls Park 2283		S.H.I.P. REF. No.
PARISH: Awaba COUNTY: Northumberland		DATE INSPECTED: Oct 1993
PRESENT OWNER(S) (Name & Address):		BY: Doring
		REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Reserve 38237 Protection of fossil trees SITE AREA: CURRENT ZONING:
CATEGORY: natural area	MAP 1:25000 No. 9231-4-N	
SUBCATEGORY: fossil deposit	NAME: SWANSEA	
HISTORICAL THEMES: S.H.I.P.:		GRID:
LOCAL:		Ref. Nos. for RELATED ITEMS
HISTORICAL PERIOD - BUILT: n/a	USED: n/a	
BUILDER: n/a	DATE BUILT: n/a	
ARCHITECT/DESIGNER: n/a		
PHOTOGRAPH &/OR SKETCH PLAN (and caption): no photo		
		ITEM No. BK - 04

NAME/IDENTITY		FOSSIL TREE RESERVE, FENNEL BAY, BLACKALLS PARK		ITEM No.	BK - 04
KNOWN HERITAGE LISTINGS:					
"The Hunter's Heritage", Hunter R.E.P. 1989, Schedule 1 - Item of State Environmental Heritage.					
PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS		This reserve is understood to have been covered			
Townscape or Landscape Features:		with fossilized tree trunks, standing in the water. There is no longer any obvious trace of this petrified forest in the Reserve. Some sections of tree trunk may survive underwater.			
Other Details of Physical Appearance:					
DESCRIPTION:					
"Reserve R.38237 Protection of Fossil Trees", in Fennell Bay, Lake Macquarie.					
MODIFICATIONS:					
PRESENT USE:					
HISTORICAL NOTES: The "Toronto Tourist Guide - Centenary edition, 1925" notes: "Visitors to Toronto should inspect the petrified trees which are in Fennell's Bay". Over the years since then the trees have gradually disappeared, despite protection by a government reserve. Tree slices in a fence in Venetia Ave. are possibly the only substantial evidence still existing in the district (BK-01).					
REFERENCES: Nilsen, L (ed), "Lake Macquarie: Past and Present", pub. LMCC 1985. Toronto Tourist Guide - Centenary Edition, 1925					
EVALUATION CRITERIA:					
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SCIENTIFIC	Rare ()	Associative ()	Representative ()		
OTHER	Rare ()	Associative ()	Representative ()		
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: It is not known whether any of the fossilized trees, for which the reserve was proclaimed, still exist.					
State Significance - according to "The Hunter's Heritage"					
Regional Significance -					
Local Significance - not assessed					
				ITEM No.	BK - 04

NAME/IDENTITY

c1880s HOUSE, FENNEL CRESCENT, BLACKALLS PARK

ITEM No.

BK - 05

KNOWN HERITAGE LISTINGS:

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Architectural Style:

MATERIALS - Frame:

Roof:

Walls/Cladding:

Windows:

Interior:

Floors:

DESCRIPTION:

Unless this house has been altered so as to be unrecognisable, or is concealed from the street, it is thought to no longer exist.

More information needed

MODIFICATIONS:

PRESENT USE:

HISTORICAL NOTES:

REFERENCES:

EVALUATION CRITERIA:

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

not found

ITEM No. BK - 05

CITY OF LAKE MACQUARIE

HERITAGE STUDY

NAME/IDENTITY: c1880s HOUSE, FENNEL CRESCENT, BLACKALLS PARK		ITEM No. BK - 05
PREVIOUS/OTHER NAMES OR USES:		
ADDRESS: not found	S.H.I.P. REF. No.	
		DATE INSPECTED: not found
PARISH: AWABA	COUNTY: Northumberland	BY:
PRESENT OWNER (Name & Address):		REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: SITE AREA: CURRENT ZONING:
CATEGORY: building	MAP 1:25000 No. 9231-4-N	
SUBCATEGORY: domestic residence	NAME: SWANSEA GRID:	
HISTORICAL THEMES: S.H.I.P. Themes: LOCAL Themes:		
HISTORICAL PERIOD - BUILT: 1876 - 1900		USED:
BUILDER:		DATE BUILT: c1880s ?
ARCHITECT/DESIGNER:		
PHOTOGRAPH &/OR SKETCH PLAN (and caption): no photo - not found.		
		ITEM No. BK - 05

CITY OF LAKE MACQUARIE

HERITAGE STUDY

NAME/IDENTITY: HOUSE, 19 BLACKALLS AVENUE, BLACKALLS PARK		ITEM No. BK - 06
PREVIOUS/OTHER NAMES OR USES: said to be former home of Blackall family.		
ADDRESS: 19 Blackalls Avenue Blackalls Park 2283		S.H.I.P. REF. No.
		DATE INSPECTED: not seen
PARISH: AWABA	COUNTY: Northumberland	BY:
PRESENT OWNER (Name & Address):		REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: SITE AREA: CURRENT ZONING:
CATEGORY: building	MAP 1:25000 No. 9231-4-N	
SUBCATEGORY: domestic residence	NAME: SWANSEA GRID:	
HISTORICAL THEMES: S.H.I.P. Themes: LOCAL Themes:		
HISTORICAL PERIOD - BUILT:		USED:
BUILDER:		DATE BUILT:
ARCHITECT/DESIGNER:		
PHOTOGRAPH &/OR SKETCH PLAN (and caption): no photo - not seen		
		ITEM No. BK - 06

NAME/IDENTITY	HOUSE, 19 BLACKALLS AVENUE, BLACKALLS PARK	ITEM No.	BK - 06
KNOWN HERITAGE LISTINGS:			
PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS Architectural Style:			
MATERIALS - Frame:		Roof:	
Walls/Cladding:		Windows:	
Interior:		Floors:	
DESCRIPTION:			
MODIFICATIONS:			
PRESENT USE:			
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: more information needed			
not seen			ITEM No. BK - 06

MAP KEY	
INVENTORY SITE FOR THIS SUBURB, AT KNOWN LOCATION ON THIS MAP:	SB ———●
INVENTORY SITE FOR THIS SUBURB, AT UNCERTAIN LOCATION ON THIS MAP:	SB ———○?
INVENTORY SITE FOR THIS SUBURB, AT LOCATION OUTSIDE THIS MAP:	SB ———○
INVENTORY SITE FOR ANOTHER SUBURB, BUT APPEARING ON THIS MAP:	XY-SB ———○
RAILWAY (KNOWN OR PROBABLE ROUTE):	RT-99 ———+———
TRAMWAY (KNOWN OR PROBABLE ROUTE):	RT-88 ———+———
RAILWAY OR TRAMWAY (SUPERSEDED OR UNCERTAIN ROUTE):	RT-77 ———+———
CONSERVATION AREA INVENTORY NUMBER	XY-00 ———●
CONSERVATION AREA BOUNDARY:	XY-00 ———●

