

SORELL HERITAGE STUDY

Address: Bream Creek Road, Bream Creek 7175		UPI:	PID:
Name: BREAM CREEK YOUTH HOSTEL		Owner: DERFORD PTY LTD	
Structure Type: Site Feature Type:		Dating: 1830-1890 c 1850	
Feature Type: Hut Stable	Access Restrictions: Restricted		Ian Terry
	Inspection date: October 96		
	Style: Vernacular		
		Grid ref: 5626 56871 526232	
Indication of Significance: Probable Significance		Theme: Early Settlement Primary Production	
Material: Timber Vertical Siding Corrugated Iron	Listings:		
Condition: Deteriorated			
Integrity: Disturbed or damaged			
National Estate Criteria:		Photograph Index: 14: 16-21	
Risk: Excavation: ☐ Development: ☐ Maintenance: ☒ Vandalism: ☒			

SITE DESCRIPTION:

Known locally as the cat house, the dwelling is a derelict slab and vertical board two room hut with a corrugated iron hip roof, an external brick chimney and a later timber porch to the rear. The hut is set on rubble and log stumps and features pit sawn roofing timbers and a timber floor. It has at least 12-15 layers of internal wall covering including fragments of an 1850 newspaper in the western room.

The front of the cottage has steps made of concrete encased in kerosene tins. There is a small and recent wooden "dunny" under a lone tree about 30m from the hut. It has no heritage significance. The property also has a large late nineteenth century timber stable/barn. The main part of this is a gable roofed slab structure with slabs up to 4m long, built onto a rubble base.

A skillion roofed addition, c1920, abuts the structure on the eastern side. The earlier part has bush pole studs, split rafters, pit sawn floor joists and circular sawn tie beams and flooring. It has an unusual pattern of timber bracing on the internal walls and loft door in the gables. The southern end has been covered in corrugated iron. The addition has timber feeding troughs.

HISTORY:

This c1850 building is one of the earliest structures on the Ragged Tier, possibly predating the Waste Lands Act of 1858, although it is located on land later acquired John Wells in 1861. In the 1950s it was briefly used as a youth hostel, being one of a chain of simple hostels established for walkers along the coast between Orford and Marion Bay. Simple bunk beds in the building are probable remnants of this period of use.

BOUNDARY:

The listing boundary is formed by the road, the track to the south and a line 100 metres west of the stable.

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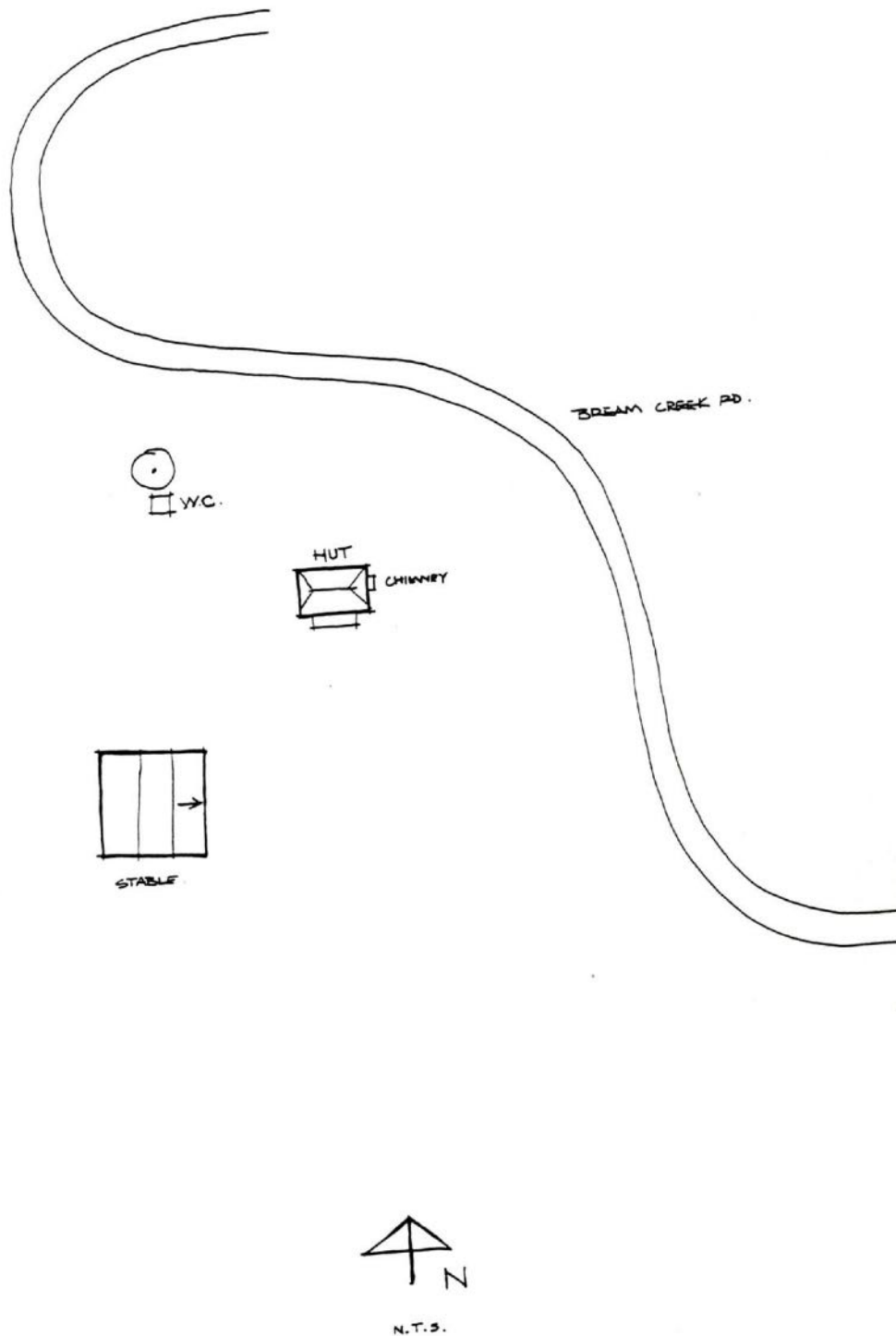
COMMENTS:

The hut has historic significance as one of the earliest remaining dwellings in the district. It is a technological significance it uses a number of building technologies. The stable / barn has technological significance as a fine and largely intact example of a vernacular farm building utilising building techniques no longer in use. It is also an important visual element in the rural landscape.

BIBLIOGRAPHY + PREVIOUS STUDIES:

Pem 3/33 (survey plan)

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