

SORELL HERITAGE SURVEY

Address: Lewisham Scenic Drive Lewisham 7173		UPI :	PID: 0
Name: RICHARD LEWIS' CHINA FARM JETTY AND ACCESS ROAD			
Feature Type:	Structure Type	Site Feature Type	Dating: 1830 - 1890 c1840
		Jetty	Access Restrictions: Unrestricted
		Road	Inspection Date: October 96 P Davies
			Style: N/A
		Grid ref: 5425 549950 5257000	
Indication of Significance: Probable Significance		Theme: Shipping	
Material:	Stone		
Condition:	Ruins		
Integrity:	Disturbed or damaged		
National Estate Criteria:	A4 B2 C2 D2 F1 H1		Photograph Index: 9:27-28; 9:29
Risk:	Excavation: ☐	Development: ☐	Maintenance: ☒ Vandalism: ☐

SITE DESCRIPTION:

The remains of a stone jetty extending from the point at Lewisham into the channel. Only the base of the jetty survives and it appears that it was at least several feet higher to place it above high water mark. The jetty starts at a rock outcrop that indicates the former height of the jetty. Access was provided by a sloping roadway to the south which would have connected to Lewisham Road. The cut for the road is clearly evident and it is likely that the road excavation was used to fill the jetty. The jetty remains and road formation are of significance as early constructions, most likely built by convict labour, to provide access to Lewis' farm.

HISTORY:

The jetty was constructed by Lewis to provide access to boats from his farm. The location was probably selected because of the relatively easy access to deeper water at this point in contrast to the beach.

Located on Richard Lewis' 1840 grant on land. Although a ferry operated between Seven Mile Beach and this point by 1834 extant plans do not show a jetty at the eastern side. The jetty appears to have been in situ around the time of Lewis' 1840 grant which was undoubtedly made to secure the ferry location. The ferry was one of a number of ferries which operated between Seven Mile Beach and 'the Lower Settlement' after 1816.

BOUNDARY:

The listing boundary is formed by the surviving jetty structure and the road works extending along the hillside to the south.

COMMENTS:

An important and very rare surviving structure from the early period of water transport, possibly the last remnant early jetty structure in the district. The stone jetty with the road formations indicate early engineering and construction and the importance of water access to the development of the area.

It meets Criteria A4, B2, C2, D2, F1 and H1 for inclusion in the Register of the National Estate. It should be included in Schedule 3 of the Sorell Planning Scheme and should be nominated for inclusion in the Tasmanian Heritage Register and the Register of the National Estate.

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BIBLIOGRAPHY + PREVIOUS STUDIES:

MCCONNELL, Anne. 1996. Management Information and Recommendations for the Seven Mile Beach Draft Management Plan - Identification of Values and Management Issues and Directions for Geodiversity, Cultural Heritage, with an accompanying Historical Review.

Monmouth 27 (map)

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