



# Moama Local Aboriginal Land Council

## **Cultural Heritage Site Survey Report**

(SSR 061)

**Prepared for:** Fifteen 50

Name: Mr. Sam Wales  
Project: Aboriginal Site Survey  
Location: Merool Holiday Park  
Merool Lane Moama NSW 2731

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## Purpose

The purpose of this site survey report is to provide details on the findings and recommendations relating site surveys conduct at Merool Holiday Park, Merool Lane Moama NSW 2731. This report is intended for the purpose of informing your organization of the site survey findings and recommendations as to what future action that Moama LALC believes should be taken in respect to this project. This report is not intended for the purpose of providing your organization with approval to harm (destroy, deface, or damage) or desecrate an Aboriginal object or Aboriginal place, or in relation to an object, move the object from the land on which is has been situated which is an offence under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*.

## Background

The Moama LALC was contacted by Mr. Sam Wales on the 22/11/2021 to conduct site survey investigations at Merool Holiday Park, Merool Lane Moama NSW 2731. The following members were involved in the Sites Work Surveys:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title (Position)</u>	<u>Date(s) on Site</u>	<u>Location(s)</u>
Diarna Kerr	Site Officer	23/11/2021	Merool Holiday Park, Merool Lane Moama NSW 2731

The total sites work costs for the project(s) was \$450 plus \$500 for this report excluding GST, total cost \$950 plus GST – (\$1,045.00)

## Site Work Summary

1. Provide a general description of the landscape and known local history of the area surveyed. Insert maps if available.
2. Provide a general description of the type of investigations conducted (e.g. Walk Overs, Sub Surface Testing, Archeological Survey's, and Research – Knowledge Holders etc.).
3. Provide a description of any issues, limitations or difficulties that were experienced during the project.

## Findings

During the sites work investigation the Moama LALC made the following findings:

<b><u>Finding #1</u></b>	
<b>Site Discovered</b>	Not known
<b>Located by</b>	Visual Inspection
<b>Inspected by</b>	Diarna Kerr
<b>Type and Details of Site / Possible Site</b>	Riverbank, unable to visually see any findings due to vertical scale of riverbank. (Very high)
<b>Details of any Disturbance / Action</b>	Disturbed land / Holiday Park
<b>Site Risks and Required Protective Measures</b>	Shell midden disturbance a very high possibility due to erosion on riverbank, also skeletal remains may be sighted.  No works to be carried out on Riverbank without a minimum of one Cultural Heritage Officer at all times.
<b>Location / GPS</b>	Merool Holiday Park, Merool Lane Moama
<b>DECCW Notified</b>	N/A
<b>Site Registered</b>	TBA
<b>Picture</b>	N/A
<b>Further Details</b>	Moama Local Aboriginal Land Council 0354 826 071

High possibility of Shell Midden, Ancestral Remains, Earth Mounds discovery due to location of proposed works along the riverbank. This site has been disturbed and our recommendations are that there be at least one MLALC Cultural Heritage Officers to be always on-site during riverbank excavation/restoration works.

**Green Zones:** revegetation of riverbank proposed.

**Red/Orange Zones:** Riverbank to be strengthened via rock wall. Excavation will need to be always monitored by a Moama LALC Cultural Heritage Officer.

We recommend under no circumstances, that the proposed works to be carried out without Moama Local Aboriginal Land Council Cultural Heritage Officers in attendance at all times.

All Aboriginal cultural places in NSW are protected by law. Aboriginal artefacts are also protected. It is illegal to disturb or destroy an Aboriginal place. Artefacts should not be removed from site.

## Recommendation

### Evidence Found

Given the findings identified above the Moama LALC has a number of recommendations in relation to those findings as follows:

Finding #1	
Recommendation(s)	Under NO circumstances is the proposed works to be commenced without Moama Local Aboriginal Land Council Cultural Heritage Officer present in all consultations of this project.

However, should Shell Midden, skeletal material or anything of Aboriginal significance be exposed, during ground disturbance, work within the project area must cease immediately and contact made with the Moama LALC initially who will organize a sites worker to be in contact with your organization. As per the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* it is an offence to destroy or remove anything of Aboriginal significance.

In addition to the above recommendations the Moama LALC is willing to provide a brief training session to those who may be working on the site to ensure that they have a nominal understanding of potential Aboriginal objects/places.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries regarding the context of this report and I will endeavor to answer them for you. On behalf of Moama LALC, I wish you well with your forthcoming project.

Kind Regards

Site Officer – Ms. Diarna Kerr



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