

Memo

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Subject:	Sydney Polo Club – Heritage Advice

Background

GML Heritage understands that JBA is preparing a planning application for the Sydney Polo Club (shown as Figure 1 in the report Draft Amendment to Hawkesbury LEP 2012, Planning Proposal, prepared by JBA September 2015). JBA have engaged GML Heritage to confirm the existence of two items of non-Aboriginal heritage, being a farm building and fence, listed in Schedule 1 of SREP, Item no. 20.

The subject area, formally known as Lot 25 DP 663770 contains polo fields, grazing pasture, stables, horse training areas, a function centre and farm buildings (refer to figure 1). A site inspection was carried out on Thursday, 31 March 2016 to confirm what remains of the heritage fabric associated with the farm building and fence identified in Schedule 1 of SREP, Item no. 20.

Findings

A farm building constructed c1900-1910s was identified approximately 60m west of the Polo Barn Function Centre and an exterior visual inspection of the building was conducted. The building is single storey, raised on brick piers with a rectangular footprint measuring approximately 17 by 8m. It consists of a weatherboard and fibrous cement façade, corrugated metal roof and 2m wide timber awnings supported by timber posts on both the northern and southern elevations. The building has a brick chimney on the western elevation with timber box framed windows and an outdoor toilet and laundry extension to the rear of the building. The farm building appears to be heavily altered and in dilapidated condition. It suffers extensive cracking and damage to the facade, as well as roof corrosion and possible termite infestation. An interior inspection was not conducted for the purpose of this study.

The site contains a timber fence approximately 20m to the south-west of the farm building; however it is unclear whether this is the fence identified as part of the SREP listing, or a modern addition. The fence encloses a grazing pasture, and is a simple agricultural style fence with timber rails connected by timber posts. There is no timber fence in the immediate vicinity or directly associated with the farm building, nor is there any evidence of a previously removed fence.

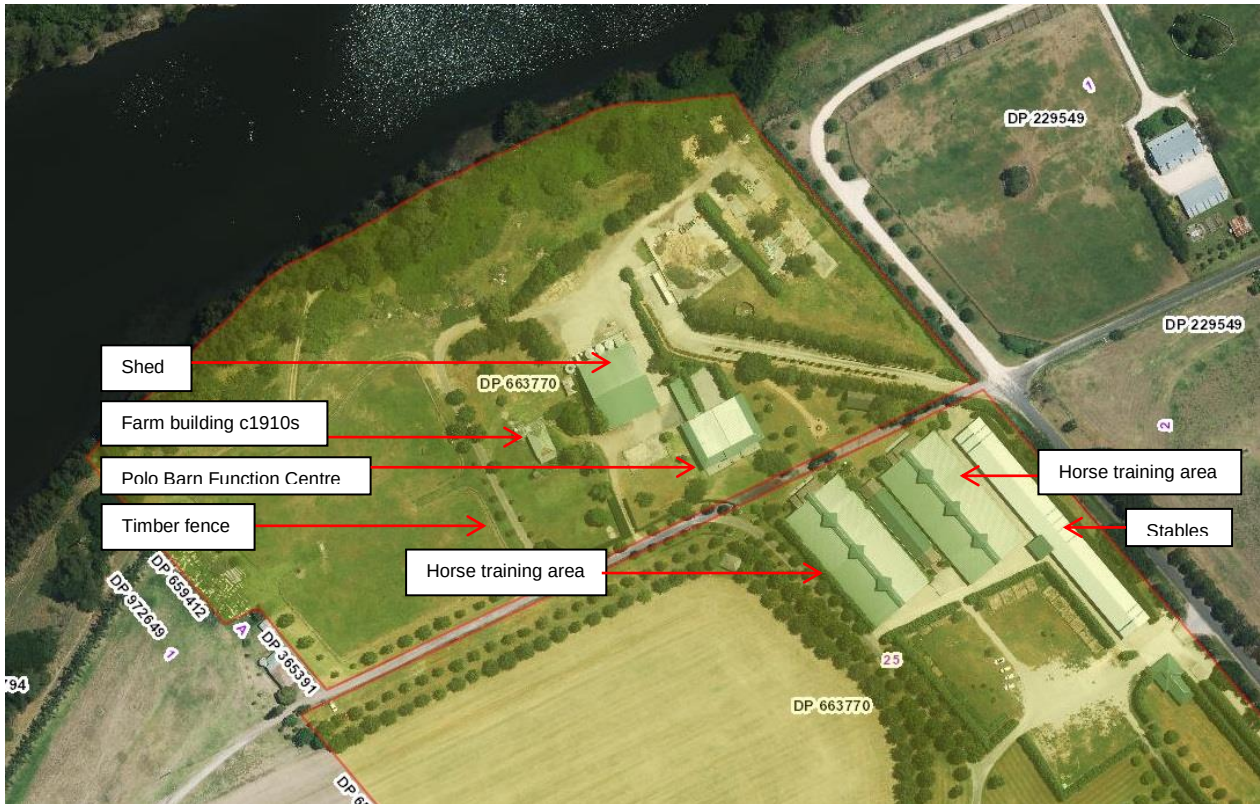


Figure 1 Aerial map showing northern portion of Lot 25 DP 663770, shown with red outline and highlighted overlay (Source: SIX Maps)



Figure 2 Southern elevation of farm building, remnant water tower and metal fence



Figure 3 Corrugated metal verandah on northern façade, supported by timber posts, with hardwood flooring.



Figure 4 Western elevation of farm building (Source: GML 2016)



Figure 5 Northern elevation of farm building showing toilet/laundry extension (Source: GML 2016)



Figure 6 Eastern elevation of farm building (Source: GML 2016)



Figure 7 Adjacent grazing pasture and timber post fence (Source GML 2016)

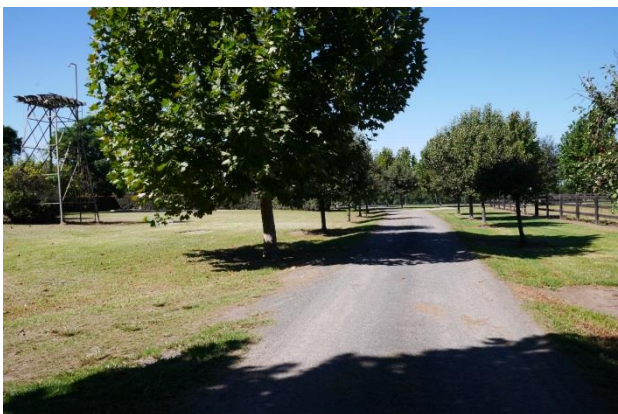


Figure 8 Laneway between farm building and grazing pasture. Timber fence visible to the far right of image (Source: GML 2016)



Figure 9 Storage shed (Source: GML 2016)