

Heritage Inventory

SHI Number
1910419

Item Name: **WG-06~ Gun Emplacements(linked with former R**

Location: **24 Reserve Road, Wangi Wangi**

Address: 24 Reserve Road
Suburb / Nearest Town: Wangi Wangi
Local Govt Area: Lake Macquarie
State: NSW
DUAP Region: Hunter & Central Coast
Historic region: Lower Hunter
Parish:
County:

Other/Formal Names:

Area/Group/Complex: **Group ID:**

Aboriginal Area:

Curtilage/Boundary:

Item Type: **Group:** **Category:**

Owner: Commonwealth Government

Admin Codes: WG-06 **Code 2:** **Code 3:**

Current Use:

Former Uses:

Assessed Significance:

Endorsed Significance:

Statement of Significance: The Gun Emplacement site at Wangi Wangi played an important role in Australia's defence system during World War Two at a time when invasion from Japan was considered a real possibility. The guns provided anti-aircraft protection for the Rathmines Catalina Sea Plane Base, where many RAAF officers were trained during the course of World War Two. The site remains important to the ex- military personel who trained and served at the base, along with the wider Wangi community, who regard it as part of their history and heritage.

Historical Notes or Provenance: The Gun emplacements and ammunition store were a secret millitary installation built at Wangi during 1942/3. The anti-aircraft command centre was part of the defence system for the State listed Rathmines Sea Plane Base built during a period when Australia feared a Japanese invasion. Built at the cost of \$7000, plus cost of services. The site has been largely unrecognised since the end of World War Two.

Themes: **National Theme** **State Theme** **Local Theme**
7. Governing Defence Involvement with the Second World W

Designer:

Maker / Builder:

Year Started: **Year Completed:** **Circa:** No

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Physical Description: Four gun emplacements a concrete bunker, an ammunitions store and dump.

Physical Condition:

Modification Dates:

**Recommended
Management:**

Management:

Further Comments:

- Criteria a)** The Gun Emplacements at Wangi were a significant part of Australia's defences during World War Two, particularly so, for the State Listed Rathmines Sea-plane Base.
- Criteria b)** The Gun Emplacements are associated with Australia's defences during World War Two and the fear of Japanese invasion at that time. The site is particularly important as an anti-aircraft battery for the Catalina aircraft that operated out of the Rathmines Sea Plane Base and were operated by personnel from the Base.
- Criteria c)** The Gun Emplacements and ammunition store demonstrate technical achievements by the military during World War Two.
- Criteria d)** The site is important to the ex military personnel who occupied the site during World War Two, many of whom still live in the area. The site is also important to the wider Wangi community, who value it as part of their heritage and history.
- Criteria e)** The Gun Emplacement site is a valuable source of information about Australia's World War Two military history.
- Criteria f)**
- Criteria g)**

Integrity / Intactness:

References:	Author	Title	Year
	Australian War Memorial	3.7.A. A. Gun Battery - Wangi- required for Construction	1942

Studies:

Parcels:	Parcel Code	LotNumber	Section	Plan Code	Plan Number
	LOT	526		DP	662836

Latitude:

Longitude:

Location validity:

Spatial Accuracy:

Map Name:

Map Scale:

AMG Zone:

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Listings:

Custom Field One:

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Data Entry:

Date First Entered: 15/05/2007

Date Updated: 28/06/2010

Status: Basic

Item Name: **WG-06~ Gun Emplacements(linked with former R**

Location: **24 Reserve Road, Wangi Wangi**

Image/s:



Caption: Gun Emplacements(linked with former RAAF base)

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