

## Item Details

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**Name**

Obelisk

**Other/Former Names**

**Address**

Spenser Street ILUKA NSW 2466

**Local Govt Area**

Clarence Valley

**Group Name**

**Item Classification**

**Item Type**

Built

**Item Group**

Monuments and Memorials

**Item Category**

Monuments

**Statement Of Significance**

The Obelisk is historically and socially significant marking community agitation for the creation of the Iluka Koala Reserve which later became the Iluka Nature Reserve and National Park. It was placed to mark the Southwest corner of the Reserve either at the time of, or soon after the gazettal of the Reserve in 1992. The Lands Department also used it as a reference point to explain to new Trustees the border and layout of the Reserve. The concrete pylon is also historically significant for its connection to the Iluka Crane Wharf from where it was relocated after the closure of the wharf. The Crane block (heritage item I150) was significant for the role in the construction of the break wall and offloading of rocks from vessels.

**Assessed Significance Type**

Local

**Endorsed Significance**

Local

**Date Significance Updated**

07/10/2023

**File Number**

**Listings**

Listing Name	Listing Date	Instrument Name	Instrument No.	Plan No.	Gazette Page	Gazette Number
Potential Heritage Item	23/0/2011	Clarence Valley Local Environmental Plan 2011	701			

**Heritage Item ID**

6000628

**Source**

Local Government

**Location**

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Addresses

Records Retrieved: 3

Street No	Street Name	Suburb/Town/Postcode	Local Govt. Area	LALC	Parish	County	Electorate	Address Type
	Denne Street	ILUKA/NSW/2466	Clarence Valley	Yaegl				Alternate Address
	Owen Street	ILUKA/NSW/2466	Clarence Valley	Yaegl				Alternate Address
	Spenser Street	ILUKA/NSW/2466	Clarence Valley					Primary Address

Title Information

Title Information Updated 05/31/2023

Records Retrieved: 1

Lot/Volume Code	Lot/Volume Number	Section Number	Plan/Folio Code	Plan/Folio Number
	92			DP822843

Aboriginal Area

Hectares

Latitude

Longitude

Yaegl

-29.407083

Location Validity

Spatial Accuracy

Map Name

Scale

Secondary

Description

Designer

Builder/Maker

Construction Year Start & End

Circa

Period

1950 - 1960

YES

1951 to 2000

Physical Description

Updated 07/10/2023

The “Obelisk” is in excess of 2 metres tall, of concrete construction, 8 sided and tapered to a point at its peak. The “Obelisk” was placed to mark the southwest corner of the Reserve either at the time of, or soon after the gazettal of the Reserve in 1992. It is a well-known local landmark and the NSW Lands Department use it as a reference point to explain to new Trustees the border and layout of the Reserve.

Physical Condition

Updated 05/31/2023

Good

Physical Condition Summary

Good

Archaeological Potential

Updated

Archaeological Potential Summary

Updated

Modifications And Dates

Relocated from the Iluka Crane Wharf.

Further Comments

# History

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## Historical Notes or Provenance

Updated 07/10/2023

The Iluka Nature Reserve, which is now included on the UNESCO World Heritage List as part of the Gondwana Rainforests of Australia, and on the Australian National Heritage List in 2007, was originally set aside in September 1976 by the Minister for Lands Mr. W. Crabtree. It is an area covering 136 hectares and extends from the township to the east, parallel to the Clarence River. The area was the subject of a controversy between the conservationists and sand mining interests in the period 1962 - 1964 (McSwan, 1978). It is now managed by the NPWS. The story of the efforts of Eric Beech in protecting this area is told by Smith (2004). The area has significant educational value because it is a major destination for visitors to the north coast of NSW to experience the regions outstanding coastal environment and aboriginal cultural heritage. Iluka Nature Reserve incorporates a stand of subtropical littoral rainforest which is the largest example of its type in New South Wales. It is of particular importance for science and education. A diversity of flora and avifauna exists, and many species are typical of the tropics and reach their known southern limit at Iluka (e.g. Wompoo Fruit-Dove /pigeon). It is important to the Iluka community whose efforts in the 1960s saw the area saved from sand mining. The Obelisk was placed on a corner of the reserve circa 1992 after the gazettal of the Reserve.

## Historic Themes

Records Retrieved: 0

National Theme	State Theme	Local Theme
No Results Found		

## Uses

### Current Use

Monument

### Former Use/s

## Thematic Listings Program Theme

# Assessment

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## Criteria a)

### Historical Significance

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## Criteria b)

### Historical Association Significance

## Criteria c)

Aesthetic/Technical Significance

The Obelisk is a smaller landmark element on the edge of the Reserve.

Criteria d)

Social/Cultural Significance

The Obelisk demonstrates social significance and is symbolic of the community agitation for the creation of the Iluka Koala Reserve which later became the Iluka Nature Reserve and National Park.

Criteria e)

Research Potential

Criteria f)

Rarity

Rare locally and as a remnant element of the former Crane block and break wall wharf.

Criteria g)

Representative

Integrity/Intactness

High

Updated

References

References

Records Retrieved: 2				
Title	Author	Year	Link	Type
The Obelisk	Iluka History Group	2023		Other
Macleay Shire Thematic History	E.H. (Lin) McSwan and Margaret Switzer	2006		Written

Heritage Studies

Records Retrieved: 0					
Title	Year	Item Number	Author	Inspected By	Guidelines Used
No Results Found					

Recommended Management

Management

Records Retrieved: 0		
Management Category	Management Name	Date Updated
No Results Found		

Management Summary

Carefully conserve to original details. Provide an interpretation panel.

## Custom

Custom Field1	Custom Field2
Custom Field3	Custom Field4
Custom Field5	Custom Field6
Admin Code1	Admin Code2
Admin Code3	

## Stakeholders

Records Retrieved: 0						
Stakeholder Category	Stakeholder Type	Stakeholder Name	Organisation	Position	Mobile	Email
No Results Found						

## Notes

Records Retrieved: 0					
Application ID / Stakeholder ID	Type	Date	Added By	Notes	Attachments
No Results Found					

## Data Source

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Local Government	Clarence Valley Council	6000628
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False		

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Merged Heritage Items

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No Results Found		

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