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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

McCardle Cultural Heritage Pty Ltd (MCH) was engaged by Hunter Land on behalf of East Maitland Land 62 Pty Ltd to prepare an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA), and an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) for the proposed residential development located along Mount Vincent Road and Wilton Drive, East Maitland.

The project area has been subject to previous assessments and an archaeological test excavation (Appendix A) and a slight expansion to the previous development footprint requires assessment. Additionally, the previous assessment required updating.

The primary geological formation in the project area is the Tomago Coal Measures, part of the Singleton Subgroup and includes very fine- to medium-grained grey lithic sandstone, interbedded with laminated and carbonaceous shale, mudstone, siltstone, and coal. Additional deposits include sporadic carbonaceous shale, claystone, sideritic bands, and occasional pebble para-conglomerate. At the southern edge of the area, Quaternary alluvial valley deposits consisting of silt, clay, and fluvially deposited lithic and quartz-lithic sand and gravel are located at the southern edge of the project area. The topography of the project area presents a gentle slope facing southwest, with a drainage line along the eastern boundary that flows southwest into a creek situated just outside the southern boundary. The majority of the project area consists of the Beresfield soil landscape and the southern part consists of the Hunter soil landscape that includes an upper A horizon that overlays the B horizon. The remainder of the projecta rae consists of the Hunter soil landscape is that is characterised by alluvium.

In terms of fresh water availability, Four Mile Creek (3rd order) is located approximately 1.7 kilometres south east and Wallis Creek (6th order) approximately 850 metres north of the project area. One 1st order drainage channel is located along the eastern boundary of the project area and this flows south west into a 2nd order creek that is located outside the southern boundary of the project area. the project area has been cleared and primarily used for pastoral purposes (long-term grazing), involving the wholesale clearance of native vegetation and at least one ploughing event for improved pasture, the construction of dams, fencing and tracks, most of which are classified as moderate levels of disturbance according to the CSIRO (2010) land use disturbances table with small areas assessed as being high (dam, tracks, fencing).

A search of AHIMS identified 57 Aboriginal sites within two kilometres of the project area and include 38 artefact sites (AFT), 7 PADs, 5 artefacts with PADs (AFT/PAD), 2 scar trees (TRE), 1 Aboriginal resource gathering (ARG), 1 burial (BUR), 1 fish trap (FSH), 1 grinding groove site (HGDG) and 1 water hole (WTR). A previous assessment of the project area (Insite 2012b) identified A sensitive landform adjacent to the wetland was identified as having high potential for containing subsurface Indigenous archaeological deposits. A second assessment (MCH 2019) included test excavations of the previously identified PAD. A total of 62 test pits were completed. The test excavation identified a highly disturbed and distributed artefact scatter across the PAD (AHIMS site 38-4-1969). The site consisted of 6 artefacts manufactured predominantly from mudstone and two silcrete. Artefact types included three broken flakes, one microlith and two bladettes. five flake pieces, three bladettes (preform blades). Being highly disturbed it was recommended that an AHIP be sought prior to works commencing.

The project area, consisting of one landform (slopes), was surveyed as one survey unit that wase based on landform elements and then divided into two units based on vegetation (open pasture and open woodland regrowth). Survey Unit 1, included the western half of the project area. Previously cleared and subject to ploughing and grazing as well as a power easement and significant erosion, this area had also been subject to previous archaeological test excavations.

The test excavations identified a highly disturbed landscape with no potential for in situ deposits. Vegetation consisted of grass with few trees.

Survey Unit 2 included the eastern half of the project area. Also previously cleared and subject to ploughing and grazing as well as a power easement, this section has also been subject to bush fires and significant erosion and a disused shed and stock yards are present in the southern section. Being located further from the creek and extrapolating the results from the test excavation this area (part of the same clearing and agricultural activities as the western half of the project area as evidenced through historical photography), is also highly likely to be significantly disturbed deposits with no potential for in situ deposits. Vegetation consisted of regrowth open woodland with very few larger trees present and little scrub/under story.

No sites were identified and the previous test excavation of the project area confirmed the highly disturbed nature of the project area and highly disturbed artefacts present (6 artefacts). the results of the assessment show that AHIMS site 38-4-1969 will be impacted upon by the development. The cumulative impacts are low as the site is highly disturbed and redistributed across the project area due to past and uses including clearing, ploughing, grazing and erosion. The site has no integrity remaining, is very well represented both locally and regionally and is assessed as being of low scientific significance. The RAPs did not provide an assessment of the cultural significance but Yarrawalk stated that the lands are culturally significant.

The following recommendations are provided:

1) The persons responsible for the management of onsite works will ensure that all staff, contractors and others involved in construction and maintenance related activities are made aware of the statutory legislation protecting sites and places of significance. Of particular importance is the National Parks and Wildlife Regulation 2019, under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974;

2) A cultural awareness program should be included as part of the site induction program and developed with the RAPs and form part of the Environmental Management Plan;

3) As AHIMS 38-4-1969 will be impacted on by the development, a project based AHIP will be required prior to works commencing; and

4) An Aboriginal Site Impact Recording Form (ASIRF) will be completed following works.

GLOSSARY

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Values: traditional values of Aboriginal people, handed down in spiritual beliefs, stories and community practices and may include local plant and animal species, places that are important and ways of showing respect for other people.

Aboriginal Place: are locations that have been recognised by the Minister (and gazetted under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*) as having special cultural significance to the Aboriginal community. An Aboriginal Place may or may not include archaeological materials.

Aboriginal Site: an Aboriginal site is the location of one or more Aboriginal archaeological objects, including flaked stone artefacts, midden shell, grinding grooves, archaeological deposits, scarred trees etc.

Artefact: any object that is physically modified by humans.

Assemblage: a collection of artefacts associated by a particular place or time, assumed generated by a single group of people, and can comprise different artefact types.

Axe: a stone-headed axe usually having two ground surfaces that meet at a bevel.

Backed artefact: a stone tool where the margin of a flake is retouched at a steep angle and that margin is opposite a sharp edge.

Background scatter: a term used to describe low density scatter of isolated finds that are distributed across the landscape without any obvious focal point.

Blade: a flake that is at least twice as long as it is wide.

Bondi point: a small asymmetrical backed artefact with a point at one end and backing retouch.

Core: a chunk of stone from which flakes are removed and will have one or more negative flake scars but no positive flake scars. The core itself can be shaped into a tool or used as a source of flakes to be formed into tools.

Debitage: small pieces of stone debris that break off during the manufacturing of stone tools. These are usually considered waste and are the by-product of production (also referred to as flake piece).

Flake: any piece of stone struck off a core and has a number of characteristics including ring cracks showing where the hammer hit the core and a bulb of percussion. May be used as a tool with no further working, may be retouched or serve as a platform for further reduction.

Flaked piece/waste flake: an unmodified and unused flake, usually the by-product of tool manufacture or core preparation (also referred to as debitage).

Formation processes: human caused (land uses etc) or natural processes (geological, animal, plant growth etc) by which an archaeological site is modified during or after occupation and abandonment. These processes have a large effect on the provenience of artefacts or features.

Grinding stone: an abrasive stone used to abrade another artefact or to process food.

Hammer stone: a stone that has been used to strike a core to remove a flake, often causing pitting or other wear on the stone's surface.

Harm: is defined as an act that may destroy, deface or damage an Aboriginal object or place. In relation to an object, this means the movement or removal of an object from the land in which it has been situated

Holocene: the post-glacial period, beginning about 10,000 B.P.

In situ: archaeological items are said to be "in situ" when they are found in the location where they were last deposited.

Pleistocene: the latest major geological epoch, colloquially known as the "Ice Age" due to the multiple expansion and retreat of glaciers. Ca. 3.000, 000-10,000 years B.P.

Retouched flake: a flake that has been flaked again in a manner that modified the edge for the purpose of resharpening that edge.

Stratified Archaeological Deposits: Aboriginal archaeological objects may be observed in soil deposits and within rock shelters or caves. Where layers can be detected within the soil or sediments, which are attributable to separate depositional events in the past, the deposit is said to be stratified. The integrity of sediments and soils are usually affected by 200 years of European settlement and activities such as land clearing, cultivation and construction of industrial, commercial and residential developments.

Taphonomy: the study of processes which have affected organic materials such as bone after death; it also involves the microscopic analysis of tooth-marks or cut marks to assess the effects of butchery or scavenging activities.

Traditional Aboriginal Owners: Aboriginal people who are listed in the Register of Aboriginal owners pursuant to Division 3 of the *Aboriginal Land Register Act (1983)*. The Registrar must give priority to registering Aboriginal people for lands listed in Schedule 14 of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* or land subject to a claim under 36A of the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983*.

Traditional Knowledge: Information about the roles, responsibilities and practices set out in the cultural beliefs of the Aboriginal community. Only certain individuals have traditional knowledge and different aspects of traditional knowledge may be known by different people, e.g., information about men's initiation sites and practices, women's sites, special pathways, proper responsibilities of people fishing or gathering food for the community, ways of sharing and looking after others, etc.

Typology: the systematic organization of artefacts into types on the basis of shared attributes.

Use wear: the wear displayed on an artefact as a result of use.

ACRONYMS

ACHA	Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment
ACHMP	Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan
AHIMS	Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System
AHIP	Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit

AHIMS SITE ACRONYMS

ACD	Aboriginal ceremonial and dreaming
AFT	Artefact (stone, bone, shell, glass, ceramic and metal)
ARG	Aboriginal resource and gathering
ART	Art (pigment or engraving)
BOM	Non-human bone and organic material
BUR	Burial
CFT	Conflict site
CMR	Ceremonial ring (stone or earth)
ETM	Earth mound
FSH	Fish trap
GDG	Grinding groove
HAB	Habitation structure
HTH	Hearth
OCQ	Ochre quarry
PAD	Potential archaeological Deposit
SHL	Shell
STA	Stone arrangement
STQ	Stone quarry
TRE	Modified tree (carved or scarred)
WTR	Water hole

1 INTRODUCTION

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The assessment has been undertaken to meet the Heritage NSWs' Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010 (DECCW 2010), the Guide to Investigating, Assessing and Reporting on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in NSW (OEH 2011), the Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in New South Wales (DECCW 2010b), Councils' requirements and the brief.

1.2 PROPONENT DETAILS

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1.3 THE PROJECT AREA

The project area is defined by the proponent and is located along Mount Vincent Road and Wilton Drive, East Maitland. Including Lot 8 DP855275, Lot 141 and Part Lots 142 and 143 DP1225076, the location and extent of the project area is illustrated in Figures 1.1 and 1.2.

Figure 1.1 Location of the project area

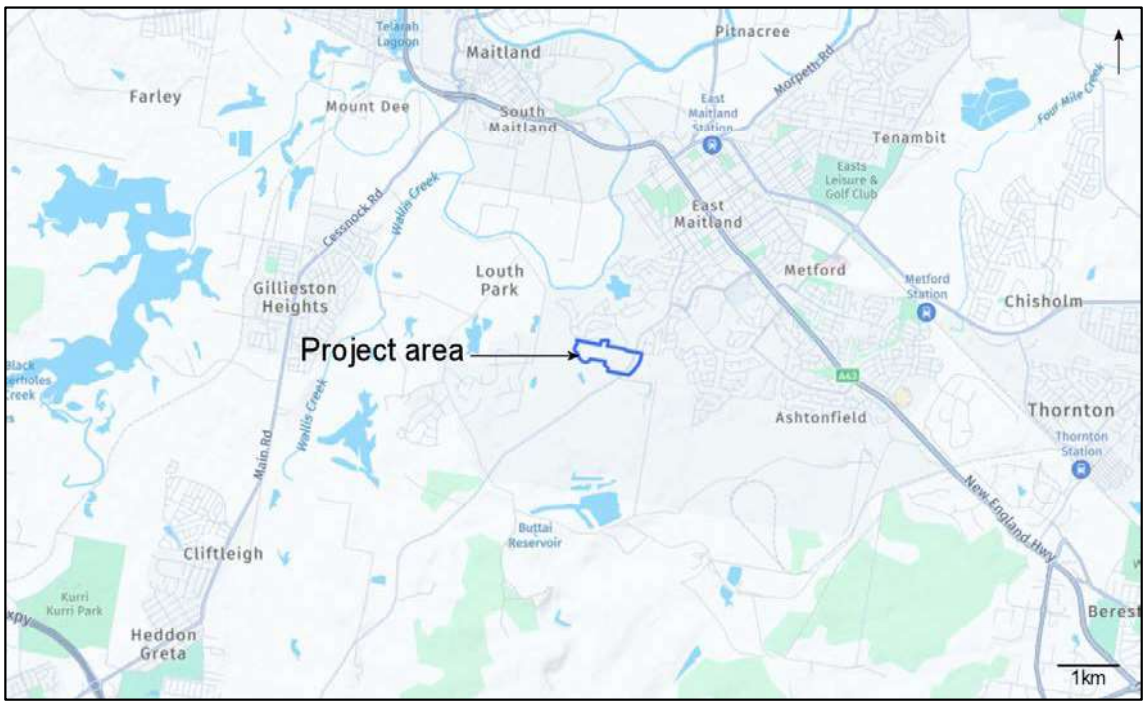


Figure 1.2 Aerial photograph of the project area (Nearmap August 2025)

1.4 DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

The project will include the subdivision of the project area into residential lots and an access road (Figure 1.3). Works typically associated with residential developments include clearing and demolition of existing structures, site remediation, bulk earthworks including construction of dwellings and roads, services reticulation: WW, PW, NBN, electrical and gas and landscaping.

Figure 1.3 Lot Layout

1.5 PURPOSE OF THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT

The purpose of the assessment is to assess any archaeological constraints for the proposal and to provide opportunities and options to ensure any cultural materials present are protected through appropriate mitigation and management.

1.6 OBJECTIVE OF THE ASSESSMENT

The objective of the assessment is to identify areas of Aboriginal cultural heritage value, to determine possible impacts on any Aboriginal cultural heritage identified (including potential subsurface evidence) and to develop management recommendations where appropriate. The assessment employs a regional approach, taking into consideration the landscape of the project area (landforms, water resources, soils, geology etc), the regional archaeological patterning identified by past studies, natural processes (e.g., erosion) as well as land uses and associated impacts across the landscape and any associated cultural that may be present.

1.7 PROJECT BRIEF/SCOPE OF WORK

The following tasks were carried out:

- a review of relevant statutory registers and inventories for indigenous cultural heritage including the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) for known archaeological sites, the State Heritage Register, the National Heritage List, the Commonwealth Heritage List, the National Trust Heritage Register and the relevant Local Environmental Plan;
- a review of local environmental information (e.g., topographic, geological, soil, geomorphological, vegetation, hydrology) to determine the likelihood of archaeological sites and specific site types that may be present, prior and existing land uses and associated impacts and site disturbance that may affect site integrity;
- a review of previous investigations to determine the extent of archaeological investigations in the area and identify any archaeological patterns;
- the development of a predictive archaeological model based on the data searches and literature review;
- identification of human and natural impacts in relation to the known and any new archaeological sites and archaeological potential within the project area;
- consultation with the Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) as per the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents (2010);
- undertake a site inspection with the participation of the RAPs, and
- the development of mitigation and conservation measures in consultation with the RAPs.

1.8 LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT

The following overview of the legislative framework, is provided solely for information purposes for the client, and should not be interpreted as legal advice. MCH will not be liable for any actions taken by any person, body or group as a result of this general overview and MCH recommends that specific legal advice be obtained from a qualified legal practitioner prior to any action being taken as a result of the general summary below.

Land managers are required to consider the effects of their activities or proposed development on the environment under several pieces of legislation. Although there are a number of Acts and regulations protecting Aboriginal heritage, including places, sites and objects, within NSW, the three main ones include:

- National Parks and Wildlife Act (1974, as amended)
- National Parks and Wildlife Regulation (2019)
- Environmental Planning and Assessment Act (1979)

1.8.1 NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE ACT (1974)

The National Parks and Wildlife Act (1974) is the primary legislation for the protection of Aboriginal cultural heritage in New South Wales. The NPW Act protects Aboriginal heritage (places, sites and objects) within NSW and the protection of Aboriginal heritage is outlined in s86 of the Act, as follows:

- "A person must not harm or desecrate an object that the person knows is an Aboriginal object" s86(1)
- "A person must not harm an Aboriginal object" s86(2)
- "A person must not harm or desecrate an Aboriginal place" s86(4)

Penalties apply for harming an Aboriginal object, site or place. The penalty for knowingly harming an Aboriginal object (s86[1]) and/or an Aboriginal place (s86[4]) is up to $550,000 for an individual and/or imprisonment for 2 years; and in the case of a corporation the penalty is up to $1.1 million. The penalty for a strict liability offence (s86[2]) is up to $110,000 for an individual and $220,000 for a corporation.

Harm under the National Parks and Wildlife Act (1974, as amended) is defined as any act that; destroys defaces or damages the object, moves the object from the land on which it has been situated, causes or permits the object to be harmed. However, it is a defence from prosecution if the proponent can demonstrate that;

1) harm was authorised under an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) (and the permit was properly followed), or
2) the proponent exercised due diligence in respect to Aboriginal heritage.

The 'due diligence' defence (s87[2]), states that if a person or company has applied due diligence to determine that no Aboriginal object, site or place was likely to be harmed as a result of the activities proposed for the Project Area, then liability from prosecution under the NPW Act 1974 will be removed or mitigated if it later transpires that an Aboriginal object, site or place was harmed. If any Aboriginal objects are identified during the activity, then works should cease in that area and Heritage NSW notified (DECCW 2010:13). The due diligence defence does not allow for continuing harm or as defence to s.86(1) or (4).

1.8.2 NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE REGULATION (2019)

The National Parks and Wildlife Regulation 2019 provides a framework for undertaking activities and exercising due diligence in respect to Aboriginal heritage. The Regulation (201909) recognises various due diligence codes of practice, including the Due Diligence Code of Practice for the Protection of Aboriginal Objects in NSW, but it also outlines procedures for Aboriginal Heritage

Impact Permit (AHIP) applications and Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements (ACHCRs); amongst other regulatory processes.

1.8.3 ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING & ASSESSMENT ACT 1979 (EP&A ACT)

The EP&A Act establishes the statutory framework for urban and regional planning in NSW, detailing how development is assessed in accordance with those laws and providing the approval pathways for development. The Minister for Planning and Public Spaces is the minister responsible for the EP&A Act, and is supported by State government authorities and local councils in its implementation. The EP&A Act comprises three key Parts to guide development and planning processes. These parts are summarised below:

- Part 3 of the EP&A Act serves a strategic planning function, dealing with the preparation of local and regional strategic plans, the making of environmental planning instruments (EPI) (that is, State Environmental Planning Policies (SEPP) and Local Environmental Plans (LEP), and the preparation of Development Control Plans (DCP).
- Part 4 of the EP&A Act establishes the assessment framework for development that requires consent, containing provisions for local development, regionally significant development (RSD), designated development and State significant development (SSD). The consent authority for determining development applications made under Part 4 is typically the local council; however, for more larger scale, contentious or environmentally sensitive projects the consent authority may be the Minister for Planning or a planning panel.
- Part 5 of the EP&A Act deals with the environmental assessment of infrastructure projects (or 'activities') that do not require development consent. Whilst development consent is not required, activities under Part 5 are still required to undergo environmental assessment by a determining authority (usually a public authority) to determine whether a proposed activity will have a significant impact. Part 5 activities are typically supported by a Review of Environmental Factors (REF); however, in circumstances where a significant impact is determined or a proposed activity is classified as State Significant Infrastructure (SSI) and critical SSI, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required. For SSI and critical SSI, the Minister has the authority for issuing approval.

The applicable approval pathway for development under Part 4 and Part 5 is determined by reference to the relevant EPIs, that are established under Part 3. It is noted that there are several other Parts of the EP&A Act pertaining to certification, infrastructure contributions, reviews and appeal rights, and implementation and enforcement of the Act; however, these are less critical in terms of the assessment and management of Aboriginal heritage, and as such, not covered above.

1.9 QUALIFICATIONS OF THE INVESTIGATOR

Dr. Penny McCardle: Principal Archaeologist & Forensic Anthropologist has 24 years experience in Indigenous archaeological assessments, excavation, research, reporting, analysis and consultation and 21 years in skeletal identification, biological profiling and skeletal trauma identification for NPWS, NSW Police and the NSW Department of Forensic Medicine.

- BA (Archaeology and Palaeoanthropology): Indigenous archaeology, University of New England 1999
- Hons (Archaeology and Palaeoanthropology): Physical Anthropology, University of New England 2001

- Forensic Anthropology Course, University of New England 2003
- Armed Forces Institute of Pathology Forensic Anthropology Course, Ashburn, VA 2008
- Analysis of Bone trauma and Pseudo-Trauma in Suspected Violent Death Course, Erie College, Pennsylvania, 2009
- Documenting Scenes of War and Human Rights Violations. Institute for International Criminal Investigations, 2018
- PhD, University of Newcastle, 2019

1.10 REPORT STRUCTURE

The report includes Section 1 which outlines the project, Section 2 provides the consultation, Section 3 presents the environmental context, Section 4 presents ethno historic context, Section 5 provides the archaeological background, Section 6 provides the results of the fieldwork, analysis and discussion; Section 7 presents the significance assessment, Section 8 the development impact assessment, Section 9 presents the mitigation strategies and Section 10 presents the management recommendations.

2 CONSULTATION

As per the Heritage NSW Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents (April 2010), MCH followed the four stages of consultation as set out below. All correspondences for each stage are provided in Appendix A.

MCH recognises and supports the indigenous system of knowledge. That is, that knowledge is not 'open' in the sense that everyone has access and an equal right to it. Knowledge is not always definitive (in the sense that there is only one right answer) and knowledge is often restricted. As access to this knowledge is power, it must be controlled by people with the appropriate qualifications (usually based on age seniority, but may be based on other factors). Thus, it is important to obtain information from the appropriate knowledge of those sites and/or areas relevant to the project. It is noted that only the Aboriginal community can identify and determine the accepted knowledge holder(s) not archaeologists or proponents. If knowledge is shared, that information must be used as per the wishes of the knowledge holder.

Whilst an archaeologist may view this information as data, a custodian may view this information as highly sensitive, secret/sacred information and may place restrictions on its use. MCH know that archaeologists do not have the capability nor the right to adjudicate on the spirituality of a particular location or site as this is the exclusive right of the traditional owners who have the cultural and hereditary association with the land of their own ancestors. For these reasons, consultation forms an integral component of all projects and this information is sought from the registered stakeholders to be included in the report in the appropriate manner that is stipulated by those with the information.

2.1 STAGE 1: NOTIFICATION & REGISTRATION OF INTEREST

The aim of this stage is to identify, notify and register Aboriginal people and/or groups who hold cultural knowledge that is relevant to the project area, and who can determine the cultural significance of any Aboriginal objects and/or places within the proposed project area. In order to do this, the sources identified by Heritage NSW (OEH 2010:10) and listed in Table 2.1, to provide the names of people who may hold cultural knowledge that is relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal objects and/or places were contacted by letter on 17th February 2025and it was stipulated that if no response was received, the project and consultation will proceed. Information included in the correspondence to the sources listed in Table 2.1 included the name and contact details of the proponent, an overview of the proposed project including the location and a map showing the location.

Table 2.1 Sources contacted

Organisations contacted	Response
Heritage NSW	61 groups
Mindaribba LALC	no response
Maitland Council	no response
Registrar Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983	2 groups
National Native Title Tribunal	freehold
Native Title Services Corporation Limited	no response
Hunter Local Land Services	no response

Following this, MCH compiled a list of people/groups to contact (Refer to Appendix A). As per the Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents (April 2010), archaeologists and proponents must write to all those groups provided asking if they would like to register their interest in the project. Unfortunately, some Government departments written to requesting a list of groups to consult with do not differentiate groups from different traditional boundaries and provide an exhaustive list of groups from across the region including those outside their traditional boundaries.

MCH wrote to all parties identified by the various departments on 4th March 2025, and an advertisement was placed in the Maitland Mercury on 28th February 2025. The correspondence and advertisement included the required information as per the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents (April 2010) and requested to nominate the preferred option for the presentation of information about the proposed project: an information packet or a meeting and information packet (Refer to Stage 2). The Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) are listed in Table 2.2.

Table 2.2 Registered Aboriginal Parties

RAP	Contact
A1 Indigenous Services	Carolyn Hickey
Awabakal Descendants Traditional Owners	Peter Leven
Corroboree Aboriginal Corporation	Marilyn Carroll
Culturally Aware	Tracey Skeen
Didge Ngunawal Clan	Paul Boyd
Hunter Traditional Owner	Paulette Ryan
Hunter Valley Cultural Surveying	Luke Hickey
Jarban & Mugrebea	Les Atkinson
Jumbunna Traffic Management Group Pty Ltd	Norm Archibald
	Kevin Duncan
Yarrawalk Pty Ltd	Scott Franks
Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation	Estelle Germishuizen
Wallagan Cultural Services	Maree Waugh
Wattaka Wonnarua CC Service	Des Hickey
Widescope Indigenous Group	Steven Hickey
Yinarr Cultural Services	Kathleen Steward Kinchela
Long Gully Cultural Services	Ethan Trewlyn
Mura Gadi Aboriginal Corporation	Tiarna Bird
	Cole Perry

2.2 STAGE 2: PRESENTATION OF INFORMATION

The aim of this stage is to provide the RAPs with information regarding the scope of the proposed project and the Indigenous cultural heritage assessment process.

As the RAPs did not provide their preferred method of receiving information, an information packet was sent to all RAPs and included the required information as per the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents (April 2010). The pack included the required information as per the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents (April 2010) and a written response to the proposed methods was due no later than 16th April 2025.

The information pack also stipulated that consultation was not employment, and requested that in order to assist the proponent in the engagement of field workers, that the groups provide information that will assist in the selection of field staff who may be paid on a contractual basis. This included, but was not limited to, experience in field work and in providing cultural heritage advice and their relevant experience; and to provide a CV and insurance details.

The information pack also noted that failure to provide the required information by the date required (28 days) will result in a missed opportunity for the RAPs to contribute to their cultural heritage and the project will proceed.

2.3 STAGE 3:GATHERING INFORMATION ABOUT CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

The aim of this stage is to facilitate a process whereby the RAPs may contribute to culturally appropriate information gathering and the research methodology, provide information that will enable the identification of the cultural significance of any Aboriginal objects and or/places within the proposed project area, and have input into the development of any cultural heritage management and mitigation measures. In order to do his, included in the information pack sent for Stage 2, was information pertaining to the gathering of cultural knowledge. This included the following information;

- MCH noted that information provided by RAPs may be sensitive and MCH and the proponent will not share that information with all RAPs or others without the express permission of the individual. MCH and the proponent extended an invitation to develop and implement appropriate protocols for sourcing and holding cultural information including any restrictions to place on information, as well as the preferred method of providing information;
- request for traditional/cultural knowledge or information associated with ceremonial, spiritual, mythological beliefs, traditions and known sites from the pre-contact period;
- request for traditional/cultural knowledge or information regarding sites or places with historical associations and/or cultural significance which date from the post-contact period and that are remembered by people today (e.g., plant and animal resource use areas, known camp sites); and
- request for traditional/cultural knowledge or information in relation to any sites or places of contemporary cultural significance (apart from the above) which has acquired significance recently.

During this process, the RAPs did not disclose any specific traditional/cultural knowledge or information of sites or places associated with spiritual, mythological, ceremonies or beliefs from the pre contact period, historicc and, or, contemportay periods, within the project area or surrounding area. However, it must be noted that traditional/cultural knowledge and/or

information regarding sites and/or places of cultural significance may exist that were not divulged to MCH by those consulted.

2.4 SURVEY

All RAPs were invited to participate in the survey on 30th April 2025. Unfortunately, no RAPs attended and the survey proceeded.

2.5 STAGE 4: REVIEW OF DRAFT CULTURAL HERITAGE ASSESSMENT

Copies of the draft report were forwarded to all RAPs for their review and were asked to provide a written or verbal response no later than 29th May 2025.

The cultural values identified in the written responses to the draft report are presented. Comments received by MCH are provided in alphabetical order.

Yarrawalk, who also represent Plains Clans of the Wonnarua People (PCWP) provided the following response (full response is in Appendix A):

- The PCWP formally rejects the Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) application for the proposed subdivision. The process undertaken by McCardle Cultural Heritage Pty Ltd (MCH) does not meet the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents (2010) and the Burra Charter (2013). As such, it fails to properly address the cultural and heritage values of Wonnarua Country. The PCWP was not consulted in the identification of knowledge holders, despite being the registered native title claimant for the area.
- The knowledge holders nominated in the MCH report have not been verified by the PCWP or through appropriate genealogical and anthropological assessments.
- The significance of the land has not been accurately reflected, with the remaining lands of the Wonnarua people being of high cultural significance, particularly as they are mong the few remaining areas that have not been fully impacted by development.
- Mr Franks also submitted a formal complaint to the Department of Environment, Climate Change, and Water NSW (DECCW) and stated they will be to escalating this issue to the Australian Human Rights Commission and the NSW Minister for Aboriginal Heritage to ensure that the Aboriginal cultural heritage of Wonnarua Country is appropriately recognised, protected, and respected

  Mr Franks requested the following actions:

- Immediate rejection of the AHIP application for the East Maitland subdivision, due to the failure to comply with the consultation requirements under both state and federal legislation.
- A formal investigation into the process used to identify and engage Traditional Knowledge Holders, with a particular focus on the failure to consult the PCWP as the recognised traditional owners.
- A review of the overall management of the project to ensure that any future Aboriginal heritage assessments comply with the relevant legislative frameworks, including the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents (2010) and the Burra Charter (2013).

- The draft ACHA be revised to accurately reflect the cultural significance of the area, with input from the PCWP as the recognised Traditional Owners.
- A transparent consultation process be undertaken, engaging directly with the PCWP to identify appropriate knowledge holders and gather culturally accurate information.
- The AHIP application be rejected due to the failure to adhere to the 2010 consultation guidelines and Burra Charter principles.
- The DECCW investigate the handling of this project and ensure that future cultural heritage assessments comply with all relevant guidelines and legislation.

MCH responded stating that MCH has fully complied with all consultation requirements for this project and that Mr Franks was directly contacted and invited to register an interest during the initial Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment and test excavation phase, but he chose not to register at that time.

While Yarrawalk did register for this project, and as a member of the Plains Clans of the Wonnarua People (PCWP), had the opportunity to register on their behalf as well, but did not do so. Although Yarrawalk has been included throughout the entire consultation process, they have not participated in any consultation activities until now. MCH pointed out that the decision not to participate in the consultation was made by himself not MCH.

MCH have already conducted a fully transparent consultation process that adheres to all requirements, and considering that Mr. Franks chose not to participate during this process, MCH are unable to accommodate his current requests. These matters have already been addressed in the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA). MCH acknowledge that Mr. Franks has expressed his opposition to both the ACHA and the Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP).

All comments received from the RAPs were considered in the final report, all submissions responded to and all RAPs were provided a copy of the final report. All documentation regarding the consultation process is provided in Appendix B.

3 LANDSCAPE AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTEXT

3.1 INTRODUCTION

It is critical to document and analyse the context of archaeological sites in relation to the surrounding terrain (De Reu et al., 2011; De Smedt et al., 2013; Turrero et al., 2013). The distribution and characteristics of Aboriginal cultural materials are significantly shaped by environmental factors, including topography, geology, landforms, climate, geomorphology, hydrology, and the related soils and vegetation (Hughes and Sullivan, 1984). These variables affect the availability of essential resources such as flora, fauna, water, and raw materials, as well as the location of potential camping sites, ceremonial grounds, burial sites, and appropriate surfaces for rock art applications.

Variations in site locations across different landforms can be attributed to distinct environmental constraints, which yield diverse spatial distributions and forms of archaeological evidence. Consequently, these environmental factors inform the development of predictive models for Aboriginal site locations. This modelling is predicated on the assumption that environmental conditions present both constraints and opportunities that directly influence site selection and utilisation behaviours.

Environmental factors significantly influence the preservation of cultural materials in the context of both natural and anthropogenic impacts. These factors also play a crucial role in the detection of archaeological sites during ground surface surveys. Site detection is contingent upon several environmental variables, notably surface visibility, which is influenced by the type and extent of ground cover, such as grass and leaf litter. Additionally, the preservation of the original land surface and associated cultural materials is affected by processes such as flood deposition and erosion. Human activities, including Aboriginal fire stick farming, land clearing, logging, agricultural practices, construction, and mining, further modify the exposure of the original landscape and its cultural materials (Hughes and Sullivan, 1984).

Understanding the interplay between environmental processes and human activities is essential for evaluating the potential durability and detectability of both surface and subsurface cultural materials during archaeological investigations. A comprehensive analysis of environmental factors, processes, and activities is required, as these elements significantly influence site location, preservation, and the capacity to detect cultural materials during surface surveys. Moreover, they also impact the likelihood of in situ subsurface cultural materials being present. The following sections will detail the relevant environmental factors, processes, and disturbances pertinent to the surrounding environment and the specific project area.

3.2 GEOLOGY

The regional geology significantly influences the structural characteristics of the surrounding environment, including landforms, topography, geomorphology, vegetation, climate, and hydrology. Furthermore, it affects historical occupancy patterns and their representation in the archaeological record. This is particularly pertinent to historical Aboriginal land use, as it relates to the availability and procurement of stone resources and raw materials, which are essential for the production and modification of stone tools.

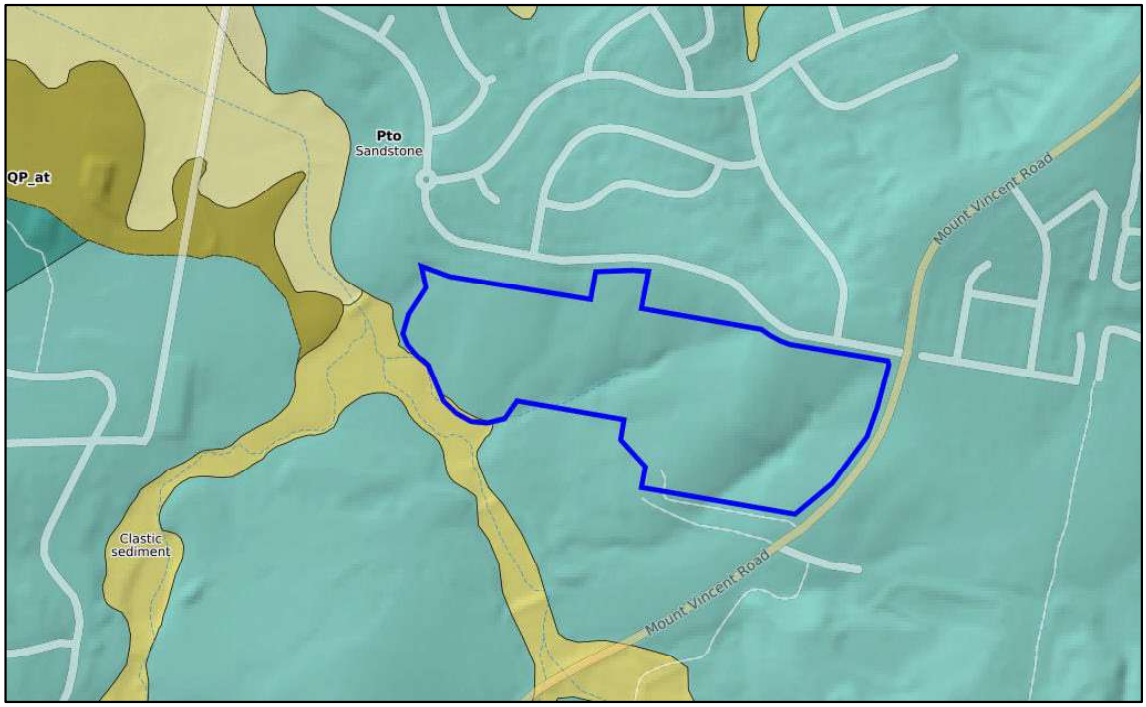
The interplay of sedimentation, uplift, and continuous physical and chemical weathering, along with re-deposition and volcanic activity, has culminated in the creation of a complex landscape characterised by diverse topographical features, vegetation, and wildlife within the regional area. For the Aboriginal inhabitants, these geological processes have resulted in the formation of caves

and ledges that serve as effective shelters and locations for rock, deposits of raw materials vital for stone tool production and offers rocky creek bed outcrops, which were utilised in the manufacture of ground-edge implements.

The Hunter Valley is comprised of four principal geological provinces: the New England Geosyncline to the northeast, the Sydney Basin centrally and to the south, the Great Artesian Basin in the northwest, and the Eastern Australian Tertiary Volcanic Province extending across the north and west (Hughes, 1984). The Central Lowlands are situated within the Sydney Basin, characterized by Permian rock formations that display folding and are predominantly composed of shales, tuffs, sandstones, mudstones, and conglomerates. The basal portions of these formations include various lava beds and are notable for housing extensive coal measures that are actively mined throughout the region. It is important to note that the Permian rock strata exhibit moderate resistance to weathering processes, thereby contributing to the formation of the lowland landscape.

The dominant geological formation within the majority of the project area is the Tomago Coal Measures, part of the Singleton Subgroup. This formation primarily comprises very fine- to medium-grained grey lithic sandstone, which is intermittently interbedded with laminated and carbonaceous shale, mudstone, siltstone, and coal. Additionally, sporadic layers of carbonaceous shale, claystone, sideritic bands, and rare pebble para-conglomerate are also present (NSW Seamless Geology). At the southern extremity of the project area, Quaternary alluvial valley deposits are found, consisting of silt, clay, and fluvially deposited lithic and quartz-lithic sand and gravel. The occurrence of mudstone within the geological composition of the project area suggests that suitable stone materials for the production of stone artifacts may be located in the project area.

Figure 3.1 Geology of the project area

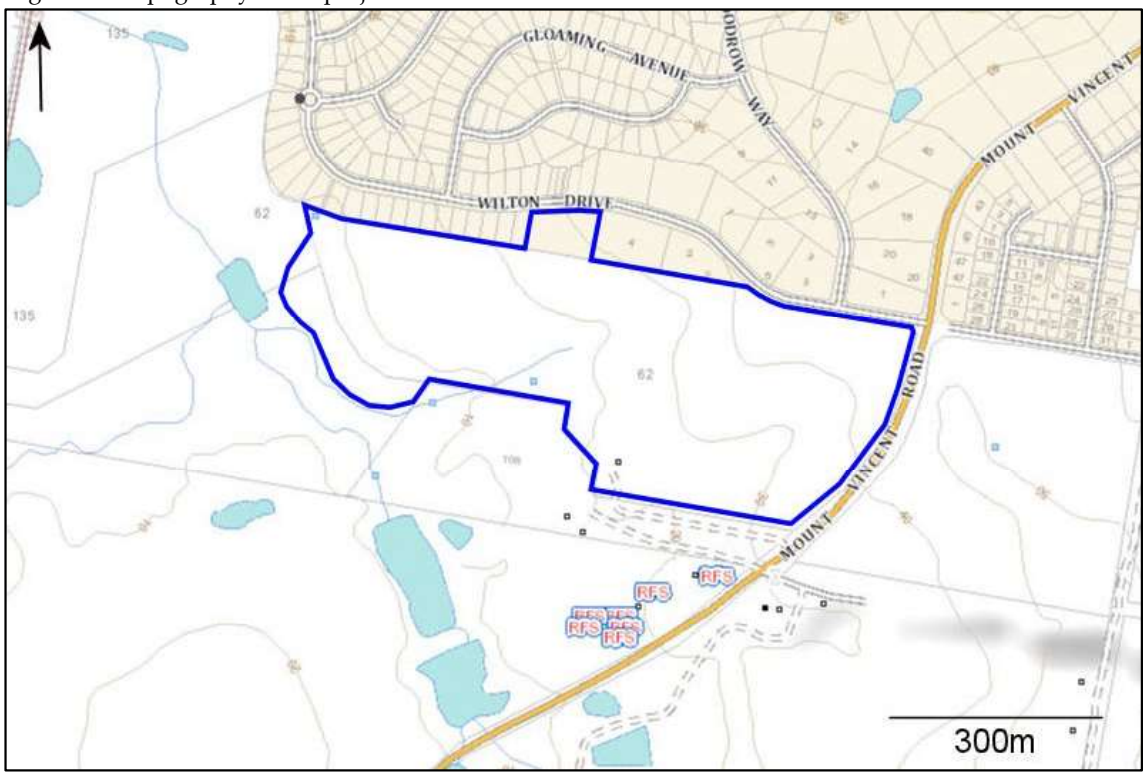


3.3 TOPOGRAPHY

Understanding the topographical context is crucial for identifying potential factors associated with historical Aboriginal land use patterns. This context is predominantly influenced by geological features, as not all landforms provide suitable camping locations. For example, steep slopes would have been unsuitable for camping, whilst flat elevated topography overlooking a water course would have been suitable for camping. Story et al. (1963) classified the Hunter Valley into eight primary sub-regions: Southern Mountains, Central Goulburn Valley, Merriwa Plateau, Liverpool and Mount Royal Ranges, Barrington Tops, North-Eastern Mountains, Central Lowlands, and the Coastal Zone.

The project area is situated within the Central Lowlands, characterised as a broad lowland belt approximately 15 kilometres in width. This belt extends through the region from Murrurundi to Newcastle and is encircled on all sides by steep, rugged terrain, except in the far west where the Cassilis Gate facilitates access to the interior. To the south, the area transitions into dissected plateau country, while the northern and western boundaries are defined by the Liverpool Range and Barrington Uplands. The region is predominantly composed of alluvial land, featuring open, undulating grasslands and level alluvial plains. Historically, this area was rural, but extensive open-cut mining operations have been established, particularly near Singleton and Muswellbrook. The topography of the project area presents a gentle slope facing southwest, with a drainage line roughly through the centre that flows southwest into a creek situated just outside the southern boundary (Refer to Figure 3.2).

Figure 3.2 Topography of the project area



3.4 GEOMORPHOLOGY

Geomorphology is the study of landscapes, their evolution and the processes operating within earth systems. Cultural remains are part of these systems, having being deposited on, and in part, resulting from interactions within landscapes of the past. An understanding of geomorphological patterning and alterations is therefore essential in assess and interpreting the archaeological record.

The geomorphology of the Hunter Valley is complex and is summarised below based upon studies undertaken by Galloway (1963) and Hughes (1984). The Hunter Valley contains a variety of landforms ranging from rugged mountains to plains and varying in elevation from sea level to over 1500 metres (AHD). It is surrounded on all sides by mountainous terrain with the exception of the western portion where a low rise divides it from the Darling River drainage area and the south eastern zone where it is bounded by the Pacific Ocean.

Four major elements are distinguished in the drainage pattern. The western half of the valley is drained by the Goulburn River and its tributaries that flow east to Denman. The north-eastern part is drained by the upper Hunter River, which flows southwest to unite with the Goulburn River at Denman. The combined rivers then flow east-south-east as the lower Hunter River, opening to the ocean at Newcastle. The Williams and Paterson Rivers drain the high country of the Barrington Tops in the east and join the Hunter River near its mouth. The watershed of the Goulburn River coincides with the Great Dividing Range, where it swings west in a vast loop.

The soils throughout the region reflect the influence of a range of factors including the parent geological material, topography, climate, organisms and length of formation time. Differences between these elements are reflected in variation in soil types across the Hunter Valley. Texture contrast soils mantle the undulating to hilly landscapes on Permian and Carboniferous rocks and the older alluvial terraces and valley fills. The two major groups of texture contrast soils include solonetzic and podzolic soils. These soils consist of an upper soil Horizon A and underlying B (referred to as duplex soils). The upper A unit consists of grey to buff silts and sand with gravels, is usually no greater than one metre in depth (usually shallower), has a weakly developed soil profile and is typically discontinuous, especially along hill slopes. The underlying B unit consists of brown-red gravel rich clays with evidence of deep weathering and strongly contrasting horizons.

Unit A and Unit B are interpreted as being Holocene and Pleistocene in age respectively. Within the region, sites tend to occur on or within soil Horizon A or are often present at the interface of the A and B horizons. Within the A horizon the lowermost (in terms of vertical positioning) artefact assemblages tend to contain artefacts that are typically attributed to the mid-Holocene, as characterised by an increase in the number of backed artefacts. Given the lack of detailed information regarding artefact sequences and chronologies in the Hunter Valley, this assumption should not be accepted without question. However, on geomorphological grounds, A horizon soils in this context are generally considered as dating to the mid-late Holocene (Dean-Jones and Mitchell 1993:76).

In contrast, the underlying weathered nature of the clayey B-horizon indicates that its parent material is much older. Evidence of earlier occupation of the region was identified at Warkworth West (AMBS 2002) where a limited artefact assemblage is present within deposit older than 14,000 years. It is also suggested that materials from Fal Brook and Carrington date to the Pleistocene period (Koettig 1987). The B-horizon parent material in hill slope formations is typically composed of weathered, in-situ bedrock whereas soils along the valley floors are generally alluvial or colluvial in origin.

The archaeological importance of foot slopes and valley floors with soils of this type is enhanced by the fact that the interaction between alluvial and colluvial deposition can result in the formation of sealed deposits. However, landforms of this type are also prone to erosion which may broadly reveal previously buried archaeological evidence. Extensive sheet and gully erosion occurs throughout the area, potentially resulting in artefacts that were originally deposited on or within the A-horizon being exposed as highly visible lag. Thus, although erosion greatly increases the visibility of artefacts, it also disturbs and damages them.

Similarly, the impacts of bioturbation upon the archaeological record must also be addressed. Focussed studies regarding bioturbation have primarily been conducted outside Australia (e.g., Armour-Chelu and Andrews 1994; Fowler et al 2004; Peacock and Fant 2002). Therefore, whilst the subsequent findings are broadly applicable within the Australian context, further research is certainly warranted. In general, it appears that, within duplex soils, the burrowing activities of fauna including earthworms can often cause the lateral and horizontal movement of artefacts through the soil profile, eventually resulting in the formation of a stone layer at the interface of the A and B horizons. The other important element to address is the differential movement of artefacts according to size/weight. In this respect, bioturbation has the potential to artificially conflate and separate artefacts according to size grouping as opposed to depositional context (Fowler et al 2004; Armour-Chelu and Andrews 1994).

As duplex soils are the dominant soil type within the Hunter Valley, the inherent properties of these soils must be taken into consideration in regard to the likelihood of site detection (through exposure by erosion), the stratigraphic context and age of sites, potential site location in relation to past use of the landscape and landscape instability. Certain land systems and types of deposit are however, considered to have greater potential to contain stratified and/or older archaeological sites. This does not imply that older sites are intrinsically more significant than more recent sites, rather, the more important issue in scientific terms is the level of integrity within the site. In broad terms, windblown sand sheets/dunes (such as those at Warkworth), alluvial fan deposits and foot slopes with the potential to have colluvial deposits should be considered as archaeologically sensitive landforms (refer to Dean-Jones and Mitchell 1993; Hughes 1984).

3.5 SOILS

The characteristics of the surrounding soil landscape are critical for Aboriginal land use and the preservation of archaeological sites. This relationship primarily pertains to the support of vegetation, preservation of organic materials, and the geographical location and age of cultural artefacts. Historical human activities significantly affect the soil record, as evidenced by alterations in soil properties, sedimentation patterns, and the presence of archaeological features and artefacts within contemporary soil profiles.

Soil and sediment conditions dictate the survival of materials in burial environments, influencing decomposition rates and, by extension, the preservation of archaeological sites, artefacts, and biological remains. The development of soils has been continuously shaped by human activity, particularly in modern contexts where most land undergoes active management for agriculture, pastoral use, forestry, extraction, or construction.

Natural processes also play a role in affecting soils. The deposition of alluvial and aeolian sediments, along with colluvial movement, leads to the redistribution and burying of archaeological materials. Increased soil erosion further contributes to this dynamic, disrupting the integrity of cultural materials through post-depositional movement, notably affecting small portable items such as stone tools located within soil profiles.

The majority of the project area consists of the Beresfield sopil landscape and the southern part consists of the Hunter soil landscape (SEED Map NSW Government). The Beresfield (Residual landscape) is dominated by a friable brownish black loam (topsoil - A1 horizon; 5-15cm in depth) that is moderately acid to neutral (pH 5.5 – 7.0). The A2 horizon underlies this and consists of hard setting dull yellowish brown sandy loam (5-30cm in depth) that is moderately to slightly acid (pH 5.0 – 6.0). A reddish-brown plastic pedal clay (subsoil – B2 and B 3 horizons) occurs that is strongly to slightly acid (pH 4.5 – 6.0). Also occurring is a greyed 'puggy' silty clay (subsoil – B2, B3, C horizons) that is moderately acid to neutral (pH 5.0 – 7.0). Erosion across the area ranges from low to high (Matthei 1995: 30 – 33).

The Hunter soil landscape is that is characterised by alluvium and consists of brownish black to brown light medium clay topsoils to a gradual change to dark brown medium clay subsoils up to 30cm in depth. Black Earths also occur (very dark brown silty clay with a depth of 15cm, and a gradual change to brownish black light medium clay subsoils) on prior stream channels and tributary flats (Kovac and Lawrie 1991:212-214). Alluvial soils, including loams (black to brownish black fine sandy loam for topsoils with a depth of 50 cm and a gradual change to greyish brown sandy loam) and sands (brownish black fine sandy loam and grades into a dark brown clayey sand with depth) are typically layered and found on levees and flats adjacent to the present river channel. Old terraces genberally consiosts of brownish black clay loam to 25 cm in depth with a sharp change to dark reddish brown medium clay and brown mottles (Kovac and Lawrie 1991:212-214).

The A horizon across the Soil Landscape of the project area typically measures 30 cm or less in depth. Soil deflation and erosion processes tend to expose, rather than cover, former land surfaces that may have contained stone artefacts. This erosion typically removes the upper layers of the soil profile, often reaching the exposed B horizon and exposing stone artefacts. Furthermore, the incidence of erosion is exacerbated by various land use activities, including clearing, ploughing, and grazing, all of which contribute to a reduction in the depth of the topsoil.

3.6 CLIMATE

Climatic conditions have also influenced past lands use patterns in a given area, as well as the characteristics of its soils, vegetation, and associated cultural artefacts. According to the climatic zone classification established by Kovac and Lawrie (1991), this region is characterised by average temperatures ranging from a minimum of less than 5°C to a maximum of 28°C. Winter precipitation exhibits variability, averaging around 30 millimetres per month. In contrast, summer precipitation is relatively consistent, averaging between 55 and 60 millimetres per month, resulting in a total mean annual precipitation of 740 millimetres. The heightened rainfall during the summer months, combined with reduced ground cover, leads to an increased risk of erosion in this region.

3.7 WATERWAYS

Water is a critical environmental factor that significantly influences human behaviour, as it is vital for survival. Consequently, individuals tend to remain in close proximity to dependable water sources. Instances of people traveling considerable distances from these sources typically indicate alternative motivations, such as the pursuit of rare or valued resources and trade activities.

Proximity to water not only affects the number of archaeological sites but also their artefact densities. Empirical data from both regional and local archaeological studies consistently demonstrate that sites with the highest density of artefacts are found near water and often on flat elevated landforms. Specifically, findings indicate that archaeological sites are generally located

within 50 meters of a reliable water source in valley landforms and can extend up to 100 meters in sandstone regions. These patterns reinforce the correlation between water availability and human settlement behaviour.

Water sources can be classified into four main categories: permanent sources (such as rivers and soaks), semi-permanent sources (including large streams, swamps, and billabongs), ephemeral sources (comprising small streams and creeks), and underground sources (e.g., artesian wells). To assess the reliability of streams as potential water sources, stream order evaluation is employed. This evaluation utilises the Strahler method, which is applied to 1:25,000 scale topographic maps. Based on climatic analysis, the project area generally experiences reliable rainfall under typical conditions. Consequently, streams classified above third order are considered to provide a relatively permanent water source.

According to the Strahler method, first-order streams are designated as upper tributaries that do not exhibit flow permanence. When two first-order streams converge, they form a second-order stream. Similarly, the confluence of two second-order streams results in the formation of a third-order stream, and this pattern continues thereafter. Notably, when a lower-order stream joins a higher-order stream, the downstream segment retains the classification of the higher-order stream (Anon 2003; Wheeling Jesuit University 2002).

In terms of fresh water availability, the project area is situated some distance from reliable fresh water sources. Four Mile Creek (3rd order) is located approximately 1.7 kilometres south east and Wallis Creek (6th order) approximately 850 metres north of the project area. One 1st order drainage channel is located through the centre of the project area and this flows south west out of the project area into a 2nd order creek that is located outside the southern boundary of the project area (Figure 3.3).

Figure 3.3 Stream orders of the project area

As fresh water is necessary for survival and played a major role in past Aboriginal land use patterns and site selection, the absence of reliable fresh water in the project area and surrounds

indicates that the project area was not suitable for camping but may have been used for transitory activities such as hunting and gathering activities.

3.8 FLORA AND FAUNA

The availability of flora and associated water sources affect fauna resources, all of which are primary factors influencing patterns of past Aboriginal land use and occupation. The assessment of flora has two factors that assist in an assessment including a guide to the range of plant resources used for food and medicine and to manufacture objects including nets, string bags, shields and canoes which would have been available to Indigenous people in the past. The second is what it may imply about current and past land uses and to affect survey conditions such as visibility, access and disturbances.

The project area has been completely cleared of all vegetation. The drainage throughout the project area would have supported a limited range of faunal populations including kangaroo, wallaby, goanna, reptiles and a variety of birds. A wider variety of resources would have been available in areas to the south east along Wallis Creek, where more reliable fresh water would have been available.

3.9 LANDUSES AND DISTURBANCES

According to Heritage NSW (DECCW 2010), disturbed lands are defined as areas affected by human activities that modify the surface or subsurface, with these modifications being clearly observable. Such activities include ploughing, construction (e.g., roads, fire trails, dams, fences, utilities), and land clearing. This definition is informed by disturbances outlined in The Australian Soil and Land Survey Field Handbook (CSIRO 2010). Table 3.1 provides a classification scale for levels of disturbance, facilitating the assessment of disturbance severity and its potential impact on cultural materials within the project area. These disturbances on the landscape have been thoroughly examined and recorded through numerous experiments (see below) in a variety of landforms throughout the world, along with the impacts on objects within the deposits.

Table 3.1 Land use scale (CSIRO 2010)

Minor disturbance		Moderate disturbance		Major disturbance	
Cleared and/or grazed at some time, but apparently never ploughed		Cleared and/or grazed at some time, with ploughing also attested		Severe disturbance to natural soil profiles; complete-to-near complete topsoil loss/disturbance	
0	No effective disturbance; natural	3	Extensive clearing (e.g., poisoning and ringbarking	6	Cultivation: grain fed
1	No effective disturbance other than grazed by hoofed animals	4	Complete clearing: pasture native or improved, but never cultivated	7	Cultivation: irrigated, past and present
2	Limited clearing (e.g., selected logging)	5	Complete clearing: pasture native or improved, cultivated at some stage	8	Highly disturbed: e.g., quarry, road works, mining, landfill, urban

Based upon archaeological evidence, the occupation of Australia extends back some 40,000 years (Mulvaney and Kamminga 1999). Although the impact of past Aboriginal occupation on the natural landscape is thought to have been relatively minimal, it cannot simply be assumed that 20,000 years of land use have passed without affecting various environmental variables. The practice of 'firestick farming' whereby the cautious setting of fires served to drive game from cover, provide protection and alter vegetation communities significantly influenced seed germination, thus increasing diversity within the floral community.

Following European settlement of the area in the 1820s, the regional landscape has been subjected to a range of different modifactory activities including extensive logging and clearing, agricultural cultivation (ploughing), pastoral grazing, residential developments and mining (Turner 1985). The associated high degree of landscape disturbance has resulted in the alteration of large tracts of land and the cultural materials contained within these areas. Based on NSW Historic Imagery and Nearmap, the project area has been subject to a range of both moderate and high landuses disturbances and impacts. As shown in Figure 3.4, the western half of the project area had been cleared and likely ploughed at least once for improved pasture by 1954 and the eastern half subject to selective logging activities. The construction works for structures immediately adjoining the southeastern part of the project area has progressed by 1966 with some encroachment into the project area evident (Figure 3.4), and tracks are also established through the project area. The development along the southern boundary encroaches further into the project area in 1976 a (Figure 3.5) where a small dam has been constructed, and tracks are evident in the project area by 1987 (Figure 3.5). There are no additional obvious changes to the project area visible an aerial photographs.

Figure 3.4 1954 (left) and 1966 (right) aerial photographs of the project area

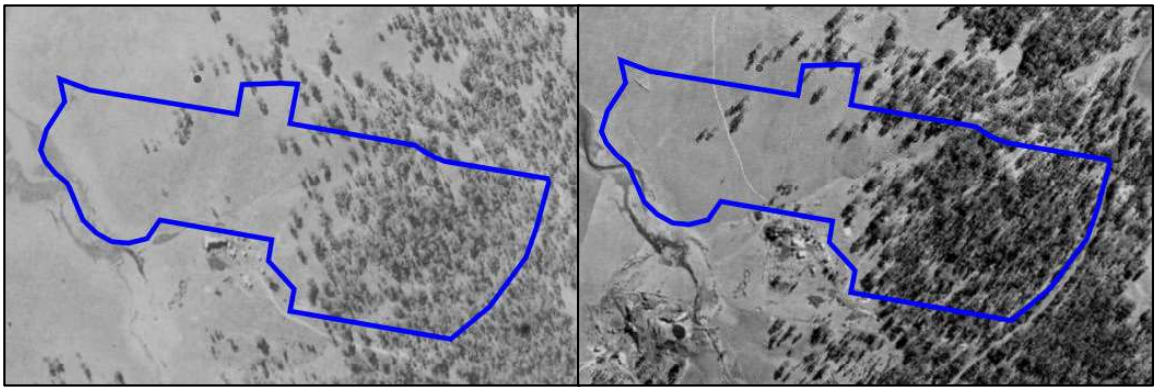


Figure 3.5 1976 (left) and 1987 (right) aerial photographs of the project area

In summary, the western half of the project area has been cleared, likely ploughed at least once for improved pasture and primarily used for pastoral purposes (long-term grazing). The eastern half was subject to selective logging and also used for grazing, a small dam constructed in the south where previous structures were also constructed as part of the neighbouring property that encroached into the current project area, fencing and tracks, most of which are classified as moderate levels of disturbance according to the CSIRO (2010) land use disturbances table with small areas assessed as being high (dam, tracks, fencing). These landuses and how they impact on the landscape and archaeological deposits are discussed below in detail.

Early vegetation clearing included the uprooting of trees by chaining which disturbed or destroyed that may be present near, or underneath trees and vegetation (Wood 1982). Alternatively, timber was harvested manually, using axes and hand saws and generally, only the trees that were wanted for timber were felled (selective logging). However, after the 1950s, there was an increase in mechanisation in the logging industry, and clear-felling became widely practised whereby the best logs were removed for processing, but nearly every other tree was bulldozed and burnt, and had increased impacts to the landscape.

Farming and agricultural activities also disturbed the landscape. Although pastoralism is a comparatively low impact activity, it does result in disturbances due to vegetation clearance and the trampling and compaction of grazed areas. These factors accelerate the natural processes of sheet and gully erosion, which in turn can cause the horizontal and lateral displacement of artefacts. Furthermore, grazing by hoofed animals can affect the archaeological record due to the displacement and breakage of artefacts resulting from trampling (Yorston et al 1990). Pastoral land uses are also closely linked to alterations in the landscape due to the construction of dams, fence lines and associated structures.

As a sub-set of agricultural land use, ploughing typically disturbs the top 10-12 centimetres of topsoil (Koettig 1986a) depending on the method and machinery used during the process. Ploughing increases the occurrence of erosion and can also result in the direct horizontal and vertical movement of artefacts, thus causing artificial changes in artefact densities and distributions. In fact, studies undertaken on artefact movement due to ploughing (e.g., Roper 1976; Odell and Cowan 1987) has shown that artefacts move between one centimetre up to 18 metres laterally depending on the equipment used and horizontal movement. Ploughing may also interfere with other features and disrupt soil stratigraphy (Lewarch and O'Brien 1981), all of which result in a disturbed deposit, which, depending on the depth of soils, may result in no site integrity remaining. Ploughing activities are typically evidenced through 'ridges and furrows' however a lengthy cessation in ploughing activities dictates that these features may no longer be apparent on the surface.

Excavation works required for developments, including but not limited to business, residential, industrial, aviation, works depos, mining, dams and associated infrastructure and utilities, require excavation, cut and fill methods. Remediation works also result in additional impacts and typically involve the removal of soils. These direct impacts to the land and associated cultural materials that may be present are easy to see and understand. Any form of construction or resource exploitation that involves the removal of, relocation of or compaction or soils sediments or minerals, requires the modification of the topography, thus displacing and/or destroying any cultural materials that may have been present (Wood 1982).

In terms of everyday land uses, vehicular movements on sites have been well documented and based on several experiments (DeBloois, Green and Wylie 1974, Gallagher 1978), have shown that vehicle movements over an archaeological site are extremely destructive to the site through compaction and movement, thus altering the spatial relationship and location of the artefacts. Based on general observations it is expected that the creation of dirt tracks for vehicle access

would also result in the loss of vegetation and therefore will enhance erosion and the associated relocation of cultural materials. As fence construction require the removal of soils for the post holes, this would also have resulted in the disturbance and possible destruction of any cultural materials. All of which result in loss of vegetation and erosion to some extent.

The A horizon of the project area's soil landscapes typically measures 30 cm in depth, but are expected to be less largely due to erosion. Land use activities such as clearing, ploughing, and grazing affect deposits up to this depth, further exacerbating erosion. Consequently, the soils in the project area are anticipated to be shallow, potentially exposing any underlying cultural materials.

3.10 NATURAL DISTURBANCES

Natural processes can affect the disturbance of cultural materials. Deposition and erosion patterns in a locality can influence the formation and destruction of archaeological sites. In environments with high sediment accumulation rates, artifacts are quickly buried after abandonment. Frequent depositional events can lead to well-stratified cultural deposits. (Waters 2000:538,540)

In a stable landscape with limited deposition and moderate erosion, soils will form and cultural materials will remain on the surface until burial. Extended periods of stability will compress the archaeological record, with multiple occupational episodes found on one surface prior to burial. Artefacts in duplex soils are typically located within the A horizon at the A and B horizon interface. (Waters 2000:538-539). If erosion occurs after cultural material is deposited, it can significantly disrupt or destroy archaeological sites, regardless of their initial state of preservation. The frequency and severity of erosional events directly impact the level of disturbance or destruction. Repeated and severe episodes can lead to complete removal of older sediments, soils, and cultural deposits, resulting in the loss of archaeological material within a region. (Waters 2000:539; Waters and Kuehn 1996:484).

Bioturbation plays a crucial role in the formation of the archaeological record, impacting the preservation, redistribution, and mixing of cultural materials. Earthworms, ants, and other burrowing animals can disturb and relocate artifacts through their activities. Artefacts may also be displaced through root holes, settling by gravity, or translocation caused by tree falls (Balek 2002:41-42; Peacock and Fant 2002:92). The depth of artifact burial and movement due to bioturbation is limited by the extent of biological activity (Balek 2002:43).

Burrowing and mounding activities by animals and insects can lead to the burial and movement of artifacts, disrupting the stratigraphic integrity. Size-sorting occurs, with smaller artifacts being moved upwards and deposited in mounds, while larger artifacts move downward due to gravity and burrowing activities. This can create concentrations of artifacts that may be mistaken for cultural layers (Balek 2002:46). The rate of artifact burial through burrowing and mounding can be significant, up to 2.7 meters in 5000 years. (Balek 2002:45, 46)

Experiments to assess the degree that bioturbation can affect material have been undertaken. In abandoned cultivated fields in South Carolina, Michie (summarised in Balek 2002:42-43) found that over a 100-year period 35% of shell fragments that had been previously used to fertilise the fields were found between 15 and 60 centimetres below the surface, inferred to be as a result of bioturbation and gravity.

Earthworms can disrupt soil stratification within approximately 450 years (Balek 2002:48). The impact on cultural materials varies based on the species of earthworm present (Armour-Chelu and Andrews 1994; Canti 2003; Fowler et al. 2004; Stein 1983). Different earthworm species exhibit

distinct behaviours, with some dwelling deep in soils and moving vertically, while others reside in the top layers and move horizontally (Fowler et al. 2004:453). Earthworms can excavate up to six meters under favourable conditions (Stein 1983:278), altering soil horizons through burrowing and consumption of organic matter (Fowler et al. 2004:457, 461; Stein 2003:139).

Earthworms can impact cultural deposits by altering artefact concentrations and stratigraphy, displacing artefacts during burrowing, burying artefacts through faecal deposition, and blurring natural and cultural boundaries. They may also consume and destroy organic remains. In Australia, earthworm species typically require neutral pH levels around 7 and are intolerant of pH levels below 4.5 (Stein 1983:280).

3.11 DISCUSSION

The project area is characterised by a resource-limited environment, lacking a reliable fresh water supply for extended camping. This may have led to its use for transient activities, such as travel and hunting and gathering activities en route to more reliable water sources. Evidence of such past Aboriginal land use is reflected in the archaeological record by a background scatter of discarded artefacts, including isolated artefacts and low-density artefact scatters. Furthermore, modern alterations, including large-scale land clearing, at least one ploughing for pasture improvement, dam excavation, and the installation of tracks and fencing, are expected to have significantly impacted the archaeological integrity of the project area.

4 CULTURAL CONTEXT

Although ethnographic accounts do not consider or discuss Aboriginal relationships to the land and its significance, they do provide insights into some past Aboriginal activities, some of which leave evidence in the landscape (tangible sites) and can be confirmed through archaeological investigations. Intangible sites, such as mythological, storytelling etc., cannot be confirmed by archaeological investigations and are rarely recorded by early explores and such traditional knowledge is vital in understanding the cultural landscape.

Anthropologists and ethnographers have attempted to piece together a picture of past Aboriginal societies throughout the Hunter Valley. Although providing a glimpse into the past, one must be aware that information obtained on cultural and social practices were commonly biased and generally obtained from informants including white settlers, bureaucrats, officials and explorers. Problems encountered with such sources are well documented (e.g., Barwick 1984; L'Oste-Brown et al 1998). There is little information about who collected information or their skills. There were language barriers and interpretation issues, and the degree of interest and attitudes towards Aboriginal people varied in light of the violent settlement history. Access to view certain ceremonies was limited. Cultural practices (such as initiation ceremonies and burial practices) were commonly only viewed once by an informant who would then interpret what he saw based on his own understanding and then generalise about those practices.

4.1 WONNARUAH COUNTRY

Brayshaw (1987) examined early ethnographic literature relating to the Aboriginal occupation and European settlement of the Hunter Valley in order to determine the manner in which past Aboriginal communities adapted to their environment, the extent to which they utilised the available resources, and to assess the comparability of the described material culture with the archaeological evidence.

In relation to the limitations inherent within the ethno-historic documentation, Brayshaw (1987) notes that the early records of settlers, explorers and surveyors provide the only picture of past Aboriginal life in the Hunter Valley, as it was prior to the impact of contact and white settlement and therefore worthy of consideration. Dawson (1830; in Brayshaw 1987) and Fawcett (1898; in Brayshaw 1987) suggest that fire was used to deter Europeans, to attract game for hunting and to signal to other tribes for both hunting and ceremonial purposes. It is also commonly known that firestick farming was used to modify the environment throughout Australia (Mulvaney and Kamminga 1999). Floral resources were also utilised in many ways with bark been widely used as huts or 'gunyahs', canoes, string, baskets, drinking containers and in burial practices. Vegetable and bark fibres were also used for fishing lines, nets and sewing. Wood was used for clubs, yam sticks, boomerangs, spears, spear throwers and hatchets, and both wood and bark were used to make shields (Paterson 1801; Barrallier 1802). Shells were used as scrapers to sharpen spears (later replaced by glass) and ground into shape for fishhooks (Caswell 1841 and Gunson 1974, both in Brayshaw 1987:67). Although there are no apparent ethnographic reference to stone being used as tools, physical evidence indicates stone was utilised at as tools. Kangaroo bones were made into awls and used to repair canoes and in sewing possum and kangaroo skins for clothing (Boswell 1890; Fawcett 1898 in Brayshaw 1987). Dawson (1830:115-116) notes that kangaroo bone also functioned as a comb. Dietary staples included a variety of plant foods, shellfish and other animal foods (Grant 1803:161; Wood 1972:44). Animal foods may have included kangaroos, wallabies, echidna, emus, possums, birds, goannas, snakes and honey from native trees. The occurrence of these resources would have depended largely on seasonality and geographic location. Little is known of past ritual life, as access to these rites was restricted.

5 ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONTEXT

A review of the regional archaeological literature, along with data from an AHIMS search, offers critical contextual information for the current assessment. This enables a comprehensive understanding of the cultural landscape, including site types, distribution patterns, and site presence within the project area. By integrating archaeological context with an analysis of environmental conditions, an archaeological predictive model for the project area can be developed.

5.1 REGIONAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONTEXT

In New South Wales (NSW), the definition of site curtilages is primarily shaped by the criteria for site registration in the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) database. This results in the identification of geographically distinct sites, each studied as standalone entities, often in isolation from their surrounding contexts. This methodology is justifiable as it arises from the need to adhere to legislatively mandated guidelines. Furthermore, the work conducted by consulting archaeologists frequently emphasizes a geographically focused approach, with analyses confined to specific, defined areas based on project requirements. Although this practice is prevalent in the documentation of individual sites, it is essential to contextualize these sites within a broader archaeological and cultural landscape that facilitates their interconnection. By adopting this comprehensive perspective, assemblages of cultural material can be perceived as a continuous scatter across the landscape. Additionally, this approach allows for the identification of patterns related to activities and occupation by analysing the distribution of artifacts across the landscape, thereby enriching the understanding of historical human interactions with the environment.

Most archaeological surveys and excavations conducted in the region have primarily been conducted as part of environmental assessments for the coal mining and power industries in the Hunter Valley. A comprehensive review of relevant studies (Dyall 1979, 1980; Davidson et al. 1993; Dean-Jones and Mitchell 1993; Koettig and Hughes 1984; McDonald 1997; Haglund 1999; Kuskie 2000; HLA-Envirosciences 2002; AMBS 2002; MCH 2004a, b) indicates a consistent pattern in site types and geographical distribution. However, this may also reflect a potential bias in the findings due to the predominant focus on specific landforms. The database of recorded sites is qualitatively described and evaluated in MCH (2004b), and the key findings are summarized and expanded upon in the following section.

Analysis of the available data reveals several trends in site location and distribution across the region. Open campsites are the predominant site type, while isolated finds are also significantly represented. Other site types have been documented at considerably lower frequencies and include grinding grooves, scarred trees, rock shelters, shelters featuring art, and burial sites. The notable prevalence of sites containing stone artefacts is not surprising due to the durability of stone compared to other raw materials. It is important to consider potential inconsistencies in the classification of lithic materials by archaeologists, as these discrepancies may influence the proportional representation of raw materials in the recorded assemblages. Overall, mudstone emerges as the most frequently encountered raw material type within the region, followed by silcrete. Other types, including chert, tuff, quartz, quartzite, petrified wood, porcellanite, hornfels, porphyry, basalt, limestone, sandstone, rhyolite, European glass, and various non-specific lithic types, are present but in smaller quantities.

Variation in the classificatory definitions employed by archaeologists will again significantly influence the range of artefact types identified within a project area. Due to differences in recording techniques it is difficult to determine how many of each artefact type is represented across the region though types include flakes, broken flakes, retouched flakes, multi-platform cores, single platform cores, bipolar cores, flaked pieces, 'waste' pieces, 'chips', debitage, 'geometric microliths', 'backed blades', 'bondi points', 'scrapers', 'blades', 'hatchets', 'unifacial choppers', 'bifacial choppers', 'pebble tools', edge-ground axes, anvils, hammer stones and heat treated artefacts. Due to variations in both the amount of data that is included in reports, and the terms different archaeologists used to describe artefact types, it is not practicable to provide a count of the different artefact types.

Variations in the classificatory definitions used by archaeologists influence the range of artefact types identified within a project area. Discrepancies in recording methodologies complicate the determination of the quantity of each artefact type represented across the region. The identifiable types include, but are not limited to: flakes, broken flakes, retouched flakes, multi-platform cores, single-platform cores, bipolar cores, flaked pieces, waste pieces, chips, debitage, geometric microliths, backed blades, Bondi points, scrapers, blades, hatchets, unifacial choppers, bifacial choppers, pebble tools, edge-ground axes, anvils, hammer stones, and heat-treated artifacts. Due to variations in both the volume of data reported and the terminologies employed by different archaeologists, it is not feasible to provide a comprehensive count of the various artefact types present in the region. However, a review of data from regional studies (see MCH 2004b) indicates that the predominant artefact types are flakes, flake fragments, and flaked pieces. Additionally, cores, edge-ground axes, millstones, grindstones, hammerstones, and backed artefacts—including backed blades, Bondi points, geometric microliths, and eloueras—are present but in lesser quantities.

The stone artefact assemblages in the region have largely been associated with what was previously designated as the Small Tool Tradition, dating back approximately 10,000 years BP. Based on the technological characteristics of the stone tools, it is evident that the majority of Aboriginal open sites within the region can be dated to the Holocene epoch. Notably, at Glennies Creek north of Singleton, artefacts found in the B-horizon, supported by radiocarbon-dated charcoal and geomorphological evidence, suggest deposition periods ranging from 10,000 to 13,000 years BP (Koettig 1986a, 1986b).

An analysis of sites based on the number of artefacts, proximity to water sources, and landform characteristics can facilitate the identification of several trends. However, it is important to acknowledge that various factors influence these results, including, but not limited to:

- the fact that the landform on which a site area is observed may not necessarily be its origin, for example, artefacts once located on a crest may be displaced by erosion, resulting in their being recorded further down a slope;
- effects of biased sampling of landforms due to decisions made by archaeologists as a result of development area boundaries, levels of exposure on different landforms and variable recording by archaeologists. For instance, the substantial proportion of sites identified along creek lines may be partly attributable to the disproportionate emphasis placed on this specific landform in numerous cultural heritage surveys; and
- artefact counts can be skewed due to factors such as the differing fragmentation levels of discrete stone types and levels of ground surface visibility. Typically, a very large number of sites/artefacts are located on exposures and yet no, or very few artefacts are visible away from these exposures.

In the Hunter Valley, spatial analysis reveals a distinct correlation between site density and proximity to reliable freshwater sources. High-density sites predominantly occur within 50 meters of high-order streams, decreasing in both number and density with lower stream orders. Open campsites and isolated finds are notably concentrated within this 50-meter range.

Sites are primarily located on flat elevated landforms along creek lines, with slopes and ridge formations also being common. This trend persists for sites found beyond the 50-meter threshold from water sources. The proximity of these sites to water is significant, particularly for grinding activities, underscoring the critical role of water in site selection.

5.1.1 SUMMARY OF REGIONAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL PATTERNING

The region exhibits a diverse array of site types, including isolated artifacts, artifact scatters, grinding grooves, stone quarries, and shell middens. Various landforms have been analysed, revealing a strong correlation between site distribution and both topography and hydrology. Specifically, the density and quantity of sites increase in proximity to higher-order creeks, while a decline is observed in lower-order streams. It is common for sites to be situated within 50 meters of a freshwater source. Prior archaeological assessments in the region have yielded substantial data regarding the distribution and characteristics of archaeological material. These evaluations have identified several observable trends, summarised as follows:

- a wide variety of site types are represented in the project area with open campsites and isolated artefacts by far the most common;
- lithic artefacts are primarily manufactured from mudstone and silcrete with a variety of other raw materials also utilised but in smaller proportions;
- sites in proximity to ephemeral water sources or located in the vicinity of headwaters of upper tributaries (1st order streams) have a sparse distribution and density and contain little more than a background scatter;
- sites located in the vicinity of the upper reaches of minor tributaries (2nd order streams) also have a relatively sparse distribution and density and may represent evidence of localised one-off behaviour;
- sites located in the vicinity of the lower reaches of tributaries (3rd order creeks) have an increased distribution and density and contain evidence that may represent repeated occupation or concentration of activity;
- sites located in the vicinity of major tributaries (4th and 5th order streams/rivers) have the highest distribution and densities. These sites tend to be extensive and complex in landscapes with permanent and reliable water and contain evidence representative of concentrated activity;
- sites located within close vicinity at the confluence of any order stream may be a focus of activity and may contain a relatively higher artefact distribution and density; and
- sites are typically disturbed through past and present land uses.

5.2 HERITAGE REGISTER LISTINGS

The State Heritage Register, the National Heritage List, the Commonwealth Heritage List, the National Trust Heritage Register and the relevant Local Environmental Plan have no Aboriginal objects, sites or places listed.

5.3 ABORIGINAL HERITAGE INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

MCH note that there are many limitations with an AHIMS search. Firstly, site coordinates are not always correct due to errors and changing of computer systems over the years that failed to correctly translate old coordinate systems to new systems. Secondly, AHIMS will only provide up to 110 sites per search, thus limiting the search area surrounding the project area and enabling a more comprehensive analysis and finally, few sites have been updated on the AHIMS register to notify if they have been subject to a s87 or s90 and as such what sites remain in the local area and what sites have been destroyed, to assist in determining the cumulative impacts, is unknown. Additionally, terminology for site names including (amongst many) an 'artefact' site encompasses stone, bone, shell, glass, ceramic and/or metal and combines both open camps and isolated finds into the one site name. Unfortunately, this greatly hinders in the predictive modelling as different sites types grouped under one name provided inaccurate data.

A search of the AHIMS register has shown that 57 known Aboriginal sites are currently recorded within two kilometres of the project area and include 38 artefact sites (AFT), 7 PADs, 5 artefact with PADs (AFT/PAD), 2 scar trees (TRE), 1 Aboriginal resource gathering (ARG), 1 burial (BUR), 1 fish trap (FSH), 1 grinding groove site (GDG) and 1 water hole (WTR). The AHIMs results are provided in Appendix C and the location of sites is shown in Figure 5.1.

Figure 5.1 Approximate location of AHIMS sites

5.4 LOCAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONTEXT

All archaeological surveys conducted in the local area have been associated with environmental assessments for proposed developments. The most pertinent investigations reveal varying results and observations influenced by factors such as surface visibility, landscape alterations—including mining, industrial, and residential developments—proximity to water sources, and geomorphological characteristics.

The limitations in utilising previous local assessments arise primarily from the sparse number of studies available in the region. A reduced number of studies indicates potential sites may remain undocumented. Additionally, factors such as low ground surface visibility further impede site identification. The geomorphology of soils across most of New South Wales, coupled with high levels of erosion, has been shown to disrupt archaeological sites and their contents, with the

extent of these disturbances largely unknown. For instance, it remains unclear whether a site identified at the base of an eroded slope originated from the upper crest or was subsequently displaced, thus complicating predictive modelling in an unpredictable manner. The reports available from the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) are reviewed and summarised below.

- **Dean-Jones, P. 1989. Report of an Archaeological Survey of the old Delta Colliery Site, Mt Vincent Road, near East Maitland.**

Dean-Jones (1989) undertook an assessment for the proposed redevelopment of the Old Delta Colliery as a waste disposal facility. The north east of the study area had been extensively disturbed by coal mining activities, including stockpiles of washery waste and overburden, dams and old washery buildings. Very little natural land surface existed in this portion of the study area. The western portion of the study area contained bushland where logging was likely to have been carried out. The terrain was undulating with Shamrock Creek located at the northeast of the study area, and the headwaters of a tributary of Wallis Creek located to the northwest. It was noted that drainage channels were incised up to 1.5 metres into the alluvial/colluvial deposits, with considerable recent alluvial accretion within the channel. Although the construction of the colliery destroyed much of the vegetation across the study area, some stands of Eucalyptus and grey ironbark occurred in the western portion of the study area, with lesser numbers of melaleuca occurring on lower slopes, indicating poor subsoil drainage. All species appeared to be regrowth and the understorey consisted of a variety of native shrubs common in the lower Hunter. An AHIMS database was not included and Dean-Jones notes that the construction of the mine predates legislation protecting Aboriginal archaeological sites, and that no sites were known to have been recorded within the old Delta Colliery site. However, a review of previous archaeological investigations in the Maitland area demonstrated the prevalence of open camp sites, scarred trees and grinding grooves within the Maitland area. No predictive model was developed for the study area. The survey focused on areas of high visibility, such as tracks and other exposures and visibility was described as poor due to dense vegetation and effective coverage was not assessed. Six sites were identified and are summarised in Table 5.1.

Table 5.1 Summary of sites (Dean-Jones 1989)

Site	Site type	Landform	Distance to water	Stream order	Artefacts /features	Disturbance	Subsurface potential
Site 1	open camp	foot slope	0-10m	not given	3	erosion, track	not assessed
Site 2	isolated find	foot slope	not given	not given	1	erosion, track	not assessed
Site 3	open camp	lower slope	40m	not given	2	erosion, track	not assessed
Site 4	open camp	lower slope	40m	not given	23	erosion, track	not assessed
Site 5	isolated find	foot slope	not given	not given	1	erosion, track	not assessed
Site 6	open camp	crest	not given	not given	6	erosion, track	not assessed

In an addendum to the report, a further survey was conducted in 1992 in order to satisfy consultation requirements by DEC and an additional site was identified and summarised in Table 5.2. Dean-Jones indicated that sites 1-5 were outside the impact zone, and therefore no further action is needed. Sites 3-4 and 6-7, however, were within the impact zone and as there was some scientific significance to these sites, they will be fenced off in order to protect them from the construction of the waste disposal facility. It was recommended further that a consent to destroy be sought with regards to site 2.

Table 5.2 Summary of additional sites (Dean-Jones 1989)

Site	Site type	Landform	Distance to water	Stream order	Artefacts/features	Disturbance	Subsurface potential
Site 7	well	ridge	not given	not given	circular well feature located on a 110cm x 80cm sandstone protuberance, well 50cm diameter, 26cm depth, with shallow grooves surrounding circumference	erosion, vehicle track	not assessed

- **Dallas, M. 2001. Archaeological Survey at Mount Vincent Road, East Maitland, NSW.**

Dallas (2001) undertook an assessment of a parcel of land located at East Maitland was approximately 10 hectares in size and was the subject of a rezoning application to a mixed rural-residential development proposal. The study area was a triangular shaped land parcel bounded by Mount Vincent Road in the west, a Public Reserve in the east and a Waste Depot buffer in the south. The proposed development would entail such works as housing construction and related services infrastructure, as well as two sealed and guttered roads. Past disturbances within the study area included vegetation clearance, farming, ploughing, grazing and dumping. The topography consisted of flats and gentle slopes and the permanent water courses situated in vicinity to the study area were Shamrock Creek and Wallis Creek (both situated outside the study area). The study area was predominantly cleared, with the remaining vegetation including Spotted gum, Broad-leaved Ironbark, Grey Ironbark, Grey gum, Narrow-leaved stringybark and Thin-leaved stringybark. A search of the NPWS sites register revealed that there were no previously recorded sites within the study area and a review of past reports relating to the surrounding area was utilised along with the NPWS search results to formulate site predictions for the study area. Dallas predicted that possible site types included artefact scatters, isolated finds, scarred or carved trees, axe grinding grooves, burials and quarries. It was also stated that manuports could be found in the study area. One artefact scatter was located on a gentle slope, was highly disturbed with no subsurface potential and included one broken silcrete fake piece and one broken mudstone flake. Dallas recommended that no archaeological constraints be placed upon the proposed development and that no further archaeological investigations be required, as the study area was assessed as having low to moderate potential to contain artefacts. It was recommended that a s90 collection permit be applied for to collect the artefact scatter.

- **ERM. 2001. Waterforde Estate Stage 2: Archaeological Test Excavations (partial).**

ERM (2001) undertook test excavations within Stage 2 of the Waterforde Estate development over a parcel of land ahead of the proposed development for rural residential purposes and associated infrastructure. Much of the body of this report is missing, therefore environmental and previous archaeological data cannot be reported. The study area included Stage 2 of a multi-stage project and previous archaeological studies in the immediate vicinity found that artefacts were likely to be located in greater densities on ridges and along watercourses and wetlands, and in low densities along lower slopes. As the terrain across the project area included hill slopes and it was predicted that there would be a low potential for low density artefact scatters across the study area. There was a higher potential for stratified deposits along the margins of the back swamp and on flat areas of the ridge top, however this would be dependent upon the level of soil disturbance. It was predicted that the greatest potential existed in the 200m of the back swamp and drainage lines. This report does not give the full details of results of the excavations, nor any further recommendations as a result of the excavation. However, ERM noted that three areas yielded artefacts, known respectively as Waterforde A3, Waterforde A7 and Waterford A10; that artefacts levels were consistent with background scatter; that the highest density was 2/m², the overall density was 0.2/m²; and the excavation confirmed predictive model.

- **ERM. 2002: Waterforde Estate Stage 4 Archaeological Test Excavation.**

ERM (2002) undertook a test excavation for Stage 4 of the Waterforde Estate for the proposed development for rural residential and associated infrastructure such as roads, sewer mains extension and minor landscaping. Two PADs were identified within the Stage 4 study area during a survey conducted by ERM in 2001. The purpose of the test excavation was to test the predictive model developed for the study area, which suggested low potential for low density artefact scatters on hill slopes. The results of the test excavations would inform the appropriate cultural heritage management strategies for the development. The study area was characterised by undulating low hills and rises, with slope gradients of 3-15% and elevations of 20-50m AHD. A swamp lies to the north of the study area. Grassland dominates the study area, with few spotted gum, grey box and ironbark. Two of the lots were horse paddocks, with two further lots having residences. Previous land uses included clearing, dairy farming, cultivation and coal mining. These uses had resulted in a highly disturbed landscape, with exacerbated erosion and sheet erosion.

The methodology for excavation included hand excavation of 1m x 1m or 1.5m x 1.5m test pits, strung and divided into equal quadrants (50cm quadrants for 1m x 1m trenches, 75cm in 1.5m x 1.5m trenches) across the two PADs, with the NW corner of each trench providing the datum point. All soil was to be hand excavated using shovels, mattocks and trowels in 3-5 cm spits, down to the base of the A horizon, or until sterile soil was encountered. All material was sieved (including the grass layer) through 1-5mm mesh sieves, onto plastic sheeting on the eastern side of each excavation, to be used for backfilling when completed. All artefacts retrieved, whether by excavation or sieving, were placed in zip-lock bags, marked with the site details, date, trench number, stratigraphic level, spit number, soil, pH levels, Munsell information and any other relevant data. In addition, shovel test pits (40cm x 40cm = 2 shovel widths) were excavated in areas of great disturbance in order to test subsurface potential. Any artefacts recovered were processed as for the 1m x 1m and 1.5m x 1.5m test pits. A total of 14 1m x 1m trenches were excavated across PAD 1, together with eight 1.5m x 1.5m trenches and four shovel test pits. In PAD 2, 14 1m x 1m trenches were excavated, and seven shovel test pits. No artefacts were recovered in PAD 2 and the results of artefacts recovered from PAD 1 are summarised below

Table 5.3 Summary of sites (ERM 2002)

Site Name	Site type	Landform	Distance to water	Stream order	Artefacts	Disturbance	Subsurface potential
WE4/PAD1/01-02	artefact scatter	hill slope	not given	not given	2	agriculture	N/A
WE4/PAD1/12	artefact scatter	hill slope	not given	not given	2	agriculture	N/A
WE4/PAD1/13	artefact scatter	hill slope	not given	not given	57	agriculture	N/A
WE4/PAD1/18	artefact scatter	hill slope	not given	not given	2	agriculture	N/A

Artefact densities across the study area were extremely low, even in comparison with test excavations across other stages of the Waterforde Estate, but particularly across the region. Artefacts were microliths, and date from 4,000-6,000 BP. All sites were assessed as being of low archaeological research potential, low representativeness value and of low rarity. A consent to destroy was therefore recommended, with no further archaeological testing or salvage deemed necessary within Stage 4 of the development.

- **Therin, M. 2003. Aboriginal Heritage Assessment for the Proposed Ashtonfield Public School, Ashtonfield.**

Therin (2003) undertook an assessment of an area proposed for the building of Ashtonfield Public School in Ashtonfield. The study area was relatively undisturbed, with vegetation clearance and some tracks noted. The topography comprised low rolling hills and a low east-west spur. The Hunter River was located approximately 6 km to the north, with Three Mile Creek located only 10 m north of the study area. The study area was situated on the Beresfield soil landscape. The majority of the study area was covered in closed Eucalyptus Forest comprising substantial regrowth and numerous mature trees with an understorey of shrubs and grasses. No AHIMS search results were included in the report, but a review of past surveys in the vicinity of the study area informed the prediction that artefact scatters (ranging from low to high density) could occur in the area, with the presence of scarred trees dependent on old growth trees remaining in the area. Two sites were identified on gentle slopes and are summarised in the table below.

Table 5.4 Summary of sites (Therin 2003)

Site	Site type	Landform	Distance to water	Stream order	Artefacts/ features	Disturbance	Subsurface potential
AF1	artefact scatter	gentle hill slope	not noted	Three Mile Creek	2 red silcrete artefacts	low to moderate (tracks)	yes
AF2	artefact scatter	gentle hill slope/creek line	10 m	Three Mile Creek	1 red silcrete flaked piece, 1 yellow mudstone flaked piece	not noted	yes

Based on the presence of the two artefact scatter sites the entire study area was designated as a PAD. The 209-hectare PAD consisted of rolling hills, a spur and creek bank (Three Mile Creek)

and had low vegetation clearing and few tracks being present. Therin recommended that no development or subsurface disturbance occur within PAD until further subsurface investigation was undertaken. A Section 87 Preliminary Research Permit would be required to undertake further testing, with a Section 90 Heritage Impact Permit required for the study area following the completion of test excavation.

- **Therin. 2004. Section 87 Preliminary Research Permit Excavations for the Proposed Ashtonfield Public School, Ashtonfield – Methodology to the Department of Environment & Conservation.**

Therin (2004) undertook preliminary test excavations of two PADs associated with two artefact scatters at the study area comprising the proposed Ashtonfield Public School at Ashtonfield, NSW. The permit contains background information and a proposed methodology provided by Therin Archaeological Consulting associated with the permit application. The Department of Public Works proposed to construct a school at Ashtonfield, NSW. Two artefact scatters were identified during the initial survey and each site consisted of two artefacts. Based on the distribution of sites across the area and the relative lack of disturbance, the areas associated with the sites were designated as PADs. The methodology developed for the investigation involved the mechanical excavation of 36 x 1m² over a standard 20m grid. All pits were to be excavated using a backhoe, and all excavated material was to be wet-sieved through 3mm and 6mm nested sieves. Any artefacts recovered were to be bagged for analysis, particularly with respect to function, residue, and use wear. If available, a sample of 100 artefacts will be examined for this purpose under a low-powered microscope for use-wear and residue. From this sample, a further sample of 30 artefacts were to be examined in further detail under a low-powered microscope to determine the function of the tool, with a view to determining the materials that the tool was used to process. Any suitable organic material retrieved from the excavation was to be submitted to the Waikato Radio Carbon Dating Laboratory for dating.

- **ACM Landmark Pty Ltd. 2007. Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit #2815 Collection Report. Lot 1011, DP 1103879, 39 Mount Vincent Road, East Maitland.**

ACM Landmark (2007) provide a collection report that referred to the registered Aboriginal cultural heritage site AHIMS Site #38-4-0545-EM1 located on Lot 1011, DP 1103879 at 39 Mount Vincent Road, East Maitland. The relevant permit related to a 92 lot Torrens Title subdivision. Stage one civil works were already underway at the time the collection report was written. The site consisted of two flaked stone artefacts, identified by Dallas, had been previously collected from the area under the conditions of an AHIP. Other details such as searches, predictive model, survey results, landform and so on relating to this area were included in the Dallas report. As per the Dallas recommendations monitoring had been undertaken by Mindaribba LALC during development works at this location, which resulted in the identification of AHIMS Site #38-4-0545-EM1, consisting of six Aboriginal artefacts. These were one broken pink silcrete flaked piece, one indurated mudstone broken flake, one yellow silcrete blade core, one orange red weathered silcrete flake, one yellow tuff flaked piece and one grey silcrete flaked piece. These artefacts were removed in accordance with AHIP #2815 and delivered to MLALC under care and control permit #2843. No other data regarding the subject area was included in this report.

- **McCardle Cultural Heritage Pty Ltd. 2010. Farley Investigation Area. Indigenous Archaeological Due Diligence Assessment.**

McCardle Cultural Heritage (MCH) (2010) completed an archaeological assessment for a parcel of land located at Farley, NSW. The study area was located approximately two kilometres south of Rutherford and included land on both the northern and southern sides of Wollombi Road. The study area was proposed for rezoning for future residential development.

The topography of the study area included a ridge that sloped north and south as well as drainage lines and low-lying swamp areas in its south-east section. The study area was situated on Permian sandstone, siltstone, mudstone, shale, conglomerate, tuff, basalt and erratics of the Dalwood Group (part of the Maitland Group). Raw materials known to be present in deposits in the surrounding region included silcrete, mudstone and quartz. The study area contained 13 first order streams, four second order streams and one third order stream, generally flowing south-east towards the Wentworth Swamp or north into Stony Creek. The study area had also been subject to past vegetation clearance. Prior to clearance it is likely to have contained savannah woodland of white box, red gum, forest red gum and narrow-leaved red ironbark. This is likely to have supported such faunal species as kangaroo, wallaby, goanna, marsupial mice, snakes, possum, koala and birds.

A search of the NPWS register identified 109 registered Aboriginal sites within a four-kilometre radius of the study area. These included 93 artefact sites, eight Potential Archaeological Deposits (PADs), six grinding groove sites, one artefact site with PAD and one Aboriginal resource and gathering site. Three sites had been identified within the study area. Based on past studies of the region it was predicted that occupation sites were the most likely site types to be encountered, and the most common location for sites would be along watercourses, gentle slopes, hilltops and ridges. It was further predicted that artefacts would date to the Holocene and densities would be greater within 50 metres of a watercourse and on elevated ground more than 100 metres from a watercourse. The raw materials most likely to occur were stated to be mudstone, silcrete, quartz, chert and petrified woods, and the site types most likely to occur were assessed as being artefact scatters and isolated artefacts. These predictions tallied with the survey results. A total of three sites and three PADs were located during the survey and are summarised in the tables below. MCH recommended that if the identified PADs will be impacted upon by any future development an archaeological subsurface investigation will be required prior to works, and if sites FIA/1 to FIA/3 will be harmed by any future development an AHIP will be required.

Table 5.5 Summary of sites (MCH 2010)

Site	Site type	Landform	Distance to water	Stream order	Artefacts /features	Disturbance	Subsurface potential
FIA/1	artefact scatter	creek channel	0m	3rd order stream	5	water flow	no
FIA/2	isolated artefact	creek channel	0m	3rd order stream	1	water flow	no
FIA/3	isolated artefact	creek channel	0m	creek confluence	1	water flow	no

Table 5.6 Summary of PADs (MCH 2010)

PAD name	Landform	PAD area	Disturbance
PAD FIA/1	creek banks & channel	not provided	water flow
Cultural PAD/transect1	not provided	not provided	not provided
Cultural PAD/transect2	creek banks & channel	not provided	water flow

- **Umwelt Australia Pty Ltd. 2011. Section 87/90 AHIP Salvage of Artefacts from the Stage 4 to 11 Areas, Saddlers Ridge Estate, Gillieston Heights, NSW.**

Umwelt (2011) undertook an archaeological monitoring program at Gillieston Heights, near Maitland in NSW, during development works for the Saddlers Ridge housing subdivision. This followed on from previous surface collection, test excavation and salvage activity undertaken by AECOM in the same area. The monitoring was conducted under Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) #3077 issued to developers Mirvac by the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) on the 5 March 2009. The AHIP was issued to cover proposed impacts to the AHIMS registered Aboriginal Site #38-4-1044 due to occur as a result of the activities associated with the construction of the subdivision and its associated infrastructure. The monitoring program was conducted as cultural salvage, as it had been assessed as unlikely that intact in situ deposits would occur at the subject area. The monitoring works consisted of an AECOM archaeologist with Registered Aboriginal Party representatives looking over exposed land and raking through spoil generated by grader scraping. The topography of the study area included simple slopes, a knoll with associated saddle and spur crests. Unnamed drainage lines were present in the area, flowing into the Wallis Creek catchment to the east. The underlying geology was generally the Branxton Formation of the Maitland Group, containing undifferentiated sandstone, siltstone and tillitic conglomerate. All vegetation had been previously cleared from this area, which had also been subject to erosional disturbance. Monitoring works were undertaken and topsoil was removed in a number of grader scrapes, each of 50-millimetre depth. A total of four artefacts were recovered during these monitoring works and consisted of two mudstone flakes, one mudstone broken flake and one quartz broken flake. None of the artefacts collected were considered to have been recovered from a soil profile that had retained any spatial or stratigraphic integrity. The artefacts were interpreted as being discard material in an area that was utilised for transitory activity by past Aboriginal peoples. The artefacts that were collected under s87/90 AHIP #3077 were placed in the care of Mindaribba Local Aboriginal Land Council (MLALC) to be held in a secure Keeping Place under the conditions of Care and Control Permit #2715. No further recommendations were made regarding this study area.

- **Insite Heritage Pty Ltd. 2012. Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit # 1113099 Report Lot 41 DP 855275 Gullivers Lane East Maitland, NSW.**

Insite Heritage Pty Ltd (2012) undertook test excavation and salvage works under AHIP #1113099. The study area for these was located at Lot 41 DP 855275 Gullivers Lane East Maitland. Past survey had identified two Aboriginal archaeological sites, artefact scatter GL1 and isolated artefact GL2. The area was proposed to be rezoned, containing proposed dwelling and potential borrow pit areas. Landforms across the study area consisted of extensive alluvial plains, slopes with gradients less than one-degree, low undulating hills and rises. The study area was located within the Hunter and Beresfield Soil Landscapes with the underlying geology comprising Permian sediments (shales, mudstones, sandstone, coal, tuff, clay, siltstones, claystones and limestones) of the Tomago Coal Measures and the Mulbring Siltstone. Wallis Creek was located approximately one kilometre north of the study area, with three unnamed tributaries crossing the study area. Native vegetation had been predominantly cleared, with remnants of tall open forest and tree species such as spotted gum, broad leaved ironbark, grey gum, narrow leaved stringy bark, thin leaved stringy bark and grey ironbark. A search of the AHIMS database identified 65 sites that were within a 10 by 5.5-kilometre search area centred on the study area. These included 22 artefact scatters, three isolated artefacts associated with PADs, two artefact scatters associated with a PAD, one watering hole and one fish trap. An analysis of previous studies conducted in proximity to the study area predicted that most likely site types to occur within the study area were isolated artefacts, artefact scatters, PADs, grinding grooves and scarred trees. The initial assessment identified an artefact scatter and an isolated artefact, conforming to the predictive

model. The lack of other sites was likely due to past vegetation clearance for scarred trees, and a lack of suitable outcrops in proximity to water for grinding grooves. The test excavation consisted of two test probes of one metre square within the GL1 artefact scatter area, with all excavated soil dry sieved. The subsurface test probes did not identify any Aboriginal objects. Aboriginal community monitoring and collection was undertaken during surface preparation works, during the stripping of topsoil. Approximately 215 stone artefacts were salvaged from the spoil stock piles in the proposed dwelling pad area, consisting of a mix of mudstone, silcrete, chert and quartz raw material. The assemblage included flakes, broken flakes, cores and angular fragments. The salvaged artefacts were recorded then reburied onsite outside the proposed areas of impact. These works met the requirements of the AHIP. No further recommendations were included in this report.

- **Heritage Now. 2022. Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment – SDAS School Gillieston Heights.**

Heritage Now undertook an assessment for the redevelopment and expansion of the existing primary school on 209 Cessnock Road, Gillieston Heights, NSW, 2321. Portions of 203 Gillieston Cessnock Road were also assessed. The geological formations characterising the project area included the Branxton Formation and Murree Sandstone, which includes sandstone, conglomerate and siltstone (DPIE 2020). Although, in some instances, suitable quality sandstone in this region could provide natural sandstone exposures suitable for grinding axes and other stone artefacts, the most common stone artefact materials known to be used by Aboriginal people in the past include silcrete, indurated mudstone/ tuff (IMT), fine grained silicious (FGS), chert and quartz, none of which are known to occurred naturally in project area. The Project Area is made up of the Bolwarra Heights Soil Landscape that consists of up to 25 cm of brownish-black, gravelly loam (A1 horizon) overlying 15-20cm of earthy, gravelly sand (A2 horizon), descending onto yellowish brown pedal clay. The project area was set among low rolling hills which overlook the low-lying Hunter River floodplain and consisted of simple slopes, an open depression (which was also a drainage channel), and the side of a crest, which faced north-northwest. The drainage channel was an unnamed first order stream, which flowed into the Wallis Creek Tributary. The water from this drainage channel pooled into a natural dam in 203 Cessnock Road, which could have been used as a waterhole. Heritage Now noted that the project area had been previously cleared, ploughed, grazing, dam construction, buildings, car park and playing fields.

Based on the background research, it was predicted that, the project area may contain a low to high density of stone artefact assemblages. This was because the project area was within 300m of the Wallis Creek wetlands, with the crest situated in a dry, elevated position, and there were known sites in similar positions in the immediate vicinity. Heritage Now argued that it was probable that any recovered archaeological deposits date to the mid-late Holocene, as this was the dates of similar site types in the region. The project area was divided into three survey units based on landforms. SU1 consisted of a simple slope, spread over two properties (209 and 203 Cessnock Road, Gillieston Heights). Most of this survey unit (85%) was open space grass: some areas designated for open space, and for parking for open-air parking supporting the Gillieston Heights Community Centre building, whilst other areas are used as cattle pasture. Certain areas of this survey unit were heavily modified, including a gravel driveway to the residence of 203 Cessnock Road, and the area surrounding the current Community Centre. SU2 consisted of the open depression. In 209 Cessnock Road, this channel was currently dry but evidently in heavy rains it would have formed a drainage channel down to the dam which makes up the SU in the property of 203 Cessnock Road. Based on aerial photos from 1944 Heritage Now argues that this dam formed naturally in the depression, with heavy rains causing water to cascade out of the dam down a 1st order stream, to Wallis Creek. The area around the dam was extremely disturbed (livestock access). The area of the open depression in 209 contained a sandstone rock outcrop and

the upper slope appeared to be less disturbed, although would have been affected by sheet erosion from rain. SU3 consisted of the side of a crest, which faced north-northwest. The other side of the crest, (outside the project area) was covered by residential housing along James Leslie Drive, overlooking Wallis Creek. This area was covered in grass, which was used for livestock grazing. There were no intact soils or rock outcrops visible. Besides cattle grazing and vegetation clearance, this area appeared relatively undisturbed.

No sites were identified during the survey. However, two PADs were identified, based on the site survey and background research, Heritage Now determined that there could be potential archaeological deposits in SU2 and SU3. These included the upper-slope of a ridgeline that looked across Wallis Creek and the surrounding swampland (SU3), and a natural drainage channel (SU2). SU1 was perceived to be a likely location for ongoing habitation by past Aboriginal people, as it overlooked the resource-rich floodplain and SU2 might contain artefacts that have accumulated in slope wash activities in heavy rains and flood events.

The archaeological test excavation focussed on two transects: three trenches excavated along the drainage channel, and seven trenches along the ridgeline on the eastern edge of the project area. The test excavation trenches were excavated by hand using shovels, spades, trowels, and mattocks and all material was wet-sieved through a 5 mm aperture sieve. Overall, ten 0.5 m x 0.5 m trenches were excavated, with two extension trenches on Trench 2. Two Aboriginal objects (a fine-grained basalt broken ground-edge artefact and an IMT broken flake) were recovered from Trench 2, in Spit 2 and 4 (respectively). Trench 2 was characterised by loam A1 horizon, descending onto sandy clay/loam A2 horizon, before a clay B horizon was reached at 400mm in depth. Whereas only small amounts of charcoal were present in Spits 1 and 2, large amounts of charcoal and burnt branches/roots were recovered on top of the B Horizon clay. Charcoal material was collected as samples. Two shell fragments of Sydney rock oyster (Saccostrea glomerata) were recovered from Trench 2. The artefacts were registered on the AHIMS as HN-GH-A01 (AHIMS # 38-4-2134). Unfortunately, the samples submitted for radio carbon dating were contaminated.

One of the two artefacts found was a ground-edge artefact (adze), which is a significant find considering their relative rarity in archaeological contexts. It is currently unknown if the artefact was broken before or after it was deposited in the location it was recovered from. Heritage Now state that further archaeological investigation was required to understand the context of the ground-edge artefact and whether it was associated with the charcoal accumulations in Spit 3 and 4, whether it was associated with any further cultural material, and its age (although this should have been determined during the test excavation). As a result, a section of the project area around this site has been assessed as being of Aboriginal cultural sensitivity and subject to further investigations prior to works at that location.

- **Umwelt. 2024. Louth Park trunk main duplication. Aboriginal archaeological salvage excavation – AHIP #5125.**

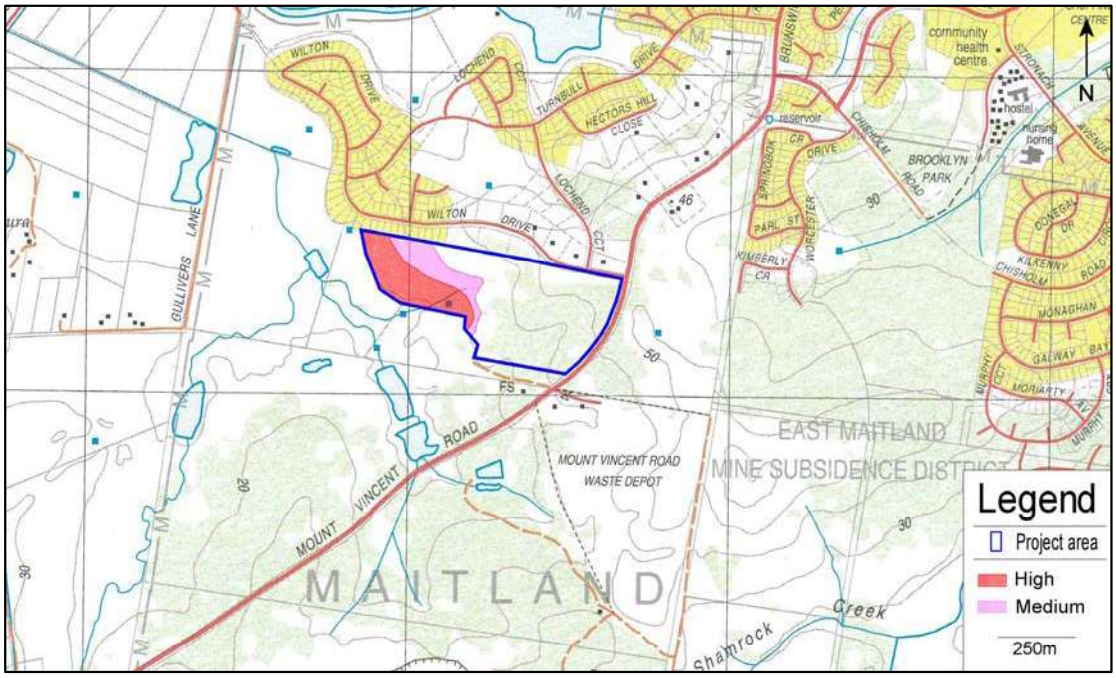
Umwelt (2024) undertook the salvage Louth Park PAD 1' (AHIMS #38-4-1142) and 'Waterforde 2' (AHIMS #38-4-0870) under AHIP #5125. As per the AHIP, both sites were subject to community collection (no artefacts were identified or collected), and Louth Park PAD 1 was subject to archaeological excavation. Twenty (20) 1 m x 1 m (1 m^2) excavation pits were excavated in total, with an additional 1m^2 extension at excavation pit 18 (totalling 21 m^2). Excavation pits were established at 10 m intervals along the centre line of the proposed pipeline, excluding areas of marshland. The salvage program recovered a total of twenty-three (23) Aboriginal objects, comprising twenty-two (22) lithic objects and a single (1) fragment of flaked glass. The overall artefact density was 1.2 artefacts per m^2.

The salvage excavation of Louth Park PAD 1 (AHIMS #38-4-1142) indicated that the project area was a site of secondary and tertiary reduction, representative of where Aboriginal people undertook modification of stone artefacts. Additionally, the 2023 excavation area was assessed as being representative of the periphery of a zone of knapping activity background scatter. The higher density of material 5-7m to the east (slightly upslope) from the same assemblage (density of 18.2 per m²) excavated by ERM in 2009 indicated that people probably preferred to occupy the more elevated areas than those closer to the swamp. Umwelt reported that the mitigation measures were considered to have effectively confirmed the scientific significance of the site, that the excavations were considered sufficient to characterise the deposit before it was disturbed by proposed works and it was considered that further salvage excavation will not answer any new research questions and is therefore not scientifically warranted.

5.5 PREVIOUS ASSESSMENTS OF THE PROJECT AREA

Insite (2012b) undertook an assessment for the proposed rezoning of Lot 42 DP 846326 and Lot1012 DP 1103879 Mt Vincent Rd, East Maitland. The study area comprised an upper ridge slope to the east, sloping down to lower slopes adjacent to a wetland located outside the western project boundary. A review of archaeological assessments conducted in close proximity indicated that the landscape features of the study area was consistent with those of previously identified archaeological sites. An AHIMS search identified only 7 sites identified within 500 meters of the study area. The land had been previously partially cleared and utilised for agricultural practices. The vegetation cover limited ground surface visibility during the survey and exposures included tracks and erosion exposures. Based on the study areas' environmental context. A sensitive landform adjacent to the wetland was identified as having high potential for containing subsurface Indigenous archaeological deposits (Figure 5.2).

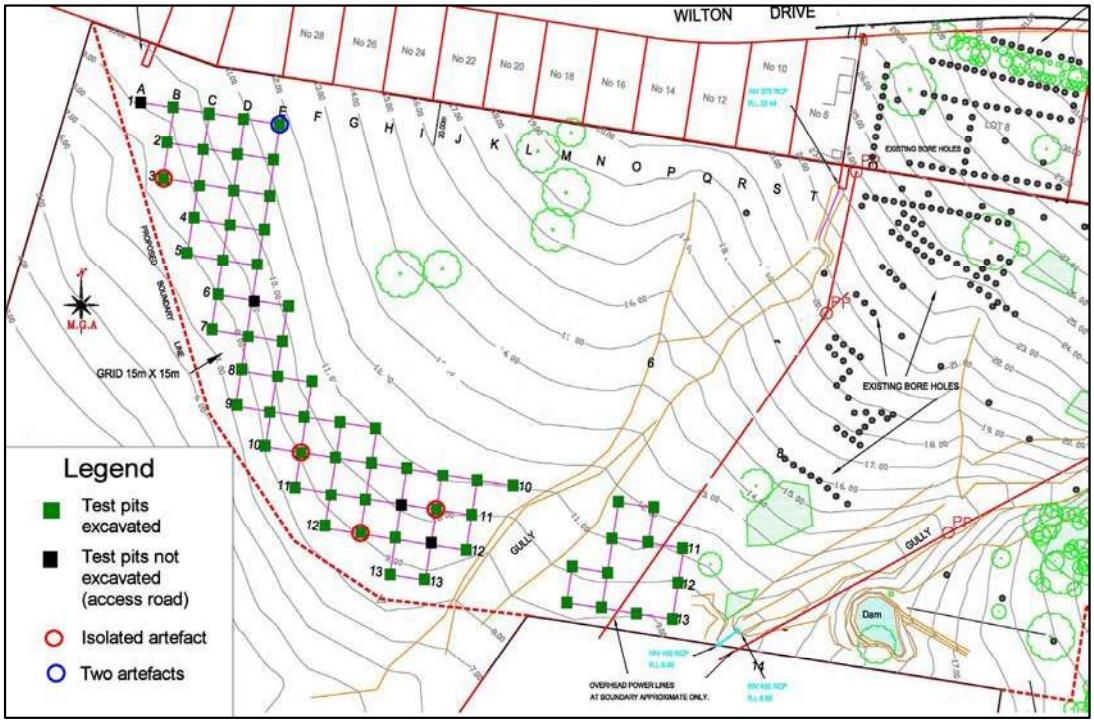
Figure 5.2 Location of sensitive landforms (Insite 2012b)



MCH (2019) undertook an Aboriginal heritage impact assessment and archaeological test excavation of the project area. No sites were identified during the survey and the survey identified one sensitive landform (PAD) adjacent to the wetland was as having high potential for

containing subsurface Indigenous archaeological deposits. This landform and proximity to the wetlands was consistent with the predictive model of indigenous archaeological potential. A total of 62 test pits were completed and included an area of 60 metres in width from the development south and south western border (Figure 5.3).

Figure 5.3 Test excavation plan showing test pits excavated and artefact densities



Disturbances across the PAD were consistent across the site and included wholesale clearing, evidence of previous agricultural activity (deteriorated ridges and furrows, significant densities of small, medium and large rocks throughout that increased with depth throughout the deposit mixing the A and B horizons), grazing and fencing. The B horizon was mixed with the lower sections of the A horizon, with no sharp change to the B horizon. A moderate amount of insect bioturbation was noted throughout the deposit and was consistent across the site and included curl grubs, worms, spiders and beetles. The soil stratigraphy of all excavated test pits was constant with changes in depth only and all included topsoil that consisted of a loamy/clayey A horizon that mixed with the B horizon at depth of a similar colour.

The test excavation identified a highly disturbed and distributed artefact scatter across the PAD (AHIMS site 38-4-1969). The site consisted of 6 artefacts manufactured predominantly from mudstone and two silcrete. Five test pits contained very low-density artefacts and due to land use impacts and disturbances, it is not possible to identify if the artefacts represent one site or multiple isolated sites and as such for ease of management, the artefacts have been assessed as representing one site. Artefact types included three broken flakes, one microlith and two bladettes. five flake pieces, three bladettes (preform blades). Being highly disturbed through past land uses, the site and PAD have no potential for in situ cultural materials. Based on the evidence of the test excavation, the following can was inferred from the evidence:

- the time at which occupation may be inferred is derived from both artefact typological relative dating and geomorphological evidence, which places the site as being within the last 4,000 years BP. Within a given year, the timing of occupation may have been related to the availability of specific food resources;

- a number of episodes of occupation are likely to have occurred within the investigation area, and may have involved either individuals and/or very small groups of people and for short durations of time;
- the duration of each episode is unknown. However, the quality and quantity of the evidence suggests a range of short-term hunting/gathering (one or several days). Transitory movement is also likely to have occurred, but not possible to identify;
- the primary activities represented by the small sample of artefacts recovered during the test excavation was hunting/gathering of local resources and tool manufacturing/maintenance; and
- proximity to water and associated resources was a primary factor influencing the nature and extent of past occupation of the investigation area.

The results are also consistent with other similar sites across the region and similarities across the local and regional area include the types of raw materials and artefact types are consistent throughout the locality; the evidence relating to non-specific knapping, tool manufacturing and maintenance are consistent throughout the region; the probable relative dating of evidence to the mid to late Holocene period; and the historical and modern large-scale clearance and development of the land may have removed evidence associated with this site.

Based on the evidence, the limited range of artefacts and stone types, evidence of both casual knapping (broken flakes) and tool manufacturing/maintenance (bladettes and microlith), and the apparent absence of labour/energy/time intensive evidence (hearths, grinding grooves, heat treatment pits etc) indicate that the nature of occupation within the investigation area could represent evidence of hunting and gathering and, or camping by small groups of people, likely undertaken in infrequent episodes over the past 4,000 years or so.

Taking the environmental and arcahgeological contexts into consideration as well as the highly disturbed nature of site 38-4-1969, the site was assessed as being of low scientific significance and high cultural significance.

The results of the assessment indicated that the artefact scatter will be impacted upon by the development. The very low-density artefact scatter is a highly disturbed site spread throughout the PAD area with no in situ deposits remaining. This site type is very well represented both locally and regionally and are highly disturbed with little to no research or scientific potential and a project based AHIP was recommended.

5.6 LOCAL & REGIONAL CHARACTER OF ABORIGINAL LAND USE & ITS MATERIAL TRACES

The following is a summary of the investigations presented in Sections 5.3 and 5.4. It is important to note that several factors may have influenced the results discussed in Section 5.3. Consequently, this summary offers insights into potential expectations regarding site location and distribution.

- the majority of high-density sites are located on elevated landforms within 50 metres of a reliable fresh water source with a drop of site number and densities with a decrease in stream order;
- the likelihood of finding sites of any size increases with proximity to fresh water sources and the likelihood of finding large artefact scatters also increases markedly with proximity to reliable high order water sources;

- the main site types are artefact scatters and isolated finds;
- mudstone, silcrete and tuff are by far the most common raw material types represented at sites in the region. Quartz and chert are the next most frequently in artefact assemblages followed by volcanic materials, porphyry and petrified wood. Siltstone, rhyolite and porcellanite are relatively rare;
- flakes, broken flakes and flaked pieces are the most common artefact types recorded;
- the stone artefacts are usually relatively dated to within the last 5,000 years;
- grinding grooves may be located along or near water sources;
- the likelihood of finding scarred trees is dependent on the level of clearing in an area;
- the vast majority of artefactual material in the region was observed on exposures with good to excellent ground surface visibility; and
- the majority of sites will be subject to disturbances including human and natural.

These findings are consistent with models developed for the local area.

5.7 MODELS OF PAST ABORIGINAL LAND USE

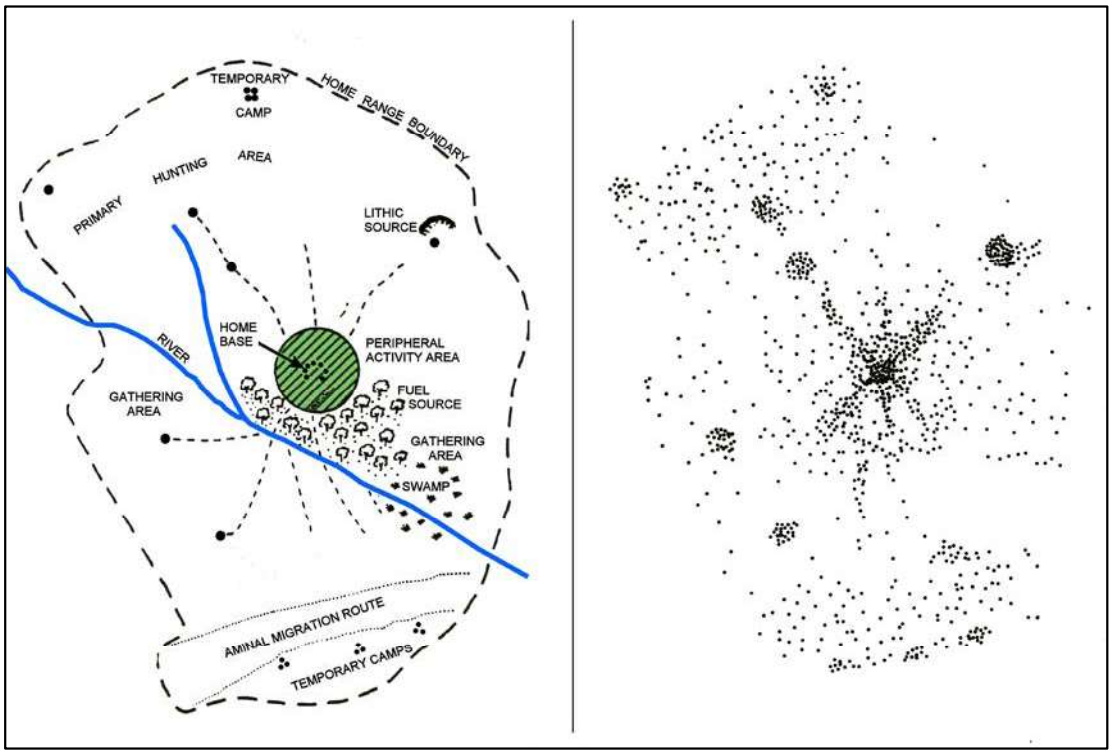
The objective of this assessment is to define the nature and extent of occupation in the project area by analysing landform units and sites. The focus will be on identifying variations between sites, assemblages, landforms, and resources, treating assemblages as a continuous scatter of cultural material. By examining stone artifact distributions, we aim to pinpoint variations in land use, activities, and occupation patterns across the landscape.

A general model of forager settlement patterning in the archaeological record has been established by Foley (1981). This model outlines forager settlement patterning, defining a residential "home base" site and peripheral "activity locations". The home base serves as the primary hub for various activities, while activity locations are situated away from the home base and cater to specific tasks like tool manufacturing. This pattern is illustrated in Figure 5.4.

Home base sites are typically located in areas with reliable access to essential resources like water and raw materials, influencing the rate of return and complexity of evidence. Home base sites generally show a greater diversity of artefacts and raw material types (which represent a greater array of activities performed at the site and immediate area). Activity locations, on the other hand, occur within the foraging radius of a home base camp (approximately 10 km); (Renfrew and Bahn 1991).

Based on the premise that the activity locations outside the home base, served as a focus of a specific activity, they will show a low diversity in artefacts and are not likely to contain features reflecting a base camp (such as hearths). However, it is also possible that the location of certain activities cannot be predicted or identified, adding to the increased dispersal of cultural material across the landscape. For example, if people were opting to carry stone tools during hunting and gathering journeys throughout the area (rather than manufacturing tools at task locations), an increased number of used tools should be recovered from low-density and dispersed assemblages across the landscape.

Figure 5.3 Foley's model (L) and its manifestation in the archaeological record (R), (Foley 1981).



5.7.1 MODEL OF OCCUPATION FOR THE HUNTER VALLEY

Work throughout NSW has aimed to understand the nature of Aboriginal occupation and determine the nature of land use. This theme often aims to identify and explain archaeological patterning in site type, content and distribution. General theories have been developed outlining the relationship between land use patterns and the resulting archaeological evidence. A number of models developed for the region have been reviewed (McBryde 1976; Koettig 1994; Dean-Jones and Mitchell 1993; Rich 1995; Kuskie and Kamminga 2000; McDonald and White 2010). All models state that the primary requirements for repeated, concentrated or permanent occupation is access to reliable fresh water. Brief and possible repeated occupation may be represented in areas that have unreliable access to ephemeral water sources, however, these areas will not contain high archaeological evidence or potential (Goodwin 1999).

Kuskie and Kamminga (2000) developed a model of occupation strategies based on ethnographic research. The model makes a general set of predictions for the region that is consistent with other studies (e.g., Nelson 1991) and distinguishes between short-term or extended long-term occupation and makes some predictions about the likely location of different foraging and settlement activities. Combining this information with a general review of assemblage contents from a sample of excavated sites within the region, a baseline of settlement activities may be determined (Barton 2001).

The model offers various archaeological expectations that can be empirically tested. For example, the presence of features requiring a considerable labour investment such as stone-lined ovens or heat-treatment pits are likely to occur at places where occupation occurred for extended periods of time. The presence of grindstones is also a reliable indicator of low mobility and extended occupation as seed grinding demands significant time and effort. Ethnographic evidence shows

that seed grinding typically requires a full day to yield sufficient energy returns (Cane 1989; Edwards and O'Connell 1995).

In contexts of high group mobility and shifting campsites, artefact assemblages are not expected to contain elements such as grindstones, heat-treatment pits, ovens and the diversity of implements frequently discarded at places of extended occupation. Rather, activities may be unpredictably located, leading to low-density background scattering of discarded artefacts across the landscape. If individuals carry and maintain stone tools for multiple tasks rather than making new ones, the proportion of used tools to unworn flakes in these assemblages is likely to be high.

Table 5.7, adapted from Kuskie and Kamminga (2000), utilises the analysis of lithic assemblages to identify specific activity areas and may be utilised for this assessment. Excavated materials were used for this analysis due to their higher level of preservation and reduced disturbances, removal, and breakages.

Table 5.7 Site descriptions (Kuskie & Kamminga 2000).

Occupation pattern	Activity location	Proximity to water	Proximity to food	Archaeological expectations
Transitory movement	all landscape zones	not important	not important	• assemblages of low density & diversity • evidence of tool maintenance & repair • evidence for stone knapping
Hunting &/or gathering without camping	all landscape zones	not important	near food resources	• assemblages of low density & diversity • evidence of tool maintenance & repair • evidence for stone knapping • high frequency of used tools
Camping by small groups	associated with permanent & temporary water	near (within 100m)	near food resources	• assemblages of moderate density & diversity • evidence of tool maintenance & repair • evidence for stone knapping & hearths
Nuclear family base camp	level or gently undulating ground	near reliable source (within 50m)	near food resources	• assemblages of high density &diversity • evidence of tool maintenance & repair & casual knapping • evidence for stone knapping • heat treatment pits, stone lined ovens • grindstones
Community base camp	level or gently undulating ground	near reliable source (within 50m)	near food resources	• assemblages of high density & diversity • evidence of tool maintenance & repair & casual knapping • evidence for stone knapping • heat treatment pits, stone lined ovens • grindstones & ochre • large area >100sqm with isolated camp sites

5.8 PREDICTIVE MODEL FOR THE PROJECT AREA

Given the challenges related to ground surface visibility and the disconnection between the distribution of surface archaeological materials and sub-surface deposits, it is imperative to develop a predictive model. Prior archaeological investigations in the region, coupled with data from the AHIMS register and the environmental context, offer valuable insights into site types and distribution patterns.

Research indicates that occupation sites, including artefact scatters and isolated finds, constitute the most frequently recorded site type. These sites are predominantly situated along or adjacent to watercourses, often on relatively flat to gently sloping topography that is in close proximity to dependable fresh water sources. Analysis reveals that sites with elevated artefact densities are typically concentrated within a fifty-meter radius of higher-order watercourses. Furthermore, both site counts and density diminish as stream order decreases and distance from water sources increases.

In the local context, prior assessments in similar environmental settings suggest a high probability of encountering archaeological materials on level, well-elevated landforms in adequately watered areas. These landforms provide optimal access to low-lying, waterlogged regions and associated resources.

Based on the AHIMS results, in conjunction with a review and analysis of the local and regional archaeological assessments and environmental considerations, it is evident that the project's location, situated over 850 meters from a dependable freshwater source (Wallis Creek – 6th order), would have influenced past Aboriginal land use patterns. The absence of a reliable fresh water source suggests that the project area and its immediate vicinity were primarily utilised for more transitory short-term activities such as hunting and gathering, rather than for extensive long-term camping. This historical land use by past Aboriginal people is reflected in the archaeological record through low-density artefact scatters and isolated finds.

5.9 ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL IN THE PROJECT AREA

Based on archaeological sites registered in the region and the results of past archaeological studies, two site types are likely to occur throughout the project area:

- **Artefact scatters**

Also described as open campsites, artefact scatters have been defined at two or more stone artefacts within 50 metres of each other and will include archaeological remains such as stone artefacts and may be found in association with hunting and gathering activities (manifests in the archaeological record as lo-density discarded artefacts across the landscape) or camping where other evidence may be present such as shell, hearths, stone lined fire places and/or heat treatment pits. These sites are usually identified as surface scatters of artefacts in areas where ground surface visibility is increased due to lack of vegetation and land uses. Erosion, agricultural activities (such as ploughing, grazing), construction and mining activities and access ways can also expose surface campsites. Artefact scatters may represent evidence of;

- Large camp sites, where everyday activities such as habitation, maintenance of stone or wooden tools, manufacturing of such tools, management of raw materials, preparation and consumption of food and storage of tools has occurred;
- Medium/small camp sites, where activities such as minimal tool manufacturing occurred;
- Hunting and/or gathering events;
- Other events spatially separated from a camp site, or
- Transitory movement through the landscape.

Artefact scatters are a common site type in the locality and the broader region. There is potential for low-density artefact scatters to occur within the project area. There is also the potential for such sites to be impacted on through past land uses including clearing, ploughing for improved pasture and long-term grazing.

- **Isolated finds**

Isolated artefacts are usually identified in areas where ground surface visibility is increased due to lack of vegetation and land uses. Erosion, agricultural activities (such as ploughing), construction and mining activities and access ways can also expose surface artefacts. Isolated finds may represent evidence of;

- Hunting and/or gathering events; or
- Transitory movement through the landscape.

Isolated finds are a common site type in the locality and the broader region. There is potential for isolated artefacts to occur across the project area and across all landforms. There is also the potential for such sites to be impacted on through past land uses.

6 RESULTS

6.1 METHODOLOGY

The survey area was surveyed on foot by the archaeologist and registered Aboriginal stakeholder representatives in accordance with the proposed methodology provided to the stakeholders for review. The survey included transects at approximately 10 metres apart walked in an east/west direction across the project area and focused on areas of high ground surface visibility and exposures (erosional features, cleared areas).

6.2 LANDFORMS

McDonald et al (1998) describes the categories of landform divisions that consists of a two layered division involving treating the landscape as a series of "mosaics". The mosaics are described as two distinct sizes: the larger categories are referred to as landform patterns and the smaller being landform elements within these patterns. Landform patterns are large-scale landscape units, and landform elements are the individual features contained within these broader landscape patterns. There are forty landform pattern units and over seventy landform elements. However, of all the landform element units, ten are morphological types. For archaeological investigations they divide the landscape into standardised elements that can be used for comparative purposes and predictive modelling. As outlined in Section 3, the project area includes one landform: slope.

6.3 SURVEY UNITS

The project area, consisting of one landform (slopes), was surveyed as one survey unit (SU) that wase based on landform elements (following McDonald et al 1984) and then divided into two units based on vegetation (open pasture and open woodland regrowth).

Survey Unit 1: open pasture (western half)

This survey unit included the western half of the project area. Previously cleared and subject to ploughing and grazing as well as a power easement and significant erosion, this area had also been subject to previous archaeological test excavations. The test excavations identified a highly disturbed landscape with no potential for in situ deposits. Vegetation consisted of grass with few trees (Figures 6.1 to 6.4).

Survey Unit 2: open regrowth woodland (eastern half)

This survey unit included the eastern half of the project area. Also previously cleared and subject to ploughing and grazing as well as a power easement, this section has also been subject to bush fires and significant erosion and a disused shed and stock yards are present in the southern section. Being located further from the creek and extrapolating the results from the test excavation this area (part of the same clearing and agricultural activities as the western half of the project area as evidenced through historical photography), is also highly likely to be significantly disturbed deposits with no potential for in situ deposits. Vegetation consisted of regrowth open woodland with very few larger trees present and little scrub/under story (Figures 6.5 to 6.7).

Figure 6.1 Middle of the project area facing east

Figure 6.2 Middle of the project area facing west

Figure 6.3 Middle of the project area facing south

Figure 6.4 Western side of the project area facing west

Figure 6.5 North eastern section facing east

Figure 6.6 South eastern section facing south

Figure 6.7 Mid-section of the open woodland area, facing

6.4 EFFECTIVE COVERAGE & DISTURBANCES

To assess the effectiveness of an archaeological survey, the visibility and exposure conditions of each survey unit are quantified to provide an effective coverage metric. This metric is an estimate of the amount of ground observed considering local constraints on site discovery such as vegetation and leaf litter and erosion. There are two components to determining the effective coverage: visibility and exposure.

Visibility refers to the extent of exposed ground that could potentially reveal artefact or other cultural materials. During surveys, visibility is quantified as the percentage of the ground surface that is observable. Various factors, such as vegetation, plant or leaf debris, loose sand, rocky terrain, or foreign elements like trash, can obstruct visibility. It is important to note that visibility alone does not reliably indicate the presence of cultural materials beneath the surface (DECCW 2010/783:39).

The second component in establishing effective coverage is exposure. Exposure is recorded as the percentage of the survey transects in which disturbance has removed or exposed the upper soil layer to permit the detection of artefacts (if any) that were formerly located in a sub-surface context (NSW NPWS 1997: 18).

The level of effective coverage is then calculated by multiplying the transect area by the percentage of exposure and visibility within the transect (i.e. effective coverage = area by % exposure by % visibility) and adding any areas of discrete exposure or visibility. The effective coverage is then stated as a percentage of the survey unit and of the project area as a whole. The effective coverage for the project area was determined for both visibility and exposure ratings and Table 6.1 details the visibility rating system used.

Table 6.1 Ground surface visibility rating

Description	GSV rating %
Very Poor – heavy vegetation, scrub foliage or debris cover, dense trees of scrub cover. Soil surface of the ground very difficult to see.	0-9%
Poor – moderate level of vegetation, scrub, and / or tree cover. Some small patches of soil surface visible in the form of animal tracks, erosion, scalds, blowouts etc, in isolated patches. Soil surface visible in random patches.	10-29%
Fair – moderate levels of vegetation, scrub and / or tree cover. Moderate sized patches of soil surface visible, possibly associated with animal, stock tracks, unsealed walking tracks, erosion, blow outs etc, soil surface visible as moderate to small patches, across a larger section of the project area.	30-49%
Good – moderate to low level of vegetation, tree or scrub cover. Greater amount of areas of soil surface visible in the form of erosion, scalds, blowouts, recent ploughing, grading or clearing.	50-59%
Very Good – low levels of vegetation / scrub cover. Higher incidence of soil surface visible due to recent or past land-use practices such as ploughing, mining etc.	60-79%
Excellent – very low to non-existent levels of vegetation/scrub cover. High incidence of soil surface visible due to past or recent land use practices, such as ploughing, grading, mining etc.	80-100%
Note: this process is purely subjective and can vary between field specialists, however, consistency is achieved by the same field specialist providing the assessment for the one project area/subject site.	

As indicated in Table 6.2, the effective coverage for project area illustrates that overall effective coverage is 11.39% with grass being the limiting factor and erosion across the project area being minimal. The disturbances included clearing, ploughing and grazing, all of which have impacted upon the landscape and associated cultural materials through removal and displacement and these disturbances were confirmed through the previous archaeological test excavation.

Table 6.2 Effective coverage for the investigation area

SU	Landform	Area (m2)	Vis. %	Exp. %	Exposure type	Previous disturbances	Present disturbances	Limiting visibility factors	Effective coverage (m2)
1	slope (west)	104,800	25%	25%	erosion	clearing, ploughing, grazing, easement	grazing, erosion	vegetation	6,550
2	slope (east)	116,700	40%	40%	erosion, tracks	clearing, ploughing, grazing, easement, structures, bush fires	grazing, erosion	vegetation	18,672
Totals		**221,500**							**25,222**
								Effective coverage %	**11.39%**

The level and nature of the effective survey coverage is considered satisfactory to provide an effective assessment of the project area. The coverage was comprehensive for obtrusive site types (e.g., grinding grooves and scarred trees) but somewhat limited for the less obtrusive surface stone artefact sites by surface visibility constraints that included vegetation cover and minimal exposures.

In relation to land uses and the associated impacts on the landscape and any cultural materials present, the project area has been subject to clearing, ploughing and grazing activities confirmed through an archaeological test excavation, and as indicated in Table 6.3, these disturbances are classified as moderate according to the CSIRO classification system. However, the test excavation revealed that these land uses completely disturbed the deposits and is actually assessed as a major disturbance in this case.

Table 5.3 Land use scale (CSIRO 2010) and land uses in the project area

Minor disturbance		Project area	Moderate disturbance		Project area	Major disturbance		Project area
0	No effective disturbance; natural		3	Extensive clearing (e.g., poisoning and ringbarking		6	Cultivation: grain fed	
1	No effective disturbance other than grazed by hoofed animals		4	Complete clearing: pasture native or improved, but never cultivated	yes	7	Cultivation: irrigated, past and present	
2	Limited clearing (e.g., selected logging)		5	Complete clearing: pasture native or improved, cultivated at some stage	yes	8	Highly disturbed: e.g., quarry, road works, mining, landfill, urban	dam

In view of the predictive modelling and the results obtained from the effective coverage and disturbance rating, it is concluded that the survey provides a valid basis for determining the probable impacts of the proposal and formulating recommendations for the management of the project area.

6.5 ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES

No new sites were identified in the project areas during the survey and this is due to the significantly high impacts from previous land uses across the project area (clearing, ploughing, grazing). Additionally, being located at a distance from reliable fresh water and resources, indicates the project area may have been utilised for more transitory activities rather than camping. Evidence of such past Aboriginal land uses manifests in the archaeological record as a background scatter of discarded artefacts, which would have been disturbed/destroyed through past land uses.

The previous test excavation (Appendix A) confirmed the highly disturbed nature of the project area and highly disturbed artefacts present (6 artefacts).

6.6 POTENTIAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL DEPOSIT/ SENSITIVITY

The terms "potential archaeological deposit (PAD)" and "area(s) of archaeological sensitivity" are used to describe areas that are likely to contain sub-surface cultural deposits. These sensitive landforms or areas are identified based upon the results of fieldwork, the knowledge gained from previous studies in or around the subject area and the resultant predictive models. Any or all of these attributes may be used in combination to define an area of potential archaeological sensitivity.

The likelihood of a landscape having been used by past Aboriginal societies and hence containing archaeologically sensitive areas is primarily based on the availability of local natural resources for subsistence, artefact manufacture and ceremonial purposes. The likelihood of surface and subsurface cultural materials surviving in the landscape is primarily based on past land uses and preservation factors.

The previously identified PAD has been subject to an archaeological test excavation and the ACHA report is attached in Appendix A.

6.7 DISCUSSION

Considering the environmental, cultural and archaeological contexts of the regional and local area, the distribution of archaeological sites may be identified and thus effectively protected, manage lands, and conserve areas where required and appropriate.

As no sites additional have been identified, the results of the investigation are discussed below in terms of overall site integrity, local and regional contexts, and predictive modeling.

6.7.1 INTEGRITY

Site integrity can be examined through three main factors including land use history and natural processes, the horizontal and vertical distribution of artefacts and conjoins of artefacts and inferred associations between individual artefacts. The initial assessment identified that previous and present land uses and their impacts as well as natural impacts (such as bioturbation, erosion etc) within the investigation area were assessed as generally low to moderate. The potential effects of land use and their impacts on cultural heritage can be considered.

Although it is problematic to examine spatial distribution patterns through conjoining or association of artefacts of similar stone types in small, spatially discrete test pits, this form of analysis is more applicable to broader area excavations, it does aid in assessing site integrity generally. No conjoins were present in the artefacts recovered.

The test excavation did not identify evidence of integrity in the form of 'artefact association', which is the association of artefacts is based on spatial proximity, similar materials and shared technological and typological attributes of the artefacts.

Soil horizon A and top of horizon B contained significant evidence of past land uses with ridges and furrows present. In addition to this, the deposits contained small to medium sized rocks and rubble throughout the profile that continued in size and density with depth. There is no evidence of stratigraphy and the evidence indicates the PAD area has been subject to high intensity impacts and as such the PAD is identified as a highly disturbed deposit with little to no likelihood of in situ deposits.

6.8 INTERPRETATION & OCCUPATION MODEL

Given the fact that no sites were identified, it is not possible to discuss site interpretation or occupation models.

6.9 REGIONAL & LOCAL CONTEXT

Given the fact that no additional sites were identified, it is not possible to discuss the regional or local archaeological contexts.

6.10 REASSESSMENT OF THE PREDICTIVE MODEL

Given the fact that no additional sites were identified and the project rea is highly disturbed, it is not possible to reassess the predictive model.

6.11 CONCLUSION

Archaeological sites provide an indication of historical land use, environmental interaction, and resource utilisation, encompassing aspects such as dietary practices, raw material transport, stone tool production, and the mobility patterns of various groups across the landscape. Prior comprehensive regional and local studies have established that proximity to water sources significantly influenced historical occupation patterns, with a marked decline in site density observed as distance from water increases.

The findings indicate that occupation sites—characterised by artefact scatters and isolated finds—constitute the predominant site type identified, typically situated along or in close vicinity to watercourses. Additionally, these sites are frequently found on relatively flat elevated landforms that ensure access to consistent fresh water. Analyses reveal that areas with higher artefact densities are predominantly located within fifty meters of water sources. Furthermore, a background scatter of artefacts across the broader landscape corresponds to patterns of hunting, gathering, and travel activities.

The results of the previous test excavation identified a highly disturbed landscape and whilst it is possible that the site may represent multiple episodes of occupation over a period of time, it is not possible to clarify this. The location of the PAD along a 2nd order creek and associated resources, renders this location somewhat favourable for past land use following heavy rain. The presence of higher density artefact scatters in various locations within the local area, particularly near higher-order creeks and rivers, suggests a greater intensity of occupation outside the project area.

7 SIGNIFICANCE ASSESSMENT

A crucial step in cultural heritage management involves evaluating the significance of sites. The significance of archaeological sites largely hinges on their potential contributions to our understanding of a particular place or site (Sullivan and Bowdler 1984; Pearson and Sullivan 1995: 7). Not all sites possess the same level of significance, nor do they merit identical levels of consideration and management. Initially, it may be challenging to fully determine the scope or value of the archaeological resource. As a result, the significance evaluation of archaeological materials is based on the potential this resource has to contribute to our understanding of the past and the contribution that it can make to our understanding of a place or a cultural landscape.

7.1 BASIS FOR EVALUATION

The Heritage NSW *Code of Practice for investigating of Aboriginal Objects in New South Wales* (OEH 2010) stipulates that a scientific significance assessment must be undertaken to identify the archaeological values and assess their significance. The assessment must be supportable and the assessment criteria must reflect best practice assessment processes as set out in the Burra Charter for scientific significance.

The criteria for evaluating the significance of Aboriginal sites, objects, and places are primarily based on the frameworks outlined in the Burra Charter. This charter specifies that significance evaluations should consider aesthetic, historic, scientific, social, and spiritual values, and assess their importance for past, present, and future generations (Article 1.2). In detail, assessments of Aboriginal significance fall into two major categories: cultural significance and archaeological/scientific significance (NPWS 1997:5-11). Aboriginal heritage significance encompasses both scientific (roughly corresponding to the Burra Charter's criteria of aesthetic, historic, and scientific value) and cultural (roughly corresponding to the Charter's social and spiritual value criteria) significance.

Scientific significance relating to Aboriginal sites, objects and places in NSW is assessed against the scientific criteria as defined by the Heritage NSW guidelines and undertaken by a qualified archaeologist. Cultural heritage significance represents the tangible and intangible value of an item or place to the Aboriginal community/traditional owners, can only be assessed by them, and as such can only be informed by their participation in the consultation process.

It is important to note that note all sites are equally significant and not all sites are worthy of equal consideration and management. The significance of a site in not fixed for all time, what is considered as significant at the time of assessment may change as similar items are located, alterations due to land uses, more research is undertaken and community values change. This does not lessen the heritage approach, but enriches both the process and the long-term outcomes for future generations as the nature of what is conserved and why also changes over time (Pearson and Sullivan 1995:7).

7.2 ABORIGINAL HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

7.2.1 SCIENTIFIC SIGNIFICANCE

Scientific significance is assessed using criteria to evaluate the contents of a site, state of preservation, integrity of deposits, representativeness of the site type, the rarity/uniqueness and

the potential to answer research questions on past human behaviour. The following criteria are used for assessing archaeological significance:

- *Archaeological research potential* – significance may be based on the potential of a site or landscape to explain past human behaviour. The research potential includes aspects such as the site's completeness, stratigraphic integrity, and preservation condition. This is categorised into three levels: low, moderate or high.

- *Representativeness* – all sites are representative of those in the class (site type), however, this criterion related to whether a site should be conserved to ensure that a representative sample of the archaeological record is retained. Representativeness is based on an understanding of the local and regional archaeological contexts in terms of site variability, the sites already conserved and the relations of sites across the landscape. Representativeness and rarity are assessed at a local, regional and national level (although assessing at a national level is difficult and commonly not possible due to a lack of national reports and available database). This is categorised into two levels: well, represented or not well represented.

- *Rarity* – in archaeological terms refers to the distinctiveness of a site, based on its uniqueness in the archaeological record and its relevance to principal archaeological research questions. Sites that can provide significant scientific or cultural insights are often deemed more important. The value of a site increases with the uniqueness or rarity of its evidence, particularly in terms of its representativeness on a regional scale. The assessment of rarity can be conducted at local, regional, or national levels. This is categorised into two levels: rare, not rare.

- *Integrity* - The state of preservation and disturbances of the evidence (integrity) is also related to representativeness and research potential. The higher the integrity (well preserved and not disturbed) of the evidence, the greater the level of information that is likely to be obtained from further study. This translates to greater importance for the evidence within a local and regional context, as it may be a suitable example for preservation/ conservation. This is categorised into six levels after Witter (1992) and HLA (2002) as follows:

    - Excellent - disturbance, erosion or development is minimal.
    - Good - relatively undisturbed or partially disturbed with obvious in situ deposit.
    - Fair - some disturbance but the degree of disturbance is difficult to assess.
    - Poor - clearly mostly destroyed or disturbed by erosion or development.
    - Very poor - sites totally disturbed or clearly not in situ.
    - Destroyed -a known site that is clearly no longer there.

7.3 ABORIGINAL CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

While Aboriginal sites and places may have scientific significance, they may also have cultural/social significance to the Aboriginal people from that area. Determining cultural/social significance can only be determined by the Aboriginal people from the area in which the sites and/or places were identified.

7.4 ARCHAEOLOGICAL (SCIENTIFIC) SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION

The following is an evaluation of the significance of the individual archaeological sites identified within the project area. Table 7.1 presents the archaeological significance (scientific), aesthetic and historic significance assessment for the site identified.

Table 7.1 Significance assessment

Site	Site Type	Representativeness	Integrity	Research potential	Scientific significance
38-4-1969	artefact scatter	well represented	poor	low	low

7.5 ASSESSMENT OF CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

This area of assessment concerns the value(s) of a site or feature to particular local Aboriginal communities. Aspects of social significance are relevant to sites, items in the landscape that are important, or have become important, to the local Aboriginal community. This importance involves both traditional links with specific areas as well as an overall cultural landscape and their protection. Aboriginal cultural significance can only be made by the relevant Aboriginal communities. Table 7.2 in the project document outlines the details regarding the social and spiritual significance of site 38-4-1969 as conveyed by the Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) consulted during the project.

Table 7.2 RAPs assessment of social/spiritual significance

RAP	Assessment
A1 Indigenous Services	has not assigned cultural significance
Awabakal Descendants Traditional Owners	has not assigned cultural significance
Corroboree Aboriginal Corporation	has not assigned cultural significance
Culturally Aware	has not assigned cultural significance
Didge Ngunawal Clan	has not assigned cultural significance
Hunter Traditional Owner	has not assigned cultural significance
Hunter Valley Cultural Surveying	has not assigned cultural significance
Jarban & Mugrebea	has not assigned cultural significance
Jumbunna Traffic Management Group Pty Ltd	has not assigned cultural significance
Kevin Duncan	has not assigned cultural significance
Yarrawalk Pty Ltd	has not assigned cultural significance
Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation	has not assigned cultural significance
Wallagan Cultural Services	has not assigned cultural significance
Wattaka Wonnarua CC Service	has not assigned cultural significance
Widescope Indigenous Group	has not assigned cultural significance
Yinarr Cultural Services	has not assigned cultural significance
Long Gully Cultural Services	has not assigned cultural significance
Mura Gadi Aboriginal Corporation	has not assigned cultural significance
Cole Perry	has not assigned cultural significance

8 ASSESSMENT OF IMPACTS

The archaeological record is a non-renewable resource that is affected by many processes and activities. As outlined in Section 3 and 6, the various natural processes and human activities would have impacted on archaeological deposits through both site formation and taphonomic processes. Section 6 describes the impacts within the project area, showing how these processes and activities have disturbed the landscape and associated cultural materials in varying degrees.

8.1 IMPACTS

Detailed descriptions of the impacts are provided in Section 1.5 and the results of the survey in Section 6. The Heritage NSW Code of practice for the archaeological investigation of Aboriginal objects in New South Wales (2010:21) describes impacts to be rated as follows:

1) Type of harm: is either direct, indirect or none
2) Degree of harm is defined as either total, partial or none
3) Consequence of harm is defined as either total loss, partial loss, or no loss of value

As indicated in Table 8.1, the results of the assessment show that AHIMS site 38-4-1969 will be impacted upon by the development. The site is highly disturbed and redistributed across the project area due to past and uses including clearing, ploughing, grazing and erosion. The site has no integrity remaining and is very well represented both locally and regionally.

Table 8.1 Impact summary

Site	Site type	Type of harm	Degree of harm	Consequence of harm
38-4-1969	artefact scatter	direct	total	total

8.2 CUMULATIVE IMPACTS

The cumulative impact to Aboriginal heritage in the area is limited given that:

- the net development footprint (i.e. the area of direct impact) is small and does not affect a high proportion of any particular landform present within the region;
- a comparable suite of landforms that are expected to, and do contain a similar archaeological resource occur in multiple contexts throughout the wider region;
- site 38-4-1969 is a highly disturbed low-density artefact scatter that is well represented both locally and regionally;
- the project area has been subject to long term past land uses (impacts) that have resulted in a disturbed landscape and as a consequence of these disturbances the representative value of the archaeological resource is lessened, and
- the placement of the development within this area, in particular within the disturbed context, ensures the cumulative impacts are focused in the areas of lower potential and therefore are kept to a minimum.

Mitigation measures to minimise these impacts are outlined in the following chapter.

9 MITIGATION AND MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

Specific strategies, as outlined through the Heritage NSW Code of practice for archaeological investigation of Aboriginal objects in New South Wales (DECCW 2010b) and the Guide to investigating, assessing and reporting on Aboriginal cultural heritage in NSW (OEH 2011) are considered below for the management of the identified site within the project area.

One of the most important considerations in selecting the most suitable and appropriate strategy is the recognition that Aboriginal cultural heritage is very important to the local Aboriginal community. Decisions about the management of sites and potential archaeological deposits should be made in consultation with the appropriate local Aboriginal community.

9.1 CONSERVATION/PROTECTION

Heritage NSW is responsible for the conservation/protection of Indigenous sites and they therefore require good reason for any impact on an indigenous site. Conservation is the first avenue and is suitable for all sites, especially those considered high archaeological significance and/or cultural significance. Conservation includes the processes of looking after an indigenous site or place so as to retain its cultural and scientific significance and are managed in a way that is consistent with the nature of peoples' attachment to them.

As no additional sites have been identified, and AHIMS 38-4-1969 is highly disturbed through previous clearing, ploughing and grazing across the project area, conservation/protection is not required.

9.2 FURTHER INVESTIGATION

With the exception of shell middens and burials, an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) is not required to undertake test excavations (providing the excavations are in accordance with the Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigations in NSW and consultation with the RAPs). Subsurface testing is appropriate when a PAD has been identified, and it can be demonstrated that sub-surface Aboriginal objects with potential conservation value have a high probability of being present, and that the area cannot be substantially avoided by the proposed activity.

As the nature of AHIMS 38-4-1969 has been determined through archaeological test excavations previously, further investigations are not required or justified.

9.3 AHIP

If harm will occur to an Aboriginal object or Place, then an AHIP is sought from Heritage NSW, as a defence to that harm. If a systematic excavation of the known site could provide benefits and information for the Aboriginal community and/or archaeological study of past Aboriginal occupation, a salvage program, and, or community collection, may be an appropriate strategy to enable the salvage of cultural objects.

As AHIMS 38-4-1969 will be impacted on by the proposed development, a project based AHIP will be required prior to work.

9.4 CULTURAL AWARENESS INDUCTION

Part of the site induction should include an induction on the cultural heritage of the project area. All personnel on site must be inducted and as such are made aware of the cultural heritage across the project area. The induction package may be included in the Environmental Management Plan.

10 RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 GENERAL

1) The persons responsible for the management of onsite works will ensure that all staff, contractors and others involved in construction and maintenance related activities are made aware of the statutory legislation protecting sites and places of significance. Of particular importance is the National Parks and Wildlife Regulation 2019, under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974; and

2) A cultural awareness program should be included as part of the site induction program and developed with the RAPs and form part of the Environmental Management Plan.

10.2 SITE

3) As AHIMS 38-4-1969 will be impacted on by the development, a project based AHIP will be required prior to works commencing; and

4) An Aboriginal Site Impact Recording Form (ASIRF) will be completed following works.

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APPENDIX A

Previous ACHA test excavation report

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This report has been prepared in accordance with the scope of services described in the contract or agreement between McCardle Cultural Heritage Pty Ltd (MCH), ACN: 104 590 141, ABN: 89 104 590 141, and ACM Landmark. The report relies upon data, surveys, measurements and specific times and conditions specified herein. Any findings, conclusions or recommendations only apply to the aforementioned circumstances and no greater reliance should be assumed or drawn by ACM Landmark. Furthermore, the report has been prepared solely for use by ACM Landmark. and MCH accepts no responsibility for its use by other parties.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

McCardle Cultural Heritage Pty Ltd (MCH) has been commissioned by ACM Landmark to prepare an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) and an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) for the proposed rezoning of Part Lot 141 DP1125076 Wilton Drive and Mt Vincent Rd, East Maitland. The project area had been subject to a previous ACHA and archaeological test excavation program. No further archaeological works were required and as such, this assessment is an update of the previous assessment undertaken by MCH (2016) and included new consultation as per the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010 (DECCW 2010). The new consultation resulted in no registered Aboriginal parties.

Located in the Central Lowlands of the Hunter Valley, the project area consists of a gentle south western facing slope that overlook two drainage channels immediately west of the project area that drain west outside the project area into wetlands. Situated on the Maitland Permian group of Tomago Coal Measures consisting of shale, mudstone, sandstone, tuff and coal, the project area consists of the Hunter soil landscape that is characterised by alluvium (stream laid deposits) and consists of Brown Cracking Clays (brownish black to brown light medium clay topsoils to a gradual change to dark brown medium clay subsoils). Located approximately 1 kilometre south of Wallis Creek, one 1st order drainage depression is located to the south west of the project area and a 2nd order is situated immediately south of the 1st order, both draining west outside the project and continues to form part of a wetland area to the south-west of the project area. Thus, the western portion of the project area may be considered well-resourced in terms of freshwater availability during wet seasons or after continuous heavy rain when water was available. The specific project area has been cleared and primarily used for pastoral purposes (grazing) and agricultural activities, involving the wholesale clearance of native vegetation and the introduction of pasture grass, power easement, fencing and a dam, all of which would have impacted on the landscape and associated cultural materials, although this was assessed as being low.

An updated search of the BCD AHIMS register has shown that 120 known Aboriginal sites are currently recorded within five kilometres of the project area and of those, 12 have been destroyed (10 AFT, 1 AFT/ARG and 1 PAD) and 3 partially destroyed (2 AFT and 1 PAD). The majority of site types are artefacts (72%) followed by PADs (14%) and the remainder are a variety of site types. Insite Heritage undertook an assessment for the proposed rezoning of the project area in 2012. A review of archaeological assessments conducted in close proximity indicated that the landscape features of the study area was consistent with those of previously identified archaeological sites. Thick grass cover, vegetation, leaf litter and garbage from the adjacent waste depot limited surface visibility to animal tracks, farm tracks and erosion exposures. The survey Area of 33.38 hectares provided approximate 4% surface visibility suitable for artefact detection. This amounted to 5% visibility within the 13.54 hectares of Lot 1012 and 3% visibility within the 19.84 hectares of Lot 42.

No items aboriginal sites were identified during the survey and the survey identified one sensitive landform (PAD) adjacent to the wetland was as having high potential for containing subsurface Indigenous archaeological deposits. This landform and proximity to the wetlands was consistent with the predictive model of indigenous archaeological potential. The PAD is the subject of this investigation.

A total of 62 test pits were completed and included an area of 60 metres in width from the development south and south western border. Disturbances across the PAD were consistent across the site and included wholesale clearing, evidence of previous agricultural activity (deteriorated ridges and furrows, significant densities of small, medium and large rocks throughout that increased with depth throughout the deposit mixing the A and B horizons), grazing and fencing. The B horizon was mixed with the lower sections of the A horizon, with no sharp change to the B horizon. A

moderate amount of insect bioturbation was noted throughout the deposit and was consistent across the site and included curl grubs, worms, spiders and beetles. The soil stratigraphy of all excavated test pits was constant with changes in depth only and all included topsoil that consisted of a loamy/clayey A horizon that mixed with the B horizon at depth of a similar colour.

The test excavation identified a highly disturbed and distributed artefact scatter across the PAD (AHIMS site 38-4-1969). The site consisted of 6 artefacts manufactured predominantly from mudstone and two silcrete. Five test pits contained very low-density artefacts and due to land use impacts and disturbances, it is not possible to identify if the artefacts represent one site or multiple isolated sites and as such for ease of management, the artefacts have been assessed as representing one site. Artefact types included three broken flakes, one microlith and two bladettes. five flake pieces, three bladettes (preform blades). Being highly disturbed through past land uses, the site and PAD have no potential for in situ cultural materials. Based on the evidence of the test excavation, the following can is inferred from the evidence:

- the time at which occupation may be inferred is derived from both artefact typological relative dating and geomorphological evidence, which places the site as being within the last 4,000 years BP. Within a given year, the timing of occupation may have been related to the availability of specific food resources;
- a number of episodes of occupation are likely to have occurred within the investigation area, and may have involved either individuals and/or very small groups of people and for short durations of time;
- the duration of each episode is unknown. However, the quality and quantity of the evidence suggests a range of short-term hunting/gathering (one or several days). Transitory movement is also likely to have occurred, but not possible to identify;
- the primary activities represented by the small sample of artefacts recovered during the test excavation was hunting/gathering of local resources and tool manufacturing/maintenance; and
- proximity to water and associated resources was a primary factor influencing the nature and extent of past occupation of the investigation area.

The results are also consistent with other similar sites across the region and similarities across the local and regional area include:

- types of raw materials are consistent throughout the locality;
- stone artefact types are consistent throughout the locality;
- evidence relating to non-specific knapping, tool manufacturing and maintenance are consistent throughout the region;
- probable relative dating of evidence to the mid to late Holocene period; and
- the historical and modern large-scale clearance and development of the land may have removed evidence associated with this site.

Based on the evidence, the limited range of artefacts and stone types, evidence of both casual knapping (broken flakes) and tool manufacturing/maintenance (bladettes and microlith), and the apparent absence of labour/energy/time intensive evidence (hearths, grinding grooves, heat treatment pits etc) indicate that the nature of occupation within the investigation area could represent evidence of hunting and gathering and, or camping by small groups of people, likely undertaken in infrequent episodes over the past 4,000 years or so.

Taking the environmental and arcahgeological contexts into consideration as well as the highly disturbed nature of site 38-4-1969, the site is assessed as being of low scientific significance and high cultural significance.

The results of the assessment indicate that the artefact scatter will be impacted upon by the development. The very low-density artefact scatter is a highly disturbed site spread throughout the PAD area with no in situ deposits remaining. This site type is very well represented both locally and regionally and are highly disturbed with little to no research or scientific potential. The cumulative impact to Aboriginal heritage in the area is limited given that:

- the net development footprint (i.e. the area of direct impact) is small and does not affect a high proportion of any particular landform present within the region;
- a comparable suite of landforms that are expected to, and do contain a similar archaeological resource occur in multiple contexts both within the local area and throughout the Hunter Valley;
- the PAD has been subject to long term past land uses (impacts) that have resulted in a highly disturbed landscape and as a consequence of these disturbances the representative value of the archaeological resource is lessened. Such impacts include clearing, agricultural practices, dam and tracks;
- the low-density artefact scatter identified during the test excavation has been highly disturbed and dispersed throughout the PAD area with no site integrity remining;
- the high-density deposits identified to date occur outside the development footprint; and
- the placement of the development within this area, in particular within the disturbed context, ensures the cumulative impacts are focused in the areas of lower potential and therefore are kept to a minimum.

The following recommendations are provided;

1) The persons responsible for the management of onsite works will ensure that all staff, contractors and others involved in construction and maintenance related activities are made aware of the statutory legislation protecting sites and places of significance. Of particular importance is the National Parks and Wildlife Amendment (Aboriginal Objects and Aboriginal Places) Regulation 2010, under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974;

2) Should any Aboriginal objects be uncovered during works, all work will cease in that location immediately and the Environmental Line contacted;

3) A project based AHIP that will include site 38-4-1969 will be required prior to works commencing within the PAD area.

GLOSSARY

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Values: traditional values of Aboriginal people, handed down in spiritual beliefs, stories and community practices and may include local plant and animal species, places that are important and ways of showing respect for other people.

Aboriginal Place: are locations that have been recognised by the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment (and gazetted under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*) as having special cultural significance to the Aboriginal community. An Aboriginal Place may or may not include archaeological materials.

Aboriginal Site: an Aboriginal site is the location of one or more Aboriginal archaeological objects, including flaked stone artefacts, midden shell, grinding grooves, archaeological deposits, scarred trees etc.

Artefact: any object that is physically modified by humans.

Assemblage: a collection of artefacts associated by a particular place or time, assumed generated by a single group of people, and can comprise different artefact types.

Axe: a stone-headed axe usually having two ground surfaces that meet at a bevel.

Backed artefact: a stone tool where the margin of a flake is retouched at a steep angle and that margin is opposite a sharp edge.

Background scatter: a term used to describe low density scatter of isolated finds that are distributed across the landscape without any obvious focal point.

Blade: a flake that is at least twice as long as it is wide.

Bondi point: a small asymmetrical backed artefact with a point at one end and backing retouch.

Core: a chunk of stone from which flakes are removed and will have one or more negative flake scars but no positive flake scars. The core itself can be shaped into a tool or used as a source of flakes to be formed into tools.

Debitage: small pieces of stone debris that break off during the manufacturing of stone tools. These are usually considered waste and are the by-product of production (also referred to as flake piece).

Flake: any piece of stone struck off a core and has a number of characteristics including ring cracks showing where the hammer hit the core and a bulb of percussion. May be used as a tool with no further working, may be retouched or serve as a platform for further reduction.

Flaked piece/waste flake: an unmodified and unused flake, usually the by-product of tool manufacture or core preparation (also referred to as debitage).

Formation processes: human caused (land uses etc) or natural processes (geological, animal, plant growth etc) by which an archaeological site is modified during or after occupation and abandonment. These processes have a large effect on the provenience of artefacts or features.

Grinding stone: an abrasive stone used to abrade another artefact or to process food.

Hammer stone: a stone that has been used to strike a core to remove a flake, often causing pitting or other wear on the stone's surface.

Harm: is defined as an act that may destroy, deface or damage an Aboriginal object or place. In relation to an object, this means the movement or removal of an object from the land in which it has been situated

Holocene: the post-glacial period, beginning about 10,000 B.P.

In situ: archaeological items are said to be "in situ" when they are found in the location where they were last deposited.

Pleistocene: the latest major geological epoch, colloquially known as the "Ice Age" due to the multiple expansion and retreat of glaciers. Ca. 3.000, 000-10,000 years B.P.

Retouched flake: a flake that has been flaked again in a manner that modified the edge for the purpose of resharpening that edge.

Stratified Archaeological Deposits: Aboriginal archaeological objects may be observed in soil deposits and within rock shelters or caves. Where layers can be detected within the soil or sediments, which are attributable to separate depositional events in the past, the deposit is said to be stratified. The integrity of sediments and soils are usually affected by 200 years of European settlement and activities such as land clearing, cultivation and construction of industrial, commercial and residential developments.

Taphonomy: the study of processes which have affected organic materials such as bone after death; it also involves the microscopic analysis of tooth-marks or cut marks to assess the effects of butchery or scavenging activities.

Traditional Aboriginal Owners: Aboriginal people who are listed in the Register of Aboriginal owners pursuant to Division 3 of the *Aboriginal Land Register Act (1983)*. The Registrar must give priority to registering Aboriginal people for lands listed in Schedule 14 of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* or land subject to a claim under 36A of the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983*.

Traditional Knowledge: Information about the roles, responsibilities and practices set out in the cultural beliefs of the Aboriginal community. Only certain individuals have traditional knowledge and different aspects of traditional knowledge may be known by different people, e.g. information about men's initiation sites and practices, women's sites, special pathways, proper responsibilities of people fishing or gathering food for the community, ways of sharing and looking after others, etc.

Typology: the systematic organization of artefacts into types on the basis of shared attributes.

Use wear: the wear displayed on an artefact as a result of use.

ACRONYMS

ACHMP	Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan
AHIMS	Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System. Data base of recorded sites across NSW managed by OEH
BCD	Biodiversity and Conservation Division

BCD AHIMS SITE ACRONYMS

ACD	Aboriginal ceremonial and dreaming
AFT	Artefact (stone, bone, shell, glass, ceramic and metal)
ARG	Aboriginal resource and gathering
ART	Art (pigment or engraving)
BOM	Non-human bone and organic material
BUR	Burial
CFT	Conflict site
CMR	Ceremonial ring (stone or earth)
ETM	Earth mound
FSH	Fish trap
GDG	Grinding groove
HAB	Habitation structure
HTH	Hearth
OCQ	Ochre quarry
PAD	Potential archaeological Deposit. Used to define an area of the landscape that is believed to contain subsurface archaeological deposits.
SHL	Shell
STA	Stone arrangement
STQ	Stone quarry
TRE	Modified tree (carved or scarred)
WTR	Water hole

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 INTRODUCTION

McCardle Cultural Heritage Pty Ltd (MCH) has been commissioned by ACM Landmark to prepare an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) and an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) for the proposed rezoning of Part Lot 141 DP1125076 Wilton Drive and Mt Vincent Rd, East Maitland for general residential purposes. The project area had been subject to a previous ACHA and archaeological test excavation program (MCH 2018). No further archaeological works were required and as such, this assessment is an update of the previous assessment undertaken by MCH (2018) and included new consultation as per the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010 (DECCW 2010).

The assessment was undertaken to meet the NSW Biodiversity and Conservation Division (BCD) formerly the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH), Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010 (DECCW 2010), the OEH Guide to Investigating, Assessing and Reporting on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in NSW (OEH 2011), the DECCW Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in New South Wales (DECCW 2010b), the Planning and Environment Gateway Determination Conditions and the brief.

1.2 PROPONENT DETAILS

Denis Wilton Nominees

1.3 THE PROJECT AREA

The project area is defined by the proponent and comprises of Lot 141 DP1125076 Wilton Drive and Mt Vincent Rd, East Maitland. The location and extent of the project area is illustrated in Figures 1.1 to 1.3.

Figure 1.1 Regional location of the project area

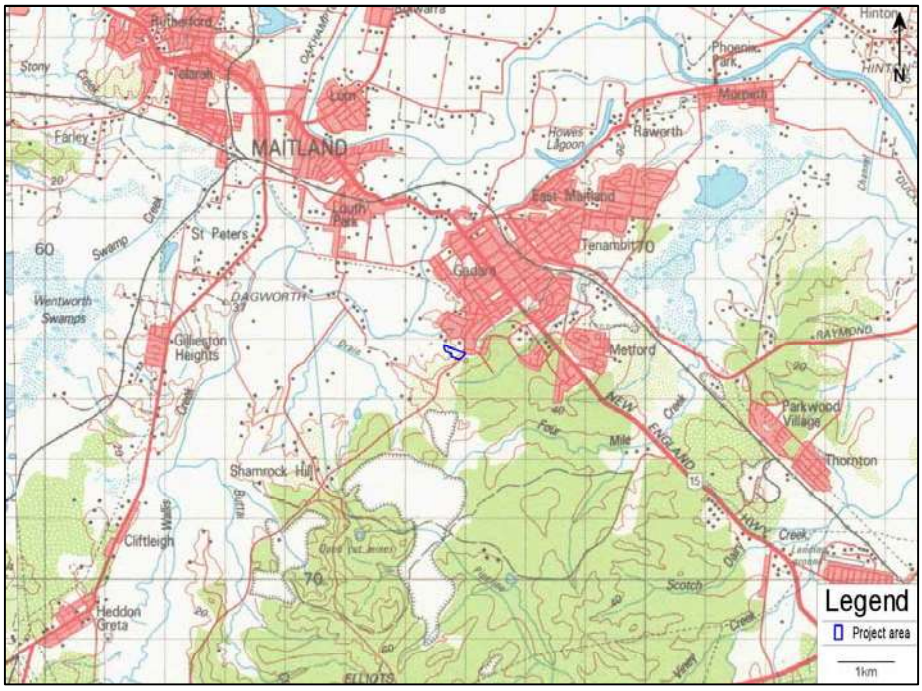


Figure 1.2 Local location of the project area

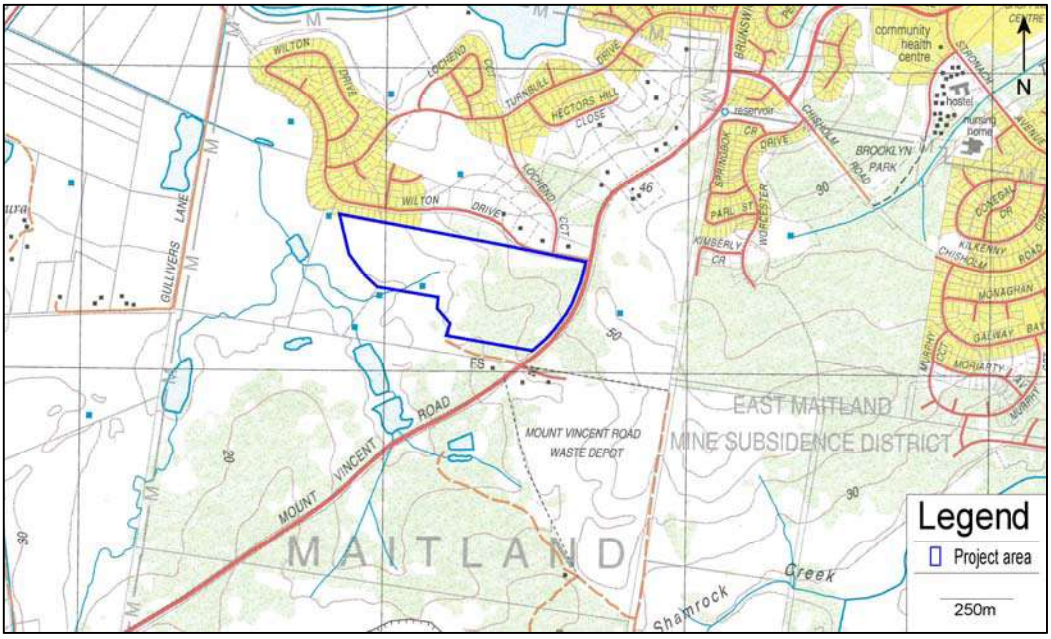


Figure 1.3 Aerial location of the project area

1.4 DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPPMENT

The proposal rezoning of Part Lot 141 DP1125076 Wilton Drive and Mt Vincent Rd, East Maitland for general residential purposes. The proponent confirms that every effort will be made with this development to avoid impacting on any Aboriginal objects. Any development or impacts occurring within the project area will have regard to and managed in accordance with the requirements and provisions of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974.

1.5 PURPOSE OF THE ARCAHEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT

The purpose of the assessment is to assess any archaeological and to provide opportunities and options to ensure any cultural materials present are protected through their salvage through an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP).

1.6 OBJECTIVE OF THE ASSESSMENT

The objective of the assessment is to identify areas of indigenous cultural heritage value, to determine possible impacts on any indigenous cultural heritage identified (including potential subsurface evidence) and to develop management recommendations where appropriate. The assessment employs a regional approach, taking into consideration both the landscape of the project area (landforms, water resources, soils, geology etc) and the regional archaeological patterning identified by past studies.

1.7 PROJECT BRIEF/SCOPE OF WORK

The following tasks were carried out:

- a review of relevant statutory registers and inventories for indigenous cultural heritage including the NSW BCD Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) for known archaeological sites, the State Heritage Register, the Australian Heritage Database (includes data from the World Heritage List UNESCO, National Heritage List, Commonwealth Heritage List, Register of the National Estate) and the Maitland City Councils Local Environmental Plan;
- a review of local environmental information (topographic, geological, soil, geomorphological and vegetation descriptions) to determine the likelihood of archaeological sites and specific site types, prior and existing land uses and site disturbance that may affect site integrity;
- a review of previous cultural heritage investigations to determine the extent of archaeological investigations in the area and any archaeological patterns;
- the development of a predictive archaeological statement based on the data searches and literature review;
- identification of human and natural impacts in relation to the known and any new archaeological sites archaeological potential of the project area;
- consultation with the Aboriginal stakeholders as per the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents (2010);
- undertake a site inspection with the participation of the registered Aboriginal stakeholders, and
- the development of mitigation and conservation measures in consultation with the registered Aboriginal stakeholders.

1.8 LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT

The following overview of the legislative framework, is provided solely for information purposes for the client, and should not be interpreted as legal advice. MCH will not be liable for any actions taken by any person, body or group as a result of this general overview and MCH recommends that

specific legal advice be obtained from a qualified legal practitioner prior to any action being taken as a result of the general summary below.

Land managers are required to consider the affects of their activities or proposed development on the environment under several pieces of legislation. Although there are a number of Acts and regulations protecting Aboriginal heritage, including places, sites and objects, within NSW, the three main ones include:

- National Parks and Wildlife Act (1974, as amended)
- National Parks and Wildlife Regulation (2009)
- Environmental Planning and Assessment Act (1979)

1.8.1 NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE ACT (1974, AS AMENDED)

The National Parks and Wildlife Act (1974), Amended 2010, is the primary legislation for the protection of Aboriginal cultural heritage in New South Wales. The NPW Act protects Aboriginal heritage (places, sites and objects) within NSW and the Protection of Aboriginal heritage is outlined in s86 of the Act, as follows:

- "A person must not harm or desecrate an object that the person knows is an Aboriginal object" s86(1)
- "A person must not harm an Aboriginal object" s86(2)
- "A person must not harm or desecrate an Aboriginal place" s86(4)

Penalties apply for harming an Aboriginal object, site or place. The penalty for knowingly harming an Aboriginal object (s86[1]) and/or an Aboriginal place (s86[4]) is up to $550,000 for an individual and/or imprisonment for 2 years; and in the case of a corporation the penalty is up to $1.1 million. The penalty for a strict liability offence (s86[2]) is up to $110,000 for an individual and $220,000 for a corporation.

Harm under the National Parks and Wildlife Act (1974, as amended) is defined as any act that; destroys defaces or damages the object, moves the object from the land on which it has been situated, causes or permits the object to be harmed. However, it is a defence from prosecution if the proponent can demonstrate that;

1) harm was authorised under an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) (and the permit was properly followed), or
2) the proponent exercised due diligence in respect to Aboriginal heritage.

The 'due diligence' defence (s87[2]), states that if a person or company has applied due diligence to determine that no Aboriginal object, site or place was likely to be harmed as a result of the activities proposed for the Project Area, then liability from prosecution under the NPW Act 1974 will be removed or mitigated if it later transpires that an Aboriginal object, site or place was harmed. If any Aboriginal objects are identified during the activity, then works should cease in that area and OEH notified (DECCW 2010:13). The due diligence defence does not authorise continuing harm.

The archaeological due diligence assessment and report has been carried out in compliance with the NSW DECCW 2010 Due Diligence Code of Practice for the Protection of Aboriginal Objects in NSW.

1.8.2 NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE REGULATION (2009)

The National Parks and Wildlife Regulation 2009 provides a framework for undertaking activities and exercising due diligence in respect to Aboriginal heritage. The Regulation (2009) recognises various due diligence codes of practice, including the Due Diligence Code of Practice for the Protection of Aboriginal Objects in NSW which is pertinent to this report, but it also outlines procedures for Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) applications and Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements (ACHCRs); amongst other regulatory processes.

1.8.3 ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING & ASSESSMENT ACT 1979 (EP&A ACT)

EP&A Act establishes the statutory framework for planning and environmental assessment in NSW and the implementation of the EP&A Act is the responsibility of the Minister for Planning, statutory authorities and local councils. The EP&A Act contains three parts which impose requirements for planning approval:

- Part 3 of the EP&A Act relates to the preparation and making of Environmental Planning Instruments (EPIs), State Environmental Planning Policies (SEPPs) and Local Environmental Plans (LEPs).
- Part 4 of the EP&A Act establishes the framework for assessing development under an EPI. The consent authority for Part 4 development is generally the local council, however the consent authority may by the Minister, the Planning Assessment Commission or a joint regional planning panel depending upon the nature of the development.
- Part 4, Division 4.1 of the EP&A Act establishes the assessment pathway for State significant development (SSD) declared by the State Environmental Planning Policy (State and Regional Development) 2011 (NSW). Once a development is declared as SSD, the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) will be issued outlining what issues must be considered in the EIS.
- Part 5 of the EP&A Act provides for the control of 'activities' that do not require development consent and are undertaken or approved by a determining authority. Development under Part 5 that are likely to significantly affect the environment is required to have an EIS prepared for the proposed activity.
- Part 5.1 of the EP&A Act establishes the assessment pathways for State significant infrastructure (SSI). Development applications made for SSI can only be approved by the Minister. Once a development is declared as SSI, the SEARs will be issued outlining what issues must be addressed in the EIS.

The applicable approval process is determined by reference to the relevant environmental planning instruments and other controls, LEPs and State Environmental Planning Policies (SEPPs).

This project falls under Part 3.

1.9 QUALIFICATIONS OF THE INVESTIGATOR

Penny McCardle: Principal Archaeologist & Forensic Anthropologist has 10 years experience in Indigenous archaeological assessments, excavation, research, reporting, analysis and consultation. Six years in skeletal identification, biological profiling and skeletal trauma identification.

- BA (Archaeology and Palaeoanthropology, University of New England 1999
- Hons (Archaeology and Palaeoanthropology): Physical Anthropology), University of New England 2001

- Forensic Anthropology Course, University of New England 2003
- Armed Forces Institute of Pathology Forensic Anthropology Course, Ashburn, VA 2008
- Analysis of Bone Trauma and Pseudo-Trauma in Suspected Violent Death Course, Erie College, Pennsylvania, 2009
- PhD, University of Newcastle, 2019

1.10 REPORT STRUCTURE

The report includes Section 1 which outlines the project, Section 2 provides the consultation, Section 3 presents the environmental context, Section 4 presents ethno historic context, Section 5 provides the archaeological background, Section 6 provides the results of the fieldwork, analysis and discussion; Section 7 presents the development impact assessment, Section 8 presents the mitigation strategies and Section 9 presents the management recommendations.

2 CONSULTATION

As per the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents (April 2010), MCH followed the four stages of consultation as set out below. All correspondences for each stage, of both the 2016 assessment and this reassessment, are provided in Appendix A.

In relation to cultural significance, MCH recognises and supports the indigenous system of knowledge. That is, that knowledge is not 'open' in the sense that everyone has access and an equal right to it. Knowledge is not always definitive (in the sense that there is only one right answer) and knowledge is often restricted. As access to this knowledge is power, it must be controlled by people with the appropriate qualifications (usually based on age seniority but may be based on other factors). Thus, it is important to obtain information from the correct people: those that hold the appropriate knowledge of those sites and/or areas relevant to the project. It is noted that only the Aboriginal community can identify and determine the accepted knowledge holder(s) may be not archaeologists or proponents. If knowledge is shared, that information must be used correctly and per the wishes of the knowledge holder. Whilst an archaeologist may view this information as data, a custodian may view this information as highly sensitive, secret/sacred information and may place restrictions on its use. Thus, it is important for MCH to engage in affective and long-term consultation to ensure knowledge is shared and managed in a suitable manner that will allow for the appropriate management of that site/area. MCH also know that archaeologists do not have the capability nor the right to adjudicate on the spirituality of a particular location or site as this is the exclusive right of the traditional owners who have the cultural and hereditary association with the land of their own ancestors. For these reasons, consultation forms an integral component of all projects and this information is sought form the registered stakeholders to be included in the report in the appropriate manner that is stipulated by those with the information.

2.1 STAGE 1: NOTIFICATION & REGISTRATION OF INTEREST

The aim of this stage is to identify, notify and register Aboriginal people and/or groups who hold cultural knowledge that is relevant to the project area, and who can determine the cultural significance of any Aboriginal objects and/or places within the proposed project area. In order to do this, the sources identified by OEH (2010:10) and listed in Table 2.1, to provide the names of people who may hold cultural knowledge that is relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal objects and/or places were contacted by letter on 5th August 2019 and it was stipulated that if no response was received, the project and consultation will proceed. Unfortunately, all Government Departments accept this except Biodiversity and Conservation Division, and despite numerous reminders, MCH did not receive a response form BCD until 5 September 2019, hence the delayed consultation summarised in Appendix A. Information included in the correspondence to the sources listed in *Table 2.1* included the name and contact details of the proponent, an overview of the proposed project including the location and a map showing the location.

Table 2.1 Sources contacted

Organisations contacted	Response
Biodiversity and Conservation Division	45 groups
MLALC	no response
Maitland City Council	no response
Registrar Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983	MLALC
National Native Title Tribunal	no claims
Native Title Services Corporation Limited	no response
Hunter Local Land services	no response

Following this, MCH compiled a list of people/groups to contact (Refer to Appendix A). As per the Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents (April 2010), archaeologists and proponents must write to all those groups provided asking if they would like to register their interest in the project. Unfortunately, some Government departments written to requesting a list of groups to consult with do not differentiate groups from different traditional boundaries and provide an exhaustive list of groups from across the region including those outside their traditional boundaries.

As MCH assumed the consultation would be on track, an advertisement was pre-organised and placed in the Maitland Mercury on 19th August 2019. Once BCD did provide a list of groups to consult with, MCH wrote to all parties identified by the various departments on 5 September 2019. The correspondence and advertisement included the required information as per the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents (April 2010) and requested to nominate the preferred option for the presentation of information about the proposed project: an information packet or a meeting and information packet (Refer to Stage 2).

No Aboriginal groups registered for the project. As there were no RAPs, the project proceeded.

3 LANDSCAPE AND ENVIROMNEMATL CONTEXT

3.1 INTRODUCTION

The nature and distribution of Aboriginal cultural materials in a landscape are strongly influenced by environmental factors such as topography, geology, landforms, climate, geomorphology, hydrology and the associated soils and vegetation (Hughes and Sullivan 1984). These factors influence the availability of plants, animals, water, raw materials, the location of suitable camping places, ceremonial grounds, burials, and suitable surfaces for the application of rock art. As site locations may differ between landforms due to differing environmental constraints that result in the physical manifestation of different spatial distributions and forms of archaeological evidence, these environmental factors are used in constructing predictive models of Aboriginal site locations.

Environmental factors also effect the degree to which cultural materials have survived in the face of both natural and human influences and affect the likelihood of sites being detected during ground surface survey. Site detection is dependent on a number of environmental factors including surface visibility (which is determined by the nature and extent of ground cover including grass and leaf litter etc) and the survival of the original land surface and associated cultural materials (by flood alluvium and slope wash materials). It is also dependant on the exposure of the original landscape and associated cultural materials (by water, sheet and gully erosion, ploughing, vehicle tracks etc), (Hughes and Sullivan 1984). Combined, these processes and activities are used in determining the likelihood of both surface and subsurface cultural materials surviving and being detected.

It is therefore necessary to have an understanding of the environmental factors, processes and activities, all of which affect site location, preservation, detection during surface survey and the likelihood of in situ subsurface cultural materials being present. The environmental factors, processes and disturbances of the surrounding environment and specific project area are discussed below.

3.2 TOPOGRAPHY

The topographical context is important to identify potential factors relating to past Aboriginal land use patterns. Story et al (1963) divided the Hunter Valley into eight main sub-regions including the Southern Mountains, Central Goulburn Valley, Merriwa Plateau, Liverpool and Mt Royal Ranges, Barrington tops, North-Eastern Mountains, Central lowlands and the Coastal Zone.

The project area is located within the Central Lowlands, (a broad lowland belt of lowlands approximately 15 kilometres wide) which lies at the centre of the region extending from Murrurundi to Newcastle. It is bounded on all sides by steep rugged country except in the far west where the Cassilis Gate provides access to the interior. To the south is dissected plateau country; to the north and west are the Liverpool Range and Barrington Uplands. This area contains much alluvial land consisting of open undulating grassland and level alluvial plains. Formerly rural, open cut mining has developed throughout on a large scale, especially around Singleton and Muswellbrook. The specific project area consists of a gentle south western facing slope that overlook two drainage channels immediately west of the project area that drain west outside the project area.

3.3 GEOLOGY

The underlying regional geology plays a major role in the structure of the surrounding environment (landforms, topography, geomorphology, vegetation, climate etc), and also influences patterns of past occupation and their manifestation in the archaeological record. This is primarily relevant to

past Aboriginal land use in regard to the location of stone resources or raw materials and their procurement for the manufacturing and modification of stone tools.

The geology of the Sydney Basin sandstones is the dominant factor affecting both the natural and cultural landscape including vegetation, soils, topography, hydrology and past Aboriginal land use. The Sydney Basin is a major structural basin containing thick Permian-Triassic succession. While most of the sediments were laid down during the Permian and Triassic periods, the area was uplifted during the mid to late Triassic forming the dry-land erosional environment evidenced today (Branagan and Packham 2000). The uplifted Hawkesbury and Narrabeen group geologies have been actively eroding since the Mid Triassic, thus creating the current topography within the region.

The Hunter Valley consists of four major geological provinces: The New England Geosyncline in the northeast, the Sydney Basin in the centre and south, the Great Artesian Basin in the northwest, and the eastern Australian Tertiary Volcanic Province in the north and west (Hughes 1984). The Central Lowlands are situated on the Sydney Basin, on Permian rocks that are folded and consist of shales, tuffs, sandstone, mudstones, and conglomerate, with some lava beds in the basal portion, and contain the extensive coal measures that are mined throughout the region. Generally, the Permian rocks are only moderately resistant, consequently forming the lowlands. The project area is situated on the Maitland Permian group of Tomago Coal Measures consisting of shale, mudstone, sandstone, tuff and coal (Newcastle Geological Map 1966).

The processes of sedimentation, uplift, ongoing physical and chemical weathering, re-deposition and volcanic activity have resulted in the formation of a complex landscape in the regional area that incorporates diversity in topography, vegetation and wildlife. For its Aboriginal inhabitants, these processes have resulted in landforms suitable for camping and deposits of raw materials essential to the manufacture of stone tools. Materials most dominant in stone tool manufacture throughout the Central Lowlands are indurated mudstone/tuff and silcrete (Kuskie 2000) and are commonly found in creek line deposits, such as those observed at Black Hill and Woods Gully (Kuskie and Kamminga 2000:183). Others include quartz, chert, porcellanite, quartzite and basalt.

3.4 GEOMORPHOLOGY

Geomorphology is the study of landscapes, their evolution and the processes operating within earth systems. Cultural remains are part of these systems, having being deposited on, and in part, resulting from interactions within landscapes of the past. An understanding of geomorphological patterning and alterations is therefore essential in assess and interpreting the archaeological record.

The geomorphology of the Hunter Valley is complex and is summarised below based upon studies undertaken by Galloway (1963) and Hughes (1984). The Hunter Valley contains a variety of landforms ranging from rugged mountains to plains and varying in elevation from sea level to over 1500 metres (AHD). It is surrounded on all sides by mountainous terrain with the exception of the western portion where a low rise divides it from the Darling River drainage area and the south eastern zone where it is bounded by the Pacific Ocean.

Four major elements are distinguished in the drainage pattern. The western half of the valley is drained by the Goulburn River and its tributaries that flow east to Denman. The north-eastern part is drained by the upper Hunter River, which flows southwest to unite with the Goulburn River at Denman. The combined rivers then flow east-south-east as the lower Hunter River, opening to the ocean at Newcastle. The Williams and Paterson Rivers drain the high country of the Barrington Tops in the east and join the Hunter River near its mouth. The watershed of the Goulburn River coincides with the Great Dividing Range, where it swings west in a vast loop.

The CSIRO (Story et al 1963) conducted a study of the Hunter Region and classified the landforms into nine sub-regions (Mt Royal Range, Liverpool Ranges, Northeast Mountains, Barrington Tops, Merriwa Plateau, Central Goulburn Valley, Southern Mountains, Central Lowlands and the Coastal Zone). The project area lies within the Central Lowlands, which is a belt of lowlands developed on the weak sedimentary rocks that extend from Murrurundi to Newcastle.

The soils throughout the region reflect the influence of a range of factors including the parent geological material, topography, climate, organisms and length of formation time. Differences between these elements are reflected in variation in soil types across the Hunter Valley. Texture contrast soils mantle the undulating to hilly landscapes on Permian and Carboniferous rocks and the older alluvial terraces and valley fills. The two major groups of texture contrast soils include solonetzic and podzolic soils. These soils consist of an upper soil Horizon A and underlying B (referred to as duplex soils). The upper A unit consists of grey to buff silts and sand with gravels, is usually no greater than one metre in depth (usually shallower), has a weakly developed soil profile and is typically discontinuous, especially along hill slopes. The underlying B unit consists of brown-red gravel rich clays with evidence of deep weathering and strongly contrasting horizons.

Unit A and Unit B are interpreted as being Holocene and Pleistocene in age respectively. Within the region, sites tend to occur on or within soil Horizon A or are often present at the interface of the A and B horizons. Within the A horizon the lowermost (in terms of vertical positioning) artefact assemblages tend to contain artefacts that are typically attributed to the mid-Holocene, as characterised by an increase in the number of backed artefacts. Given the lack of detailed information regarding artefact sequences and chronologies in the Hunter Valley, this assumption should not be accepted without question. However, on geomorphological grounds, A horizon soils in this context are generally considered as dating to the mid-late Holocene (Dean-Jones and Mitchell 1993:76).

In contrast, the underlying weathered nature of the clayey B-horizon indicates that its parent material is much older. Evidence of earlier occupation of the region was identified at Warkworth West (AMBS 2002) where a limited artefact assemblage is present within deposit older than 14,000 years. It is also suggested that materials from Fal Brook and Carrington date to the Pleistocene period (Koettig 1987). The B-horizon parent material in hill slope formations is typically composed of weathered, in-situ bedrock whereas soils along the valley floors are generally alluvial or colluvial in origin.

The archaeological importance of foot slopes and valley floors with soils of this type is enhanced by the fact that the interaction between alluvial and colluvial deposition can result in the formation of sealed deposits. However, landforms of this type area also prone to erosion which may broadly reveal previously buried archaeological evidence. Extensive sheet and gully erosion occurs throughout the area, potentially resulting in artefacts that were originally deposited on or within the A-horizon being exposed as highly visible lag. Thus, although erosion greatly increases the visibility of artefacts, it also disturbs and damages them.

Similarly, the impacts of bioturbation upon the archaeological record must also be addressed. Focussed studies regarding bioturbation have primarily been conducted outside Australia (e.g. Armour-Chelu and Andrews 1994; Fowler et al 2004; Peacock and Fant 2002). Therefore, whilst the subsequent findings are broadly applicable within the Australian context, further research is certainly warranted. In general, it appears that, within duplex soils, the burrowing activities of fauna including earthworms can often cause the lateral and horizontal movement of artefacts through the soil profile, eventually resulting in the formation of a stone layer at the interface of the A and B horizons. The other important element to address is the differential movement of artefacts according to size/weight. In this respect, bioturbation has the potential to artificially conflate and separate

artefacts according to size grouping as opposed to depositional context (Fowler et al 2004; Armour-Chelu and Andrews 1994).

As duplex soils are the dominant soil type within the Hunter Valley, the inherent properties of these soils must be taken into consideration in regard to the likelihood of site detection (through exposure by erosion), the stratigraphic context and age of sites, potential site location in relation to past use of the landscape and landscape instability. Certain land systems and types of deposit are however, considered to have greater potential to contain stratified and/or older archaeological sites. This does not imply that older sites are intrinsically more significant than more recent sites, rather, the more important issue in scientific terms is the level of integrity within the site. In broad terms, windblown sand sheets/dunes (such as those at Warkworth), alluvial fan deposits and foot slopes with the potential to have colluvial deposits should be considered as archaeologically sensitive landforms (refer to Dean-Jones and Mitchell 1993; Hughes 1984).

3.5 SOILS

The nature of the surrounding soil landscape also has implications for Aboriginal land use and site preservation, mainly relating to supporting vegetation and the preservation of organic materials and burials. The deposit of alluvial and aeolian sediments and colluvium movement of fine sediments (including artefacts) results in the movement and burying of archaeological materials. The increased movement in soils by this erosion is likely to impact upon cultural materials through the post-depositional movement of materials, specifically small portable materials such as stone tools, contained within the soil profiles.

The project area is situated on the Hunter soil landscape that is characterised by alluvium (stream laid deposits) and consists of Brown Cracking Clays (brownish black to brown light medium clay topsoils to a gradual change to dark brown medium clay subsoils) for the topsoil (30cm). Black Earths also occur (very dark brown silty clay with a depth of 15cm, and a gradual change to brownish black light medium clay subsoils) on prior stream channels and tributary flats (Kovac and Lawrie 1991:212-214). Alluvial soils, including loams (black to brownish black fine sandy loam for topsoils with a depth of 50 cm and a gradual change to greyish brown sandy loam) and sands (brownish black fine sandy loam and grades into a dark brown clayey sand with depth) are typically layered and found on levees and flats adjacent to the present river channel. Red Podzolic Soils and Lateritic Podzolic Soils (topsoils are brownish black clay loam to 25 cm in depth with a sharp change to dark reddish brown medium clay and brown mottles) are found on old terraces (former floodplains eroded and aggraded by channelling by overbank stream flow) with non-calcic Brown Soils and yellow Solodic Soils found in some drainage lines (Kovac and Lawrie 1991:212-214).

3.6 CLIMATE

Climatic conditions would also have played a part in past occupation of an area as well as impacted upon the soils and vegetation and associated cultural materials. The climatic zone is characterised by temperatures ranging from an average minimum of below 5°C to an average maximum of 28°C. Winter rainfall levels are somewhat variable and generally average 30 millimetres per month. Summer rainfalls are more stable at approximately 55-60 millimetres per month, giving a mean annual rainfall of 740 millimetres. During summer, the increased rainfall rate and reduced ground cover is reflected in a proportionately higher risk of erosion.

3.7 WATERWAYS

One of the major environmental factors influencing human behaviour is water as it is essential for survival and as such people will not travel far from reliable water sources. In those situations where people did travel far from reliable water, this indicates a different behaviour such as travelling to obtain rare or prized resources and/or trade. Proximity to water not only influences the number of sites likely to be found but also artefact densities. The highest number of sites and the highest density are usually found in close proximity to water and usually on an elevated landform. This assertion is undisputedly supported by the regional archaeological investigations carried out in the region where by such patterns are typically within 50 metres of a reliable water source.

The main types of water sources include permanent (rivers and soaks), semi-permanent (large streams, swamps and billabongs), ephemeral (small stream and creeks) and underground (artesian). Stream order assessment is one way of determining the reliability of streams as a water source. Stream order is determined by applying the Strahler method to 1:25 000 topographic maps. Based on the climatic analysis, the project area will typically experience comparatively reliable rainfalls under normal conditions and thus it is assumed that any streams above a third order classification will constitute a relatively permanent water source.

The Strahler method dictates that upper tributaries do not exhibit flow permanence and are defined as first order streams. When two first order streams meet they form a second order stream. Where two-second order streams converge, a third order stream is formed and so on. When a stream of lower order joins a stream of higher order, the downstream section of the stream will retain the order of the higher order upstream section (Anon 2003; Wheeling Jesuit University 2002).

The study area is located approximately 1 kilometre south of Wallis Creek. One 1st order drainage depression is located to the south west and a 2nd order is situated immediately south of the 1st order, both draining west outside the project and continues to form part of a wetland area to the south-west of the project area (Figure 3.1). Thus, the western portion of the project area may be considered well-resourced in terms of freshwater availability during wet seasons or after continuous heavy rain when water was available.

When assessing the relationship between sites and water sources it must be noted that the Australian continent has undergone significant environmental changes during the past 60,000 years that people have lived here and that Pleistocene sites (older than 10,000 years) would have been located in relation to Pleistocene water sources that may not exist today. Stone tool type will assist with the age of sites (Pleistocene or Holocene).

3.8 FLORA AND FAUNA

The availability of flora and associated water sources affect fauna resources, all of which are primary factors influencing patterns of past Aboriginal land use and occupation. The assessment of flora has two factors that assist in an assessment including a guide to the range of plant resources used for food and medicine and to manufacture objects including nets, string bags, shields and canoes which would have been available to Indigenous people in the past. The second is what it may imply about current and past land uses and to affect survey conditions such as visibility, access and disturbances.

European settlers extensively cleared the original native vegetation in the 1800's and the present vegetation within the investigation area consists of pasture grasses in the western half and open woodland in the eastern half of the project area. The drainage throughout the project area would have supported a range of faunal populations including kangaroo, wallaby, goanna, snakes and a variety of birds.

Typically, due to vegetation cover, most artefacts identified through surface inspection are identified when they are visible on exposures created by erosion or ground surface disturbances (Dean-Jones and Mitchell 1993; Kuskie and Kamminga 2000). The grass ground cover throughout the project area expected to result in limited visibility, hence reducing the detection of surface cultural materials.

3.9 LAND USES AND DISTURBANCES

Based upon archaeological evidence, the occupation of Australia extends back some 40,000 years (Mulvaney and Kamminga 1999) whilst Aboriginal people have been present within the Hunter Valley for at least 20,000 years (Koettig 1987). Although the impact of past Aboriginal occupation on the natural landscape is thought to have been relatively minimal, it cannot simply be assumed that 20,000 years of land use have passed without affecting various environmental variables. The practice of 'firestick farming' whereby the cautious setting of fires served to drive game from cover, provide protection and alter vegetation communities significantly influenced seed germination, thus increasing diversity within the floral community.

Following European settlement of the area in the 1820s, the landscape has been subjected to a range of different modifactory activities including extensive logging and clearing, agricultural cultivation (ploughing), pastoral grazing, residential developments and mining (Turner 1985). The associated high degree of landscape disturbance has resulted in the alteration of large tracts of land and the cultural materials contained within these areas. The specific project area has been cleared and primarily used for pastoral purposes (grazing) and agricultural activities, involving the wholesale clearance of native vegetation and the introduction of pasture grass, power easement, fencing and a dam.

Although pastoralism is a comparatively low impact activity, it does result in disturbances due to vegetation clearance and the trampling and compaction of grazed areas. These factors accelerate the natural processes of sheet and gully erosion, which in turn can cause the horizontal and lateral displacement of artefacts. Furthermore, grazing by hoofed animals can affect the archaeological record due to the displacement and breakage of artefacts resulting from trampling (Yorston et al 1990). Pastoral land uses are also closely linked to alterations in the landscape due to the construction of dams, fence lines and associated structures. As a sub-set of agricultural land use, ploughing typically disturbs the top 10-12 centimetres of topsoil (Koettig 1986) depending on the method and machinery used during the process. Ploughing increases the occurrence of erosion and can also result in the direct horizontal and vertical movement of artefacts, thus causing artificial changes in artefact densities and distributions. In fact, studies undertaken on artefact movement due to ploughing (e.g. Roper 1976; Odell and Cowan 1987) has shown that artefact move between one centimetre up to 18 metres laterally depending on the equipment used and horizontal movement. Ploughing may also interfere with other features and disrupt soil stratigraphy (Lewarch and O'Brien 1981). Ploughing activities are typically evidenced through 'ridges and furrows' however a lengthy cessation in ploughing activities dictates that these features may no longer be apparent on the surface.

Whilst the impacts of vehicular movements on sites have not been well documented, based on general observations it is expected that the creation of dirt tracks for vehicle access would result in the loss of vegetation and therefore will enhance erosion and the associated relocation of cultural materials. Dumping of rubbish would have impacted on site through vehicular access (tracks) and movement of surface artefacts through the actual 'dumping' of rubbish.

Excavation works required for dam construction and the laying of infrastructure (water, telephone) would require the removal of soils thus displacing and destroying any cultural materials that may have been present. As fence construction and the erection of telegraph poles require the removal of

sols for the holes, this would also have resulted in the disturbance and possible destruction of any cultural materials. All of which result in loss of vegetation and erosion to some extent.

3.10 NATURAL DISTURBANCES

It must be recognised that the disturbance of cultural materials can also be a result of natural processes. The patterns of deposition and erosion within a locality can influence the formation and/or destruction of archaeological sites. Within an environment where the rate of sediment accumulation is generally very high, artefacts deposited in such an environment will be buried shortly after being abandoned. Frequent and lengthy depositional events will also increase the likelihood of the presence of well-stratified cultural deposits (Waters 2000:538,540).

In a stable landscape with few episodes of deposition and minimal to moderate erosion, soils will form and cultural materials will remain on the surface until they are buried. Repeated and extended periods of stability will result in the compression of the archaeological record with multiple occupational episodes being located on one surface prior to burial (Waters 2000:538-539). Within the duplex soils artefacts typically stay within the A horizon on the interface between the A and B horizons.

If erosion occurs after cultural material is deposited, it will disturb or destroy sections of archaeological sites even if they were initially in a good state of preservation. The more frequent and severe the episodes of erosional events, the more likely it is that the archaeological record in that area will be disturbed or destroyed (Waters 2000:539; Waters and Kuehn 1996:484). Regional erosional events may entirely remove older sediments, soils and cultural deposits so that archaeological material or deposits of a certain time interval no longer exist within a region (Waters and Kuehn 1996:484-485).

The role of bioturbation is another significant factor in the formation of the archaeological record. Post-depositional processes can disturb and destroy artefacts and sites as well as preserve cultural materials. Redistribution and mixing of cultural deposits occurs as a result of burrowing and mounding by earthworms, ants and other species of burrowing animals. Artefacts can move downwards through root holes as well as through sorting and settling due to gravity. Translocation can also occur as a result of tree falls (Balek 2002:41-42; Peacock and Fant 2002:92). Depth of artefact burial and movement as a result of bioturbation corresponds to the limit of major biologic activity (Balek 2002:43). Artefacts may also be moved as a result of an oscillating water table causing alternate drying and wetting of sediments, and by percolating rainwater (Villa 1982:279).

Experiments to assess the degree that bioturbation can affect material have been undertaken. In abandoned cultivated fields in South Carolina, Michie (summarised in Balek 2002:42-43) found that over a 100-year period 35% of shell fragments that had been previously used to fertilise the fields were found between 15 and 60 centimetres below the surface, inferred to be as a result of bioturbation and gravity. Earthworms have been known to completely destroy stratification within 450 years (Balek 2002:48). At sites in Africa, conjoined artefacts have been found over a metre apart within the soil profile. The vertical distribution of artefacts from reconstructed cores did not follow the order in which they were struck off (Cahen and Moeyersons 1977:813). These kinds of variations in the depths of conjoined artefacts can occur without any other visible trace of disturbance (Villa 1982:287).

However, bioturbation does not always destroy the stratigraphy of cultural deposits. In upland sites in America, temporally-distinct cultural horizons were found to move downwards through the soil as a layer within minimal mixing of artefacts (Balek 2002:48).

3.11 DISCUSSION

The regional environment provided resources, including raw materials, fauna, flora and water, that would have allowed for sustainable occupation of the area. Within the project area, the landforms of a simple slope overlooking a number of drainage channels, indicates the western portion may have been suitable for low to moderate scale camping during times of heavy rain whilst the remainder of the project rea may have been utilised for hunting and gathering as well as travel.

In relation to modern alterations to the landscape, the use of the majority of the project area for farming purposes can be expected to have had low impacts upon the archaeological record. European land uses such as clearing and grazing may have displaced cultural materials, however in less disturbed areas, it is likely that archaeological deposits may remain relatively intact.

4 ETHNO-HISTORIC BACKGROUND

Unfortunately, due to European settlement and associated destruction of past Aboriginal communities, their culture, social structure, activities and beliefs, little information with regards to the early traditional way of life of past Aboriginal societies remains.

4.1 USING ETHNO-HISTORIC DATA

Anthropologists and ethnographers have attempted to piece together a picture of past Aboriginal societies throughout the Hunter Valley. Although providing a glimpse into the past, one must be aware that information obtained on cultural and social practices were commonly biased and generally obtained from informants including white settlers, bureaucrats, officials and explorers. Problems encountered with such sources are well documented (e.g. Barwick 1984; L'Oste-Brown et al 1998). There is little information about who collected information or their skills. There were language barrier and interpretation issues, and the degree of interest and attitudes towards Aboriginal people varied in light of the violent settlement history. Access to view certain ceremonies was limited. Cultural practices (such as initiation ceremonies and burial practices) were commonly only viewed once by an informant who would then interpret what he saw based on his own understanding and then generalise about those practices.

4.2 HUNTER VALLEY ETHNO-HISTORIC ACCOUNTS

Brayshaw (1987) examined early ethnographic literature relating to the Aboriginal occupation and European settlement of the Hunter Valley in order to determine the manner in which past Aboriginal communities adapted to their environment, the extent to which they utilised the available resources, and to assess the comparability of the described material culture (ethno-historic documentation) with the archaeological evidence.

In relation to the limitations inherent within the ethno-historic documentation, Brayshaw (1987) notes that the early records of settlers, explorers and surveyors provide the only picture of past Aboriginal life in the Hunter Valley, as it was prior to the impact of contact and white settlement and therefore worthy of consideration. Dawson (1830; in Brayshaw 1987) and Fawcett (1898; in Brayshaw 1987) suggest that fire was used to deter Europeans, to attract game for hunting and to signal to other tribes for both hunting and ceremonial purposes. It is also commonly known that firestick farming was used to modify the environment throughout Australia (Mulvaney and Kamminga 1999). Floral resources were also utilised in many ways. Bark appears to have been widely used as huts or 'gunyahs', canoes, string, baskets, drinking containers and in burial practices. Vegetable and bark fibres were also used for fishing lines, nets and sewing. Wood was used for clubs, yam sticks, boomerangs, spears, spear throwers and hatchets, and both wood and bark were used to make shields (Paterson 1801; Barrallier 1802). Shells were used as scrapers to sharpen spears (later replaced by glass) and ground into shape for fishhooks (Caswell 1841 and Gunson 1974, both in Brayshaw 1987:67). There is no apparent ethnographic reference to stone being used as tools. However, physical evidence indicates stone was utilised at as tools. Kangaroo bones were made into awls and used to repair canoes and in sewing possum and kangaroo skins for clothing (Boswell 1890; Fawcett 1898 in Brayshaw 1987). Dawson (1830:115-116) notes that kangaroo bone also functioned as a comb. Dietary staples included a variety of plant foods, shellfish and other animal foods (Grant 1803:161; Wood 1972:44). Animal foods may have included kangaroos, wallabies, echidna, emus, possums, birds, goannas, snakes and honey from native trees. The occurrence of these resources would have depended largely on seasonality and geographic location. Little is known of past ritual life, as access to these rites was restricted.

5 ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONTEXT

A review of the archaeological literature of the region, and more specifically the Branxton area and the results of a OEH AHIMS search provide essential contextual information for the current assessment. Thus, it is possible to obtain a broader picture of the wider cultural landscape highlighting the range of site types throughout the region, frequency and distribution patterns and the presence of any sites within the project area. It is then possible to use the archaeological context in combination with the review of environmental conditions to establish an archaeological predictive model for the project area.

5.1 REGIONAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONTEXT

The majority of archaeological surveys and excavations throughout the region have been undertaken in relation to environmental assessments for the coal mining and power industries of the Central Lowlands. A review of the most relevant investigations (Dyall 1979, 1980; Davidson et al 1993; Dean-Jones and Mitchell 1993; Koettig and Hughes 1984; McDonald 1997; Haglund 1999; Kuskie 2000; HLA-Envirosciences 2002; AMBS 2002; MCH 2004a, b) illustrates consistency in site type and location across the region as well as a possible bias in the results due to a focus on specific landforms. The corpus of recorded sites is described and assessed qualitatively in MCH (2004b) and these findings are summarised and supplemented below.

Based on the available information it is possible to identify a number of trends in site location and patterning within the local area. Open campsites are by far the most common site type with isolated finds also comparatively well represented. A variety of other site types have been identified in far lower concentrations and include grinding grooves, scarred trees, rock shelters, shelters with art and burials. The high representation of sites containing stone artefacts is to be expected due to the durability of stone in comparison to other raw materials. In relation to stone artefact raw materials, it is important to note that there is a potential for discrepancies in the way in which archaeologists classify lithic materials. This will consequently affect the proportional representation of raw materials within the recorded assemblages. However, as a whole mudstone is the most common lithic artefactual material found in the region, followed by silcrete. Chert, tuff, quartz, quartzite, petrified wood, porcellanite, hornfels, porphyry, basalt, limestone, sandstone, rhyolite, basalt, European glass and other non-specific lithic types also occur in smaller quantities. Variation in the classificatory definitions employed by archaeologists will again significantly influence the range of artefact types identified within a project area. Due to differences in recording techniques it is difficult to determine how many of each artefact type is represented across the region though types include flakes, broken flakes, retouched flakes, multi-platform cores, single platform cores, bipolar cores, flaked pieces, 'waste' pieces, 'chips', debitage, 'geometric microliths', 'backed blades', 'bondi points', 'scrapers', 'eloueras', 'burrins', 'blades', 'hatchets', 'unifacial choppers', 'bifacial choppers', 'pebble tools', a 'slice', edge-ground axes, anvils, hammer stones and heat. Due to variations in both the amount of data that is included in reports, and the terms different archaeologists used to describe artefact types, it is not practicable to provide a count of the different artefact types.

For example, the distinction between a waste flake, a debitage flake and a flaked piece may be heavily subject to the perspective of the recorder. Thus, it is not productive to attempt to quantify the proportionate representation of artefact types identified in previous studies. That said, based on the information collated from previous regional studies (refer to MCH 2004b) it is apparent that the most common artefact types are flakes, flake fragments and flaked pieces. Cores, edge ground axes, millstones, grindstones, hammer stones and backed artefacts including backed blades, bondi points, geometric microliths and eloueras also occur though in lower frequencies. In general, the stone artefact assemblage in the area has been relatively dated to what was previously known as the Small

Tool Tradition (10,000 years BP). On the basis of stone tool technology, the overwhelming majority of Aboriginal open sites within the region are attributed to the Holocene period. However, at Glennies Creek, north of Singleton, based on radiocarbon dated charcoal and geomorphological evidence it is suggested that artefacts found in the B-horizon may have been deposited between 10,000 and 13,000 BP (Koettig 1986a, 1986b).

An analysis of sites according to the number of artefacts present, the distance from water and the landform type may allow for the identification of a number of trends. However, that there are various factors influencing these results, including, but not limited to:

- the fact that the landform on which a site area is observed may not necessarily be its origin, for example, artefacts from a crest may be relocated by erosion such that they are recorded further down a slope;
- effects of biased sampling of landforms due to decisions made by archaeologists and as a result of development area boundaries, levels of exposure on different landforms and variable recording by archaeologists. For example, the large percentage of sites found along creek lines may be (at least partially), a result of the biased focus of many cultural heritage surveys towards this landform. In addition, it was not possible to obtain sufficient information from a large number of site cards and reports; and
- artefact counts can be skewed due to factors such as the differing fragmentation levels of discrete stone types and levels of ground surface visibility. Typically, a very large number of sites/artefacts are located on exposures and yet no, or very few artefacts are visible away from these exposures.

When assessing sites in terms of distance to water, in the Hunter Valley there is a clear pattern of past land uses whereby the majority of sites are situated within 50 metres of water. This pattern is echoed in relation to site size with the large and medium density sites being situated within 50 metres of water, dropping significantly in density over 50 metres from water. Thus, it is apparent that open campsites/isolated finds are most concentrated in number and size within 50 metres of water.

As is to be expected, the majority of sites within 50 metres of water are present on elevated landforms in association with creek lines whilst slopes and crest/ridge formations are also common site locations. The frequent presence of sites on crest/ridges and slopes is also noticeable for sites located over 50 metres from water. Due to the importance of water in the grinding process, it is not surprising that sites of this type are situated close to water.

5.1.1 SUMMARY OF REGIONAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL PATTERNING

In summary, despite the recognised limitations of utilising previous studies as the basis for generalisations regarding archaeological patterning, the following broad predictions can be made for the region:

- a wide variety of site types are represented in the project area with open campsites and isolated artefacts by far the most common;
- lithic artefacts are primarily manufactured from mudstone and silcrete with a variety of other raw materials also utilised but in smaller proportions;
- sites in proximity to ephemeral water sources or located in the vicinity of headwaters of upper tributaries (1st order streams) have a sparse distribution and density and contain little more than a background scatter;

- sites located in the vicinity of the upper reaches of minor tributaries (2nd order streams) also have a relatively sparse distribution and density and may represent evidence of localised one-off behaviour;
- sites located in the vicinity of the lower reaches of tributaries (3rd order creeks) have an increased distribution and density and contain evidence that may represent repeated occupation or concentration of activity;
- sites located in the vicinity of major tributaries (4th and 5th order streams/rivers) have the highest distribution and densities. These sites tend to be extensive and complex in landscapes with permanent and reliable water and contain evidence representative of concentrated activity; and
- sites located within close vicinity at the confluence of any order stream may be a focus of activity and may contain a relatively higher artefact distribution and density.

5.2 BCD ABORIGINAL HERITAGE INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

MCH note that there are many limitations with an AHIMS search. Firstly, site coordinates are not always correct due to errors and changing of computer systems at BCD over the years that failed to correctly translate old coordinate systems to new systems. Secondly, BCD will only provide up to 110 sites per search, thus limiting the search area surrounding the project area and enabling a more comprehensive analysis and finally, few sites have been updated on the BCD AHIMS register to notify if they have been subject to a s87 or s90 and as such what sites remain in the local area and what sites have been destroyed, to assist in determining the cumulative impacts, is unknown.

In addition to this, other limitations include the number of studies in the local area. Fewer studies suggest that sites have not been recorded, ground surface visibility also hinders site identification and the geomorphology of the majority of NSW soils and high levels of erosion have proven to disturb sites and site contents, and the extent of those disturbances is unknown (i.e. we do not know if a site identified at the base of an eroded slope derived from the upper crest, was washed along the bottom etc: thus, altering our predictive modelling in an unknown way). Thus, the BCD AHIMS search is limited and provides a basis only that aids in predictive modelling.

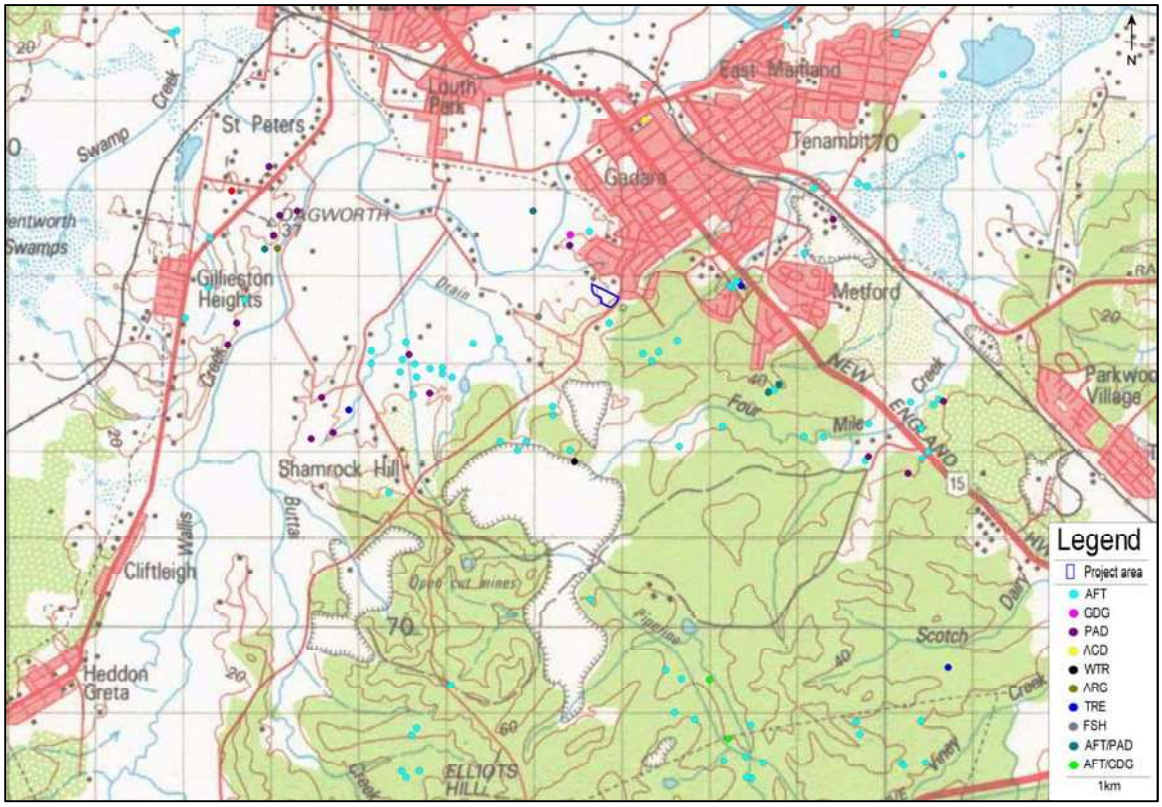
The new terminology for site names including (amongst many) an 'artefact' site encompasses stone, bone, shell, glass, ceramic and/or metal and combines both open camps and isolated finds into the one site name. Unfortunately, this greatly hinders in the predictive modelling as different sites types grouped under one name provided inaccurate data.

An updated search of the BCD AHIMS register has shown that 120 known Aboriginal sites are currently recorded within five kilometres of the project area (Table 5.1). Of those, 12 have been destroyed (10 AFT, 1 AFT/ARG and 1 PAD) and 3 partially destroyed (2 AFT and 1 PAD). The AHIMs results are provided in Appendix B and the location of sites is shown in Figure 5.1.

Table 5.1 Known sites

Site type	Frequency	Percent
FSH	1	1%
TRE	3	3%
BUR	1	1%
AFT	86	72%
AFT/GDG	2	2%
PAD	20	17%
GDG	1	1%
ARG	1	1%
ARG/AFT	1	1%
Restricted	1	1%
AFT/PAD	1	1%
CMR/ACD	1	1%
AFT/TRE/PAD	0	0%
WTR	1	1%
Subtotal	**120**	**100%**

Figure 5.1 Known sites



5.3 LOCAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONTEXT

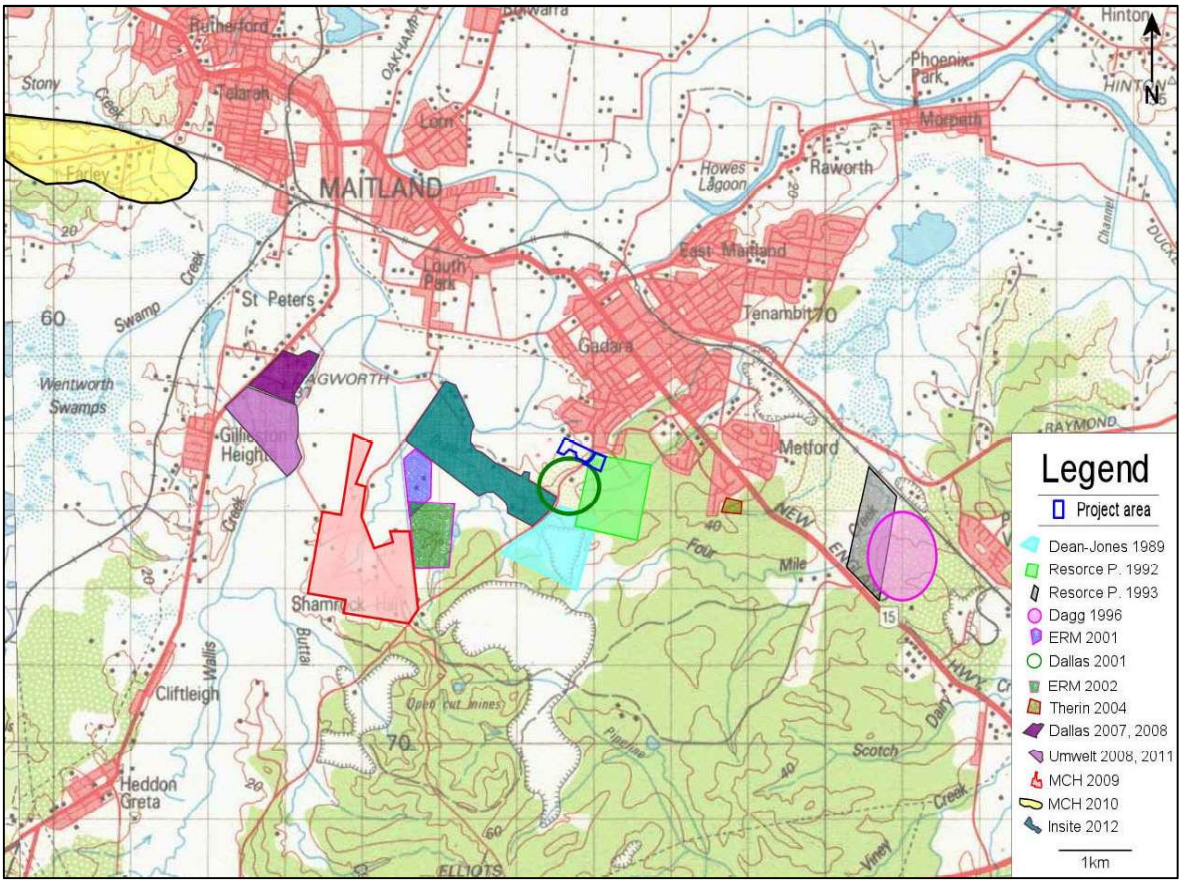
All archaeological surveys throughout the local area have been undertaken in relation to environmental assessments for developments (ACM Landmark 2007; Dallas 2001, 2007, 2008; Dagg 1996; Dean-Jones 1989; ERM 2001, 2002; MCH 2009, 2010; Resource Planning 1992, 1993; Ruig 1993;

Therin 2003, 2004; Umwelt 2003, 2008, 2011, 2012). These investigations indicate differing results and observations based on surface visibility and exposure, alterations to the landscape (including

Figure 5.3 Previous assessments

mining, industrial and residential development), proximity to water sources and geomorphology. The reports available from BCD are discussed below and their location (where clear maps were provided) illustrated in Figure 5.2.

Figure 5.2 Location of previous assessments



Dean-Jones (1989) undertook an assessment for the proposed redevelopment of the Old Delta Colliery as a waste disposal facility. The north east of the study area had been extensively disturbed by coal mining activities, including stockpiles of washery waste and overburden, dams and old washery buildings. Very little natural land surface existed in this portion of the study area. The western portion of the study area contained bushland where logging was likely to have been carried out. The terrain was undulating with Shamrock Creek located at the northeast of the study area, and the headwaters of a tributary of Wallis Creek located to the northwest. It was noted that drainage channels were incised up to 1.5 metres into the alluvial/colluvial deposits, with considerable recent alluvial accretion within the channel. Although the construction of the colliery destroyed much of the vegetation across the study area, some stands of Eucalyptus and grey ironbark occurred in the western portion of the study area, with lesser numbers of melaleuca occurring on lower slopes, indicating poor subsoil drainage. All species appeared to be regrowth and the understorey consisted of a variety of native shrubs common in the lower Hunter. An AHIMS database was not included and Dean-Jones notes that the construction of the mine predates legislation protecting Aboriginal

archaeological sites, and that no sites were known to have been recorded within the old Delta Colliery site. However, a review of previous archaeological investigations in the Maitland area demonstrated the prevalence of open camp sites, scarred trees and grinding grooves within the Maitland area. No predictive model was developed for the study area. The survey focused on areas of high visibility, such as tracks and other exposures and visibility was described as poor due to dense vegetation and effective coverage was not assessed. Six sites were identified and are summarised in Table 5.2. In an addendum to the report, a further survey was conducted in 1992 in order to satisfy consultation requirements by DEC and an additional site was identified and is included in the table below.

Table 5.2 Summary of sites (Dean-Jones 1989)

Site	Site type	Landform	Distance to water	Stream order	Artefacts /features	Disturbance	Subsurface potential
Site 1	open camp	foot slope	0-10m	not given	3	erosion, track	not assessed
Site 2	isolated find	foot slope	not given	not given	1	erosion, track	not assessed
Site 3	open camp	lower slope	40m	not given	2	erosion, track	not assessed
Site 4	open camp	lower slope	40m	not given	23	erosion, track	not assessed
Site 5	isolated find	foot slope	not given	not given	1	erosion, track	not assessed
Site 6	open camp	crest	not given	not given	6	erosion, track	not assessed
Site 7	well	ridge	not given	not given	circular well	erosion, vehicle track	not assessed

Dean-Jones indicated that sites 1-5 were outside the impact zone, and therefore no further action is needed. Sites 3-4 and 6-7, however, were within the impact zone and as there was some scientific significance to these sites, they will be fenced off in order to protect them from the construction of the waste disposal facility. It was recommended further that a consent to destroy be sought with regards to site 2.

Resource Planning (1992) undertook an archaeological survey of an area of land proposed to be rezoned for residential development. The study area comprised of Site 12821, a 70-hectare area of Crown Land located in East Maitland. The topography included gently sloping foot slopes, a gentle rise, a number of drainage lines and was crossed by Two Mile Creek and Shamrock Creek. Past disturbances included extensive vegetation clearance through logging, dumping of refuse ranging from household rubbish and garden waste to old cars, and the use of tracks across the area for motor vehicles and trail bikes. Vegetation did not include many mature trees due to past clearance activities and species in the study area included Spotted Gum, Broad-leaved Ironbark as well as native shrubs, grasses and weeds. No search results were included in this report for a NPWS sites register search, however a review was included of past archaeological surveys that had been undertaken in the vicinity of the study area. It was concluded based on this review that open artefact scatters were the most common site type in the Maitland area, with scarred trees, burials and grinding grooves also noted as present. Landforms identified as likely to contain sites included level, low lying areas near creeks and elevated areas such as spur lines dividing drainage lines. No predictive model was included in this report. A survey was undertaken with a focus on tracks as areas with suitable visibility to identify artefacts. Four sites and one historic feature were identified and summarise din

Table 5.3. The historic feature was a brick and mortar structure tentatively identified as either a dump pit or a wash out area that had been part of a night soil depot.

Table 5.3 Summary of sites (Resource Planning 1992)

Site	Site type	Landform	Distance to water	Stream order	Artefacts/ features	Disturbance	Subsurface potential
Site 1	isolated find	modified (eroded track)	75m	Two Mile Creek	1 red silcrete flaked piece	high (eroded track)	no
Site 2	artefact scatter	erosion gully	not noted	Two Mile Creek	2 broken flakes (silcrete & chert) & 2 flaked pieces (silcrete)	moderate (erosion)	no
Site 3	isolated find	modified (eroded track)	not noted	Two Mile Creek	1 red silcrete broken flake	high (eroded track)	no
Site 4	isolated find	modified (eroded track)	not noted	Two Mile Creek	1 red silcrete flaked piece	high (eroded track)	no

It was recommended that prior to development the historic structure be fully recorded and the NSW Heritage Council be notified of its presence. As the extent of the indigenous sites could not be identified based on the available data, it was recommended that a limited program of test pit excavation be undertaken and sites either be preserved or have Consent to Destroy permits sought depending on the outcome of the subsurface testing.

Resource Planning (1993) undertook an assessment of Lot 2 DP 243650 at Thornton was approximately 90 hectares in size and was proposed to be developed as a part of 'Glenwood', a regional industrial estate. Past impacts included the Main Northern Railway line (abutting the edge of the study area), road works along the outer margins of the study area (the New England Highway along one edge), vehicle tracks, erosion and burning (with approximately 30 hectares within the study area recently burnt at the time of inspection). The topography of the study area consisted of slopes with Four Mile Creek crossing the south western corner of the study area. Vegetation in the area included Common Maidenhair, Bracken, Fennel, Variable Groundsel, Purple Twining-pea, Sickle Wattle, Lily Pilly, Smooth-barked apple, Willow Bottlebrush, Narrow-leaved Ironbark, Snow-in-Summer, Blackthorn, Pimpernel, Native Cherry, Lantana, Tall Sedge, Onion grass, Water ribbons, Mat-rush, Barbed-wire grass, Lovegrass and Broad-leaf Cumbungi. A search of the NPWS register identified no previously recorded sites within the study area. A review of previous reports related to the area was utilised to compile a predictive model for the study area. The most common sites predicted to occur within the study area were open sites and scarred trees. It was also predicted that axe grinding grooves may occur. Other site types were considered unlikely. The predictive model proved accurate, with only one open site located during the survey. The survey was undertaken through random sampling of areas with the greatest potential for surface visibility, being vehicle tracks, gullies, erosion banks and the burnt sections of the study area. One artefact scatter was identified on a highly eroding track that included one red silcrete flaked piece and one river pebble core. It was assessed as having no further archaeological potential and it was recommended that a Consent to Destroy permit be applied for site FMC 1.

Ruig (1993) undertook an archaeological survey of a proposed Optic Fibre Cable route between East Maitland and Benuerrin. The route began at East Maitland near the reservoir in Mount Vincent Road

and traversed the eastern side of a dirt roadway along the peripheries of the Maitland Garbage Dump. Further south it entered the Bloomfield Coal Authorisation area and crossed two coal haulage roads before running parallel to a maintenance track. The study area crossed a number of landforms, predominantly slopes and flats. Vegetation in the area included ironbark. The Hunter River was the main water source for the larger area, with its tributaries draining the study area. No NPWS search results or predictive model were included in this report. Two isolated artefacts were identified and both subjected to sheet wash with no subsurface potential (no further information was provided). Ruig recommended that since neither of the newly identified sites were located within the bounds of the study area, that the proposed development be allowed to proceed with no archaeological constraints.

Dagg (1996) undertook an archaeological assessment of an area of land proposed for rural residential subdivision. Proposed works to occur as part of the subdivision were sewer installation and the construction of a wetlands retention basin. The study area was a 276-hectare parcel of land bound by Thornton Road, the Great Northern Railway, the New England Highway and Four Mile Creek. The study area was divided by a private coal railway and had been previously impacted by vegetation clearance, rubbish dumping and vehicle track formation/use. The topography included a knoll summit, ridge crests, slopes, stream channels and banks. The main water source for the area was Four Mile Creek, with an unnamed tributary and other gullies and drainage depressions noted within the study area. Vegetation included Spotted Gum and Ironbark as well as open grasslands. A search of the NPWS sites register identified of 55 sites within a five-kilometre radius of the study area including open campsites, isolated finds, scarred trees, quarries, axe grinding grooves, a fish trap, native wells, rock engravings, a rock shelter with art, burials, bora/ceremonial grounds, contact/mission locations and an Aboriginal place. It was assessed that the most likely site types to occur within the study area would be open campsites and isolated finds. Grinding grooves and scarred trees were assessed as being well represented across the wider area, but less likely to occur due to vegetation clearance and limited suitable water sources within the study area. The dominant raw material type to occur within the area was identified as silcrete. No specific predictive model was included with this report, however the general predictions of isolated finds and open campsites (artefact scatters) proved accurate in the six site types that were identified during the survey. Silcrete was also confirmed to be the dominant raw material type within the six sites identified. A sampling survey was conducted in order to investigate the study area and approximately 15 hectares were surveyed through the walking of 11 transects. A total of six sites were identified during the survey but no PADs were identified. In addition to the new sites located, an isolated find site that had been previously identified by Dagg was reassessed as an artefact scatter (FMC2). The seven sites that were identified and reassessed are summarised in Table 5.4.

Table 5.4 Summary of sites (Dagg 1996)

Site	Site type	Landform	Distance to water	Stream order	Artefacts/ features	Disturbance	Subsurface potential
Four Mile Creek 2 (FMC2)	artefact scatter	modified slope	not noted	alluvial creek flats	11 artefacts (flakes, broken flakes, flaked pieces), 1 mudstone, 10 silcrete	high (vehicle track cut into slope)	no

Four Mile Creek 4 (FMC4)	artefact scatter	break in slope	not noted	not noted	15 artefacts (broken flake, flake, retouched flake, flaked piece) of silcrete, mudstone	high (erosion, track construction & vehicle movement)	no
Four Mile Creek 5 (FMC5)	artefact scatter	modified slope	not noted	unnamed tributary	20 artefacts (flakes, broken flakes, flaked pieces) 1 mudstone, 19 silcrete	high (erosion, track construction vehicle movement)	no
Four Mile Creek 6 (FMC6)	artefact scatter	upper slope/crest	not noted	not noted	1 mudstone broken flake, 1 mudstone flaked piece	low	not noted
Four Mile Creek 7 (FMC7)	isolated find	slope	not noted	gully	1 silcrete flaked piece	low	not noted
Four Mile Creek 8 (FMC8)	artefact scatter	crest of ridge line	not noted	not noted	14 artefacts (flake, flaked pierces, cores), 6 mudstone, 8 silcrete	moderate (track)	not noted
Four Mile Creek 9 (FMC9)	isolated find	slope	not noted	gully	1 silcrete flaked piece	low	not noted

Dagg recommended that a consent to destroy permit be sought for both the identified sites and any undetected sites that may occur within lots 101-150 and 201-240 within the study area. It was recommended that monitoring occur during the installation of the sewer main in Lot 131 and it was advised that works immediately cease and NPWS be notified should Aboriginal artefacts be uncovered during the course of the sewer installation works in Lot 131.

Dallas (2001) undertook an assessment of a parcel of land located at East Maitland was approximately 10 hectares in size and was the subject of a rezoning application to a mixed rural-residential development proposal. The study area was a triangular shaped land parcel bounded by Mount Vincent Road in the west, a Public Reserve in the east and a Waste Depot buffer in the south. The proposed development would entail such works as housing construction and related services infrastructure, as well as two sealed and guttered roads. Past disturbances within the study area included vegetation clearance, farming, ploughing, grazing and dumping. The topography consisted of flats and gentle slopes and the permanent water courses situated in vicinity to the study area were Shamrock Creek and Wallis Creek (both situated outside the study area). The study area was predominantly cleared, with the remaining vegetation including Spotted gum, Broad-leaved Ironbark, Grey Ironbark, Grey gum, Narrow-leaved stringybark and Thin-leaved stringybark. A search of the NPWS sites register revealed that there were no previously recorded sites within the study area and a review of past reports relating to the surrounding area was utilised along with the NPWS search results to formulate site predictions for the study area. Dallas predicted that possible site types included artefact scatters, isolated finds, scarred or carved trees, axe grinding grooves, burials and quarries. It was also stated that manuports could be found in the study area. These predictions are not specifically related to the study area but refer to site types found in the surrounding area. Only one artefact scatter was located within the study area during the survey. The

reason that more site types were not found was possibly due to the levels of disturbance from farming, ploughing and vegetation clearance across the study area combined with a low ground surface visibility during the inspection due to grass cover. The artefact scatter was located on a gentle slope, was highly disturbed with no subsurface potential and included one broken silcrete fake piece and one broken mudstone flake. Dallas recommended that no archaeological constraints be placed upon the proposed development and that no further archaeological investigations be required, as the study area was assessed as having low to moderate potential to contain artefacts. It was recommended that a s90 collection permit be applied for to collect the artefact scatter.

ERM (2001) undertook test excavations within Stage 2 of the Waterforde Estate development over a parcel of land ahead of the proposed development for rural residential purposes and associated infrastructure. Much of the body of this report is missing, therefore environmental and previous archaeological data cannot be reported. The study area included Stage 2 of a multi-stage project and previous archaeological studies in the immediate vicinity found that artefacts were likely to be located in greater densities on ridges and along watercourses and wetlands, and in low densities along lower slopes. As the terrain across the project area included hill slopes and it was predicted that there would be a low potential for low density artefact scatters across the study area. There was a higher potential for stratified deposits along the margins of the back swamp and on flat areas of the ridge top, however this would be dependent upon the level of soil disturbance. It was predicted that the greatest potential existed in the 200m of the back swamp and drainage lines. This report does not give the full details of results of the excavations, nor any further recommendations as a result of the excavation. However, the following comments were made:

- three areas yielded artefacts, known respectively as Waterforde A3, Waterforde A7 and Waterford A10;
- artefacts levels are consistent with background scatter;
- the highest density was 2/m^2, the overall density was 0.2/m^2
- excavation confirmed predictive model.

ERM (2002) undertook a test excavation for Stage 4 of the Waterforde Estate for the proposed development for rural residential and associated infrastructure such as roads, sewer mains extension and minor landscaping. Two PADs were identified within the Stage 4 study area during a survey conducted by ERM in 2001. The purpose of the test excavation was to test the predictive model developed for the study area, which suggested low potential for low density artefact scatters on hill slopes. The results of the test excavations would inform the appropriate cultural heritage management strategies for the development. The study area was characterised by undulating low hills and rises, with slope gradients of 3-15% and elevations of 20-50m AHD. A swamp lies to the north of the study area. Grassland dominates the study area, with few spotted gum, grey box and ironbark. Two of the lots were horse paddocks, with two further lots having residences. Previous land uses included clearing, dairy farming, cultivation and coal mining. These uses had resulted in a highly disturbed landscape, with exacerbated erosion and sheet erosion. A predictive model for the entire project area was developed in 2001, based on previous archaeological reports, previously recorded sites and disturbance noted during survey:

- artefact scatters and isolated finds were the most likely site types to be encountered;
- sites located on flat areas of ridge tops and areas along watercourses and wetlands would have the greatest artefact densities, with lower densities along lower slopes;

- as much of the project area comprises hill slopes, it is likely that there is low potential for low density scatters to occur within the study area, with higher potential for stratified deposits on flat areas of ridge tops.

The methodology for excavation included hand excavation of 1m x 1m or 1.5m x 1.5m test pits, strung and divided into equal quadrants (50cm quadrants for 1m x 1m trenches, 75cm in 1.5m x 1.5m trenches) across the two PADs, with the NW corner of each trench providing the datum point. All soil was to be hand excavated using shovels, mattocks and trowels in 3-5 cm spits, down to the base of the A horizon, or until sterile soil was encountered. All material was sieved (including the grass layer) through 1-5mm mesh sieves, onto plastic sheeting on the eastern side of each excavation, to be used for backfilling when completed. All artefacts retrieved, whether by excavation or sieving, were placed in ziplock bags, marked with the site details, date, trench number, stratigraphic level, spit number, soil, pH levels, Munsell information and any other relevant data. In addition, shovel test pits (40cm x 40cm = 2 shovel widths) were excavated in areas of great disturbance in order to test subsurface potential. Any artefacts recovered were processed as for the 1m x 1m and 1.5m x 1.5m test pits. A total of 14 1m x 1m trenches were excavated across PAD 1, together with eight 1.5m x 1.5m trenches and four shovel test pits. In PAD 2, 14 1m x 1m trenches were excavated, and seven shovel test pits. No artefacts were recovered in PAD 2 and the results of artefacts recovered from PAD 1 are summarised in Table 5.5.

Table 5.5 Summary of sites (ERM 2002)

Site	Site type	Landform	Distance to water	Stream order	Artefacts	Disturbance	Subsurface potential
WE4/PAD1/01-02	artefact scatter	hill slope	not given	not given	2	agriculture	N/A
WE4/PAD1/12	artefact scatter	hill slope	not given	not given	2	agriculture	N/A
WE4/PAD1/13	artefact scatter	hill slope	not given	not given	57	agriculture	N/A
WE4/PAD1/18	artefact scatter	hill slope	not given	not given	2	agriculture	N/A

Artefact densities across the study area were extremely low, even in comparison with test excavations across other stages of the Waterforde Estate, but particularly across the region. Artefacts were microliths, and date from 4,000-6,000 BP. ERM noted that as the artefacts were recovered from disturbed terrain, little outside of basic analysis can be gained from the assemblage. All sites were assessed as being of low archaeological research potential, low representativeness value and of low rarity. A consent to destroy was therefore recommended, with no further archaeological testing or salvage deemed necessary within Stage 4 of the development.

Therin (2003) undertook an assessment of an area proposed for the building of Ashtonfield Public School in Ashtonfield. The proposed works were to include the construction of five permanent structures (school buildings) with these structures concentrated in the southeast corner of the study area. The study area was relatively undisturbed, with vegetation clearance and some tracks noted. The topography comprised low rolling hills and a low east-west spur. The Hunter River was located approximately 6 km to the north, with Three Mile Creek located only 10 m north of the study area. The study area was situated on the Beresfield soil landscape. The majority of the study area was

covered in closed Eucalyptus forest comprising substantial regrowth and numerous mature trees with an understorey of shrubs and grasses. No AHIMS search results were included in the report, but a review of past surveys in the vicinity of the study area informed the prediction that artefact scatters (ranging from low to high density) could occur in the area, with the presence of scarred trees dependent on old growth trees remaining in the area. Two sites were identified on gentle slopes and are summarised in the table below.

Table 5.6 Summary of sites (Therin 2003)

Site	Site type	Landform	Distance to water	Stream order	Artefacts/ features	Disturbance	Subsurface potential
AF1	artefact scatter	gentle hill slope	not noted	Three Mile Creek	2 silcrete artefacts	low to moderate	yes
AF2	artefact scatter	gentle hill slope/creek line	10 m	Three Mile Creek	1 silcrete flaked piece, 1 mudstone flaked piece	not noted	yes

Based on the presence of the two artefact scatter sites the entire study area was designated as a PAD. The 209-hectare PAD consisted of rolling hills, a spur and creek bank (Three Mile Creek) and had low vegetation clearing and few tracks being present. Therin recommended that no development or subsurface disturbance occur within PAD until further subsurface investigation was undertaken. A Section 87 Preliminary Research Permit would be required to undertake further testing, with a Section 90 Heritage Impact Permit required for the study area following the completion of test excavation.

Umwelt (2003) undertook an archaeological study of the mine impact area at the Donaldson Open Cut Coal Mine at Beresfield near Newcastle, NSW. This was undertaken in response to NPWS suggesting that there had been inadequate survey in the proposed impact area, particularly on the slopes. This assessment was approached as a supplementary study designed to reinforce the results of previous investigations. The study area was predominantly composed of slope areas within the proposed impact area for the open cut coal mine. Other identified landforms included creeks, creek banks, terraces, dry slopes and dry crests. Four Mile Creek and Weakleys Flat Creek were the nearest water sources to the study area. The area had been subject to vegetation clearance in the past, with grasses and ironbark (predominantly regrowth) noted in the area. No AHIMS search results or summary of past survey reports was included in this report. It was predicted that isolated artefacts and artefact scatters were the site types most likely to occur within the bounds of the study area. It was predicted that these were most likely to occur on creek banks and terraces, with density increasing in proximity to water. Silcrete was predicted to be the most common raw material. Other site types predicted as possible to occur included scarred trees (if they had survived past vegetation clearance) and grinding grooves (although they were considered unlikely to occur on slopes and crests). The predictive model proved to correlate with the survey results. Some previously recorded sites were unable to be relocated during the survey. A total of three new sites were located and are summarised in Table 5.7.

Table 5.7 Summary of sites (Umwelt 2003)

Site	Site type	Landform	Distance to water	Stream order	Artefacts/ features	Disturbance	Subsurface potential
ISF4	isolated artefact	modified	not noted	Weakleys Flat Creek	1 silcrete core	transmission easement, clearance, erosion	no
ISF5	isolated artefact	modified	not noted	Weakleys Flat Creek	1 silcrete flaked piece	transmission easement, clearance, erosion	no
ISF6	isolated artefact	modified	not noted	Weakleys Flat Creek	1 silcrete flaked piece	gutter, property road	no

It was recommended that a Consent to Destroy permit be sought for the newly identified sites and that the recommendations supplied in the earlier Umwelt report be upheld without variation.

Umwelt (2004) provided a methodology and research design for a Section 87 Permit Application for an area at Four Mile Creek, East Maitland, in association with proposed Beresfield electricity supply augmentation works proposed by EnergyAustralia. HLA had previously undertaken a survey of the study area, identifying no surface archaeological material but assessing the area as having the potential for subsurface deposits. This report consisted of the proposed research design and methodology as part of a S87 research permit application. The study area was within an existing EnergyAustralia easement that ran between Beresfield and East Maitland, approximately seven kilometres in length. Past impacts in the study area included vegetation clearance, bulldozing, easement construction and vehicle tracks. The topography was predominantly gently undulating landform with foot slopes, flood plains and creek terraces within the study area. Water sources that crossed the study area included One Mile Creek, Two Mile Creek, Three Mile Creek, Four Mile Creek and Scotch Dairy Creek. Vegetation had been cleared during the easement construction. No predictive model or AHIMS search were included in this report as they had previously been detailed in the HLA survey study that preceded these proposed test excavations.

Therin (2004) undertook preliminary test excavations of two PADs associated with two artefact scatters at the study area comprising the proposed Ashtonfield Public School at Ashtonfield, NSW. The permit contains background information and a proposed methodology provided by Therin Archaeological Consulting associated with the permit application. The Department of Public Works proposed to construct a school at Ashtonfield, NSW. Two artefact scatters were identified during the initial survey and each site consisted of two artefacts. Based on the distribution of sites across the area and the relative lack of disturbance, the areas associated with the sites were designated as PADs. Based on previous archaeological investigations, the following predictive model was developed for the study area:

- The absence of sites that require the presence of suitable sandstone outcrops: rock shelters, grinding grooves and rock engravings;
- Moderate probability of scarred trees depending on survival of old growth trees;
- Low density artefact scatters in areas greater than 200m from permanent water, and
- Moderate to high density artefact scatters less than 200m from permanent water.

The methodology developed for the investigation involved the mechanical excavation of 36 x 1m² over a standard 20m grid. All pits were to be excavated using a backhoe, and all excavated material was to be wet-sieved through 3mm and 6mm nested sieves. Any artefacts recovered were to be bagged for analysis, particularly with respect to function, residue, and use wear. If available, a sample of 100 artefacts will be examined for this purpose under a low-powered microscope for use-wear and residue. From this sample, a further sample of 30 artefacts were to be examined in further detail under a low-powered microscope to determine the function of the tool, with a view to determining the materials that the tool was used to process. Any suitable organic material retrieved from the excavation was to be submitted to the Waikato Radio Carbon Dating Laboratory for dating.

Dallas (2007) undertook an Aboriginal archaeological survey of an area of land located to the south of Maitland on Cessnock Road to the north of Gillieston Heights. The study area was part of the Dagworth property and had been previously utilised as a cattle farm with homestead. The topography included gentle to moderate slopes, a prominent ridge and floodplain. The main water source for the study area was Wallis Creek and its tributaries. The study area had been previously cleared of vegetation and at the time of inspection was predominantly grassland.

A search of the AHIMS database revealed that no previously recorded sites were located within the study area. It was noted however that two isolated stone artefacts had recently been identified within the study area and were the current subject of a Heritage Impact Permit at the time of this inspection. Reference to previous surveys in the vicinity of the study area informed the compilation of a predictive model for the area. The predictive model stated that open artefact scatters and isolated finds were the most likely site types to be encountered in the study area. Other types of sites known to occur in the region included carved trees, burial sites, stone quarries, stone arrangements and ceremonial grounds, but these sites were considered to be rare. The predictive model proved accurate in that an artefact scatter site was located during the survey. The survey focused on areas of exposed ground investigated for signs of archaeological material and all mature trees examined for signs of modification or scarring. One site was identified and is summarised in Table 5.8 and three PADs also identified (Table 5.9).

Table 5.8 Summary of sites (Dallas 2007)

Site	Site type	Landform	Distance to water	Stream order	Artefacts/features	Disturbance	Subsurface potential
GH Campsite 1	artefact scatter	base of spur	not noted	Wallis Creek	At least 30 artefacts	High (erosion, cattle grazing & fence line)	no

Table 1.2 Summary of PAD (Mary Dallas 2007)

Site	Area	Landform	Water source	Disturbance	Potential
GH PAD 1	not noted	spur off main ridge	Wallis Creek	not noted	yes
GH PAD 2	not noted	elevated area	Wallis Creek	not noted	yes
GH PAD 3	not noted	elevated area	Wallis Creek	high (contour ploughing, trotting track, station, homestead & access road)	yes

Dallas recommended that GH Campsite 1 be managed for preservation and conservation, with the area mapped, surrounded by protective fencing and signposted. It was further recommended that GH PAD 1 be investigated further, GH PAD 2 be managed for preservation and GH PAD 3 be subject to an archaeological monitoring program.

ACM Landmark (2007) provide a collection report that referred to the registered Aboriginal cultural heritage site AHIMS Site #38-4-0545-EM1 located on Lot 1011, DP 1103879 at 39 Mount Vincent Road, East Maitland. The relevant permit related to a 92 lot Torrens Title subdivision. Stage one civil works were already underway at the time the collection report was written. The report contains a brief history of matters pertaining to the subject site. The site consisted of two flaked stone artefacts, identified by Dallas, had been previously collected from the area under the conditions of an AHIP. Other details such as searches, predictive model, survey results, landform and so on relating to this area were included in the Dallas report. As per the Dallas recommendations monitoring had been undertaken by Mindaribba Local Aboriginal Land Council (MLALC) during development works at this location, which resulted in the identification of AHIMS Site #38-4-0545-EM1, consisting of six Aboriginal artefacts. These were one broken pink silcrete flaked piece, one indurated mudstone broken flake, one yellow silcrete blade core, one orange red weathered silcrete flake, one yellow tuff flaked piece and one grey silcrete flaked piece. These artefacts were removed in accordance with AHIP #2815 and delivered to MLALC under care and control permit #2843. No other data regarding the subject area was included in this report. Dallas (2008) provides a report that comprises a research design to accompany an application for a permit under s87 of the National Parks & Wildlife Act 1974 ahead of the proposed subsurface investigation of an area of PAD registered on the AHIMS database as Site #38-4-1039. The site was located within a 30ha parcel of land to be utilised for a residential development at Gillieston. The limits of the PAD were designated based on landform and previous land use models. The purpose of the investigation was to test for the presence or absence of archaeological material, as well as the extent and significance of any such material. As a research design for investigation of a specific site, there is no information within the report regarding environmental information, previous regional investigations or predictive models. The site measured approximately 70m x 30m and was located adjacent to a gently sloping spur trending south off a ridge line west of Wallis Creek. The excavation methodology proposed by Dallas comprised the manual excavation of a series of 1m x 1m trenches across a 20m grid. The trenches were to be excavated in arbitrary 10cm spits and/or following the changing stratigraphy. Each trench was to be excavated down to the clay subsoil. Should it be necessary, a further 5 1m x 1m trenches could be added in order to determine extent of any deposits. All excavated material was to be wet-sieved through nested 2.5mm and 5mm wire mesh sieves. In addition, standard excavation recording methodologies were also to be employed, such as photographic recording of the excavation and any artefacts recovered, scaled site plans and profile or cross-section drawings showing location of all archaeological deposits and features, soil samples and post excavation analysis of any stone artefacts.

Umwelt (2008) provided a report to NPWS that comprises a research design to accompany an application for a Consent to Destroy pursuant to s90 regarding certain sites within the road corridor undergoing construction of the F3 Freeway at Branxton. The purpose of the Consent to Destroy is to salvage surface artefactual material identified in earlier surveys, and to conduct subsurface testing in areas of potential archaeological deposit. A total of 30 sites were to be affected in some way by the Consent to Destroy. Umwelt's proposal saw some sites requiring no further salvage, some requiring partial salvage (collection, partial subsurface testing and partial conservation), or full salvage.

MCH (2010) completed an archaeological assessment for a parcel of land located at Farley, NSW. The study area was located approximately two kilometres south of Rutherford and included land on both the northern and southern sides of Wollombi Road. The study area was proposed for rezoning

for future residential development. The study area was located within a broad belt of lowlands approximately 15 kilometres wide, called the Central Lowlands. The belt ran from Murrurundi to Newcastle, bounded on all sides by steep rugged country, except in the far west at the Cassilis Gate. The topography of the specific study area included a ridge that sloped north and south as well as drainage lines and low-lying swamp areas in its south-east section. The study area was situated on Permian sandstone, siltstone, mudstone, shale, conglomerate, tuff, basalt and erratics of the Dalwood Group (part of the Maitland Group). Raw materials known to be present in deposits in the surrounding region included silcrete, mudstone and quartz. Unit A and Unit B soils in this area were interpreted as being Holocene and Pleistocene in age respectively. The A2 horizon was a dark brown to brownish black sandy clay loam to clay loam; the B horizon consisted of a dull yellowish brown to brown sticky clay loam. The study area contained 13 first order streams, four second order streams and one third order stream, generally flowing south-east towards the Wentworth Swamp or north into Stony Creek. The study area had also been subject to past vegetation clearance. Prior to clearance it is likely to have contained savannah woodland of white box, red gum, forest red gum and narrow-leaved red ironbark. This is likely to have supported such faunal species as kangaroo, wallaby, goanna, marsupial mice, snakes, possum, koala and birds. A search of the NPWS register identified 109 registered Aboriginal sites within a four-kilometre radius of the study area. These included 93 artefact sites, eight Potential Archaeological Deposits (PADs), six grinding groove sites, one artefact site with PAD and one Aboriginal resource and gathering site. Three sites had been identified within the study area during a past MCH survey in 2010; those three were the only known sites within the bounds of the study area. Based on past studies of the region it was predicted that occupation sites were the most likely site types to be encountered, and the most common location for sites would be along watercourses, gentle slopes, hilltops and ridges. It was further predicted that artefacts would date to the Holocene and densities would be greater within 50 metres of a watercourse and on elevated ground more than 100 metres from a watercourse. The raw materials most likely to occur were stated to be mudstone, silcrete, quartz, chert and petrified woods, and the site types most likely to occur were assessed as being artefact scatters and isolated artefacts. These predictions tallied with the survey results. Three sites were located during the survey (Table 5.9) and three PADs also identified (2 defined by the RAPs), (Table XX).

Table 5.9 Summary of sites (MCH 2010)

Site	Site type	Landform	Distance to water	Stream order	Artefacts /features	Disturbance	Subsurface potential
FIA/1	artefact scatter	creek channel	0m	3rd order stream	5	water flow	no
FIA/2	isolated artefact	creek channel	0m	3rd order stream	1	water flow	no
FIA/3	isolated artefact	creek channel	0m	creek confluence	1	water flow	no

Table 5.10 Summary of PADs (MCH 2010)

PAD name	Landform	PAD area	Disturbance	Subsurface potential
PAD FIA/1	creek banks & channel	not provided	water flow	yes

Cultural PAD/transect1	not provided	not provided	not provided	yes
Cultural PAD/transect2	creek banks & channel	not provided	water flow	yes

MCH recommended that if the identified PADs (archaeological and cultural) will be impacted upon by any future development an archaeological subsurface investigation will be required in accordance with the *Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigations of Aboriginal Objects in NSW* and that if sites FIA/1 to FIA/3 will be harmed by any future development an AHIP will be required.

Umwelt (2011) undertook an archaeological monitoring program at Gillieston Heights, near Maitland in NSW, during development works for the Saddlers Ridge housing subdivision. This followed on from previous surface collection, test excavation and salvage activity undertaken by AECOM in the same area. The monitoring was conducted under Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) #3077 issued to developers Mirvac by the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) on the 5 March 2009. The AHIP was issued to cover proposed impacts to the AHIMS registered Aboriginal Site #38-4-1044 due to occur as a result of the activities associated with the construction of the subdivision and its associated infrastructure. The monitoring program was conducted as cultural salvage, as it had been assessed as unlikely that intact in situ deposits would occur at the subject area. The monitoring works consisted of an AECOM archaeologist with Registered Aboriginal Party representatives looking over exposed land and raking through spoil generated by grader scraping. The topography of the study area included simple slopes, a knoll with associated saddle and spur crests. Unnamed drainage lines were present in the area, flowing into the Wallis Creek catchment to the east. The underlying geology was generally the Branxton Formation of the Maitland Group, containing undifferentiated sandstone, siltstone and tillitic conglomerate. All vegetation had been previously cleared from this area, which had also been subject to erosional disturbance. Monitoring works were undertaken and topsoil was removed in a number of grader scrapes, each of 50-millimetre depth. A total of four artefacts were recovered during these monitoring works and consisted of two mudstone flakes, one mudstone broken flake and one quartz broken flake. None of the artefacts collected were considered to have been recovered from a soil profile that had retained any spatial or stratigraphic integrity. The artefacts were interpreted as being discard material in an area that was utilised for transitory activity by past Aboriginal peoples. The artefacts that were collected under s87/90 AHIP #3077 were placed in the care of Mindaribba Local Aboriginal Land Council (MLALC) to be held in a secure Keeping Place under the conditions of Care and Control Permit #2715. No further recommendations were made regarding this study area.

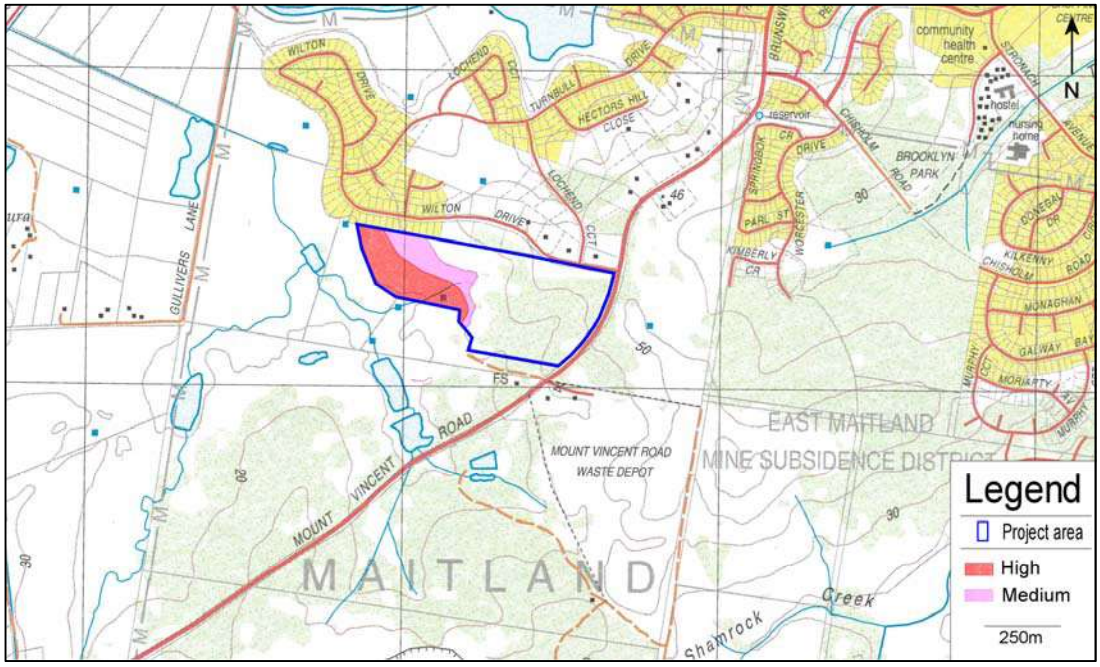
Insite Heritage Pty Ltd (2012a) undertook test excavation and salvage works under AHIP #1113099. The study area for these was located at Lot 41 DP 855275 Gullivers Lane East Maitland. Past survey had identified two Aboriginal archaeological sites, artefact scatter GL1 and isolated artefact GL2. The area was proposed to be rezoned, containing proposed dwelling and potential borrow pit areas. Landforms across the study area consisted of extensive alluvial plains, slopes with gradients less than one-degree, low undulating hills and rises. The study area was located within the Hunter and Beresfield Soil Landscapes with the underlying geology comprising Permian sediments (shales, mudstones, sandstone, coal, tuff, clay, siltstones, claystones and limestones) of the Tomago Coal Measures and the Mulbring Siltstone. Wallis Creek was located approximately one kilometre north of the study area, with three unnamed tributaries crossing the study area. Native vegetation had been predominantly cleared, with remnants of tall open forest and tree species such as spotted gum, broad leaved ironbark, grey gum, narrow leaved stringy bark, thin leaved stringy bark and grey ironbark. A search of the AHIMS database identified 65 sites that were within a 10 by 5.5-kilometre search area centred on the study area. These included 22 artefact scatters, three isolated artefacts

associated with PADs, two artefact scatters associated with a PAD, one watering hole and one fish trap. An analysis of previous studies conducted in proximity to the study area predicted that most likely site types to occur within the study area were isolated artefacts, artefact scatters, PADs, grinding grooves and scarred trees. The initial assessment identified an artefact scatter and an isolated artefact, conforming to the predictive model. The lack of other sites was likely due to past vegetation clearance for scarred trees, and a lack of suitable outcrops in proximity to water for grinding grooves. The test excavation consisted of two test probes of one metre square within the GL1 artefact scatter area, with all excavated soil dry sieved. The subsurface test probes did not identify any Aboriginal objects. Aboriginal community monitoring and collection was undertaken during surface preparation works, during the stripping of topsoil. Approximately 215 stone artefacts were salvaged from the spoil stock piles in the proposed dwelling pad area, consisting of a mix of mudstone, silcrete, chert and quartz raw material. The assemblage included flakes, broken flakes, cores and angular fragments. The salvaged artefacts were recorded then reburied onsite outside the proposed areas of impact. These works met the requirements of the AHIP. No further recommendations were included in this report.

5.4 PREVIOUS ASSESSMENT OF THE PROJECT AREA

Insite (2012b) undertook an assessment for the proposed rezoning of Lot 42 DP 846326 and Lot1012 DP 1103879 Mt Vincent Rd, East Maitland. The study area comprised an upper ridge slope to the east, sloping down to lower slopes adjacent to a wetland located outside the western project boundary. A review of archaeological assessments conducted in close proximity indicated that the landscape features of the study area was consistent with those of previously identified archaeological sites. An AHIMS search identified only 7 sites identified within 500 meters of the study area. The land had been previously partially cleared and utilised for agricultural practices. Vegetation cover limited surface visibility during the survey and exposures included tracks and erosion exposures. Based on the study areas' environmental context. A sensitive landform adjacent to the wetland was identified as having high potential for containing subsurface Indigenous archaeological deposits (Figure 5.3).

Figure 5.3 Location of sensitive landforms (Insite 2012b)



5.5 LOCAL & REGIONAL CHARACTER OF ABORIGINAL LAND USE & ITS MATERIAL TRACES

The following is a summary and discussion of previous investigations detailed in *Section 5.3*. It must be remembered, however, that there are various factors which will have skewed the results as they are in a regional assessment (Refer to *Section 5.1*). Therefore, the summary provides an indication of what may be expected in terms of site location and distribution. Based on previous work it is also clear that the majority of sites contain stone artefacts. This is to be expected due to stone's high preservation qualities.

- the majority of sites are located on elevated landforms within 50 metres of a reliable water source with a drop of site number and densities from 50 metres of water;
- the likelihood of finding sites of any size increases with proximity to water and the likelihood of finding large artefact scatters also increases markedly with proximity to water;
- the main site types are artefact scatters and isolated finds;
- the data suggests that slopes were the preferred location, however, this does not account for vertical movement of artefacts or sites being moved from flooding, flowing creeks etc.;
- mudstone, silcrete and tuff are by far the most common raw material types represented at sites in the region. Quartz and chert are the next most frequently in artefact assemblages followed by volcanic materials, porphyry and petrified wood. Siltstone, rhyolite and porcellanite are relatively rare;
- flakes, broken flakes and flaked pieces are the most common artefact types recorded;
- the stone artefacts are usually relatively dated to within the last 5,000 years; and
- the vast majority of artefactual material in the region was observed on exposures with good to excellent ground surface visibility. The likelihood of finding artefacts surrounding these exposures is reduced due to poor visibility. The site area is often given as the area of exposure. Hence, it is inappropriate to attempt to draw any conclusions regarding site extent based on current information.

Based on information gained from previous studies within a five-kilometre radius of our project area, it can be expected that:

- the likelihood of locating sites increases with elevated landforms and proximity to water;
- the likelihood of finding large sites increases markedly with elevated landforms and proximity to water;
- a variety of raw materials will be represented though the majority of sites will be predominated by mudstone and silcrete;
- a variety of artefact types will be located though the majority will be flakes, flaked pieces and debitage;
- grinding grooves may be located along or near water sources;
- the likelihood of finding scarred trees is dependent on the level of clearing in an area, and
- the majority of sites will be subject to disturbances including human and natural.

These findings are consistent with models developed for the local area.

5.6 PREDICTIVE MODEL FOR THE PROJECT AREA

Due to issues surrounding ground surface visibility and the fact that the distribution of surface archaeological material does not necessarily reflect that of sub-surface deposits, it is essential to establish a predictive model.

Previous archaeological studies undertaken throughout the region, the BCD AHIMS register and the environmental context provide a good indication of site types and site patterning in the area. This research has shown that occupation sites (artefact scatters and isolated finds) are the most frequently recorded site type and are commonly located along or adjacent to watercourses, and on relatively flat to gently sloping topography in close proximity to reliable water. Sites with higher artefact densities are similarly concentrated within fifty metres of watercourses. Within the local area, previous assessments within a similar environmental context indicate that, within a well-watered context, there is high potential for archaeological material to be present on level, typically well-elevated landforms that provide ready access to low-lying waterlogged areas and the associated resources.

Within the specific project area, it is likely that low to moderate density artefacts scatters may be present along the slope overlooking the 2nd order stream as previously identified by Insite Heritage. There is also a likelihood of low density artefact scatters and isolated finds across the project area representing hunting and gathering activities during travel to more reliable fresh water sources outside the project area. The refinement of this predictive model will be dependent upon an investigation of the range of landforms and the occurrence of modern disturbances within the project area.

5.7 ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL IN THE PROJECT AREA

Based on archaeological sites registered in the region and the results of past archaeological studies, two sites types are likely to occur throughout the project area:

- **Artefact scatters**

Also described as open campsites, artefact scatters and open sites, these deposits have been defined at two or more stone artefacts within 50 metres of each other and will include archaeological remains such as stone artefacts and may be found in association with camping where other evidence may be present such as shell, hearths, stone lined fire places and/or heat treatment pits. These sites are usually identified as surface scatters of artefacts in areas where ground surface visibility is increased due to lack of vegetation. Erosion, agricultural activities (such as ploughing, grazing) and access ways can also expose surface campsites. Artefact scatters may represent evidence of;

- Large camp sites, where everyday activities such as habitation, maintenance of stone or wooden tools, manufacturing of such tools, management of raw materials, preparation and consumption of food and storage of tools has occurred;
- Medium/small camp sites, where activities such as minimal tool manufacturing occurred;
- Hunting and/or gathering events;
- Other events spatially separated from a camp site, or
- Transitory movement through the landscape.

Artefact scatters are a common site type in the locality and the broader region. There is potential for artefact scatters to occur within the project area in areas close proximity to the 2nd order stream along the western boundary of the project area.

There is also the potential for such sites to be impacted on through past impacts including previous clearing and flooding.

- **Isolated finds**

Isolated artefacts are usually identified in areas where ground surface visibility is increased due to lack of vegetation. Erosion, agricultural activities (such as ploughing) and access ways can also expose surface artefacts. Isolated finds may represent evidence of;

- Hunting and/or gathering events; or
- Transitory movement through the landscape.

Isolated finds are a common site type in the locality and the broader region. There is potential for isolated artefacts to occur across the project area and across all landforms. There is also the potential for such sites to be impacted on through past impacts including previous clearing and flooding.

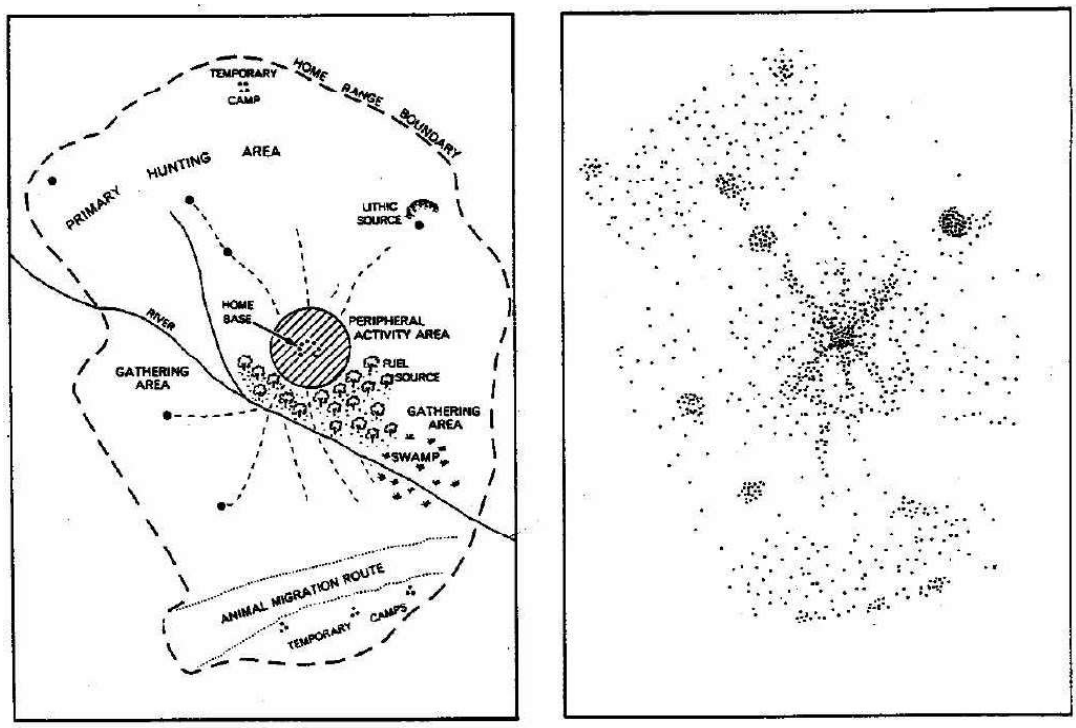
5.8 HERITAGE REGISTER LISTINGS

The State Heritage Register, the Australian Heritage Database (includes data from the World Heritage List UNESCO, National Heritage List, Commonwealth Heritage List, Register of the National Estate) and the Maitland Local Environmental Plan have no sites listed. However, not all indigenous places are listed, and the Heritage Commission is consulting with Traditional Owners to gradually include indigenous information.

5.9 MODELS OF PAST ABORIGINAL LAND USE

The main aim of this project is to attempt to define both the nature and extent of occupation across the area. As a result, the nature of the analysis will focus on both the landform units and sites. The purpose of this strategy is to highlight any variations between sites and associated assemblages, landforms and resources across the area treating assemblages as a continuous scatter of cultural material across the landscape. In doing this, it is possible to identify variation across the landscape, landforms and assemblages that correspond with variation in the general patterns of landscape use and occupation. Thus, the nature of activities and occupation can be identified through the analysis of stone artefact distributions across a landscape. A general model of forager settlement patterning in the archaeological record has been established by Foley (1981). This model distinguishes the residential 'home base' site with peripheral 'activity locations'. Basically, the home base is the focus of attention and many activities and the activity locations are situated away from the home base and are the focus of specific activities (such as tool manufacturing). This pattern is illustrated in Figure 5.3. Home base sites generally occur in areas with good access to a wide range of resources (reliable water, raw materials etc). The degree of environmental reliability, such as reliable water and subsistence resources, may influence the rate of return to sites and hence the complexity of evidence. Home base sites generally show a greater diversity of artefacts and raw material types (which represent a greater array of activities performed at the site and immediate area). Activity locations occur within the foraging radius of a home base camp (approximately 10 km); (Renfrew and Bahn 1991). Based on the premise that these sites served as a focus of a specific activity, they will show a low diversity in artefacts and are not likely to contain features reflecting a base camp (such as hearths). However, it is also possible that the location of certain activities cannot be predicted or identified, adding to the increased dispersal of cultural material across the landscape. If people were opting to carry stone tools during hunting and gathering journeys throughout the area rather than manufacturing tools at task locations, an increased number of used tools should be recovered from low density and dispersed assemblages.

Figure 5.4 Foley's model (L) and its manifestation in the archaeological record (R), (Foley 1981).



5.9.1 MODEL OF OCCUPATION FOR THE HUNTER VALLEY

Work in the Hunter Valley has aimed to understand the nature of Aboriginal occupation and determine the nature of land use. This theme often aims to identify and explain archaeological patterning in site type, content and distribution. General theories have been developed outlining the relationship between land use patterns and the resulting archaeological evidence. A number of models developed for the Hunter Valley have been reviewed (Koettig 1994; Dean-Jones and Mitchell 1993; Rich 1995; Kuskie and Kamminga 2000) and the most commonly accepted model is summarised below.

Kuskie and Kamminga (2000) established a general model of occupation strategies based primarily upon ethnographic research. Used as a starting point, it makes a general set of predictions for the Hunter that is consistent with other studies (e.g. Nelson 1991). The model distinguishes between short-term or extended long-term occupation and makes some predictions about the likely location of different foraging and settlement activities. Combining this information with a general review of assemblage contents from a sample of excavated sites within the Hunter Valley, a baseline of settlement activities may be determined (Barton 2001).

The model provides a number of archaeological expectations that may be tested. For example, the presence of features requiring a considerable labour investment such as stone-lined ovens or heat-treatment pits are likely to occur at places where occupation occurred for extended periods of time. The presence of grindstones is also a reliable indicator of low mobility and extended occupation. Seed grinding requires a large investment of time and effort (Cane 1989). In most ethnographic examples, seed grinding is an activity that takes place over an entire day to provide adequate energetic returns (Cane 1989; Edwards and O'Connell 1995).

Where group mobility was high and campsites frequently shifted throughout the landscape, artefact assemblages are not expected to contain elements such as grindstones, heat-treatment pits, ovens

and the diversity of implements frequently discarded at places of extended residential occupation. It may also have been the case that the location of particular activities could not be predicted by tool users, adding to the increased low-density scattering of artefacts over the landscape. Also, if individuals were opting to carry a number of stone tools during hunting and gathering activities and maintaining these tools rather than manufacturing new tools at each task location, the ratio of used tools to unworn flakes in these assemblages should be high. Table 5.11 has been adapted from Kuskie and Kamminga (2000).

To identify the specific activity areas through analysis of the composition of patterning of lithic assemblages, is utilised. However, this is applied to excavated materials as they provide more realistic data due to the lesser degree of disturbances, removal and breakages.

Table 5.11 Site descriptions (Kuskie & Kamminga 2000).

Occupation pattern	Activity location	Proximity to water	Proximity to food	Archaeological expectations
Transitory movement	all landscape zones	not important	not important	• assemblages of low density & diversity • evidence of tool maintenance & repair • evidence for stone knapping
Hunting &/or gathering without camping	all landscape zones	not important	near food resources	• assemblages of low density & diversity • evidence of tool maintenance & repair • evidence for stone knapping • high frequency of used tools
Camping by small groups	associated with permanent & temporary water	near (within 100m)	near food resources	• assemblages of moderate density & diversity • evidence of tool maintenance & repair • evidence for stone knapping & hearths
Nuclear family base camp	level or gently undulating ground	near reliable source (within 50m)	near food resources	• assemblages of high density &diversity • evidence of tool maintenance & repair & casual knapping • evidence for stone knapping • heat treatment pits, stone lined ovens • grindstones
Community base camp	level or gently undulating ground	near reliable source (within 50m)	near food resources	• assemblages of high density & diversity • evidence of tool maintenance & repair & casual knapping • evidence for stone knapping • heat treatment pits, stone lined ovens • grindstones & ochre • large area >100sqm with isolated camp sites

6 SURVEY RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The survey results of the assessment undertaken by Insite (2012b) are presented here and the report is attached in Appendix C. The study area comprised an upper ridge slope to the east, sloping down to lower slopes adjacent to a wetland located outside the western project boundary. A review of archaeological assessments conducted in close proximity indicated that the landscape features of the study area was consistent with those of previously identified archaeological sites. An AHIMS search identified only 7 sites identified within 500 meters of the study area.

Both Lot 1012 and Lot 42 were found to have been cleared for grazing and agricultural practices. Thick grass cover, vegetation, leaf litter and garbage from the adjacent waste depot limited surface visibility to animal tracks, farm tracks and erosion exposures. The survey Area of 33.38 hectares provided approximate 4% surface visibility suitable for artefact detection. This amounted to 5% visibility within the 13.54 hectares of Lot 1012 and 3% visibility within the 19.84 hectares of Lot 42.

No items aboriginal sites were identified during the survey. The survey identified one sensitive landform (Refer to Section 5.3) adjacent to the wetland was as having high potential for containing subsurface Indigenous archaeological deposits. This landform and proximity to the wetlands was consistent with the predictive model of indigenous archaeological potential.

Insite Heritage in consultation with Mindaribba Local Aboriginal Land Council recommend that as the rezoning of the study area for urban purposes will not physically impact upon the landscape, the rezoning can proceed without impacting upon any items of indigenous heritage. However, should any development be undertaken, a test excavation program of the identified POAD should be undertaken.

Insite noted that further consultation with Aboriginal stakeholders would be required prior to subsurface testing to confirm the distribution of artefacts on the site. Given the distribution of sites around the study area and the results of the numerous excavations carried out in the area, it was identified as highly probable that artefacts will be found at moderate densities between the 10m and 20m contours. The density of artefacts is likely to diminish between the 20 and 30m contours, but they are likely to be present and as such are protected under the Act. It is probable that the artefacts likely to be present, will be consistent in type and distribution with archaeological sites in the general area, as there are no features within the study area to indicate the potential for rare or unusual objects (subject to Aboriginal consultation).

7 TEST EXCAVATION METHODOLOGY

7.1 OBJECTIVES

The purpose of archaeological test excavation was to collect information regarding the nature and extent of sub-surface Aboriginal objects, based on the sample obtained from these sub-surface investigations. The test excavation will contribute to the understanding of site characteristics and local and regional prehistory and was used to inform conservation goals and harm mitigation measures for the proposed activity. The test excavation also determined if an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) is required and what type of controlled salvage works may be required, if necessary, under the AHIP.

7.2 DATE OF COMMENCEMENT AND COMPLETION

Start: 25th June 2018
End: 26th June 2018

7.3 LOCATION OF TEMPORARY STORAGE OF CULTURAL MATERIALS

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Adamstown NSW 2289

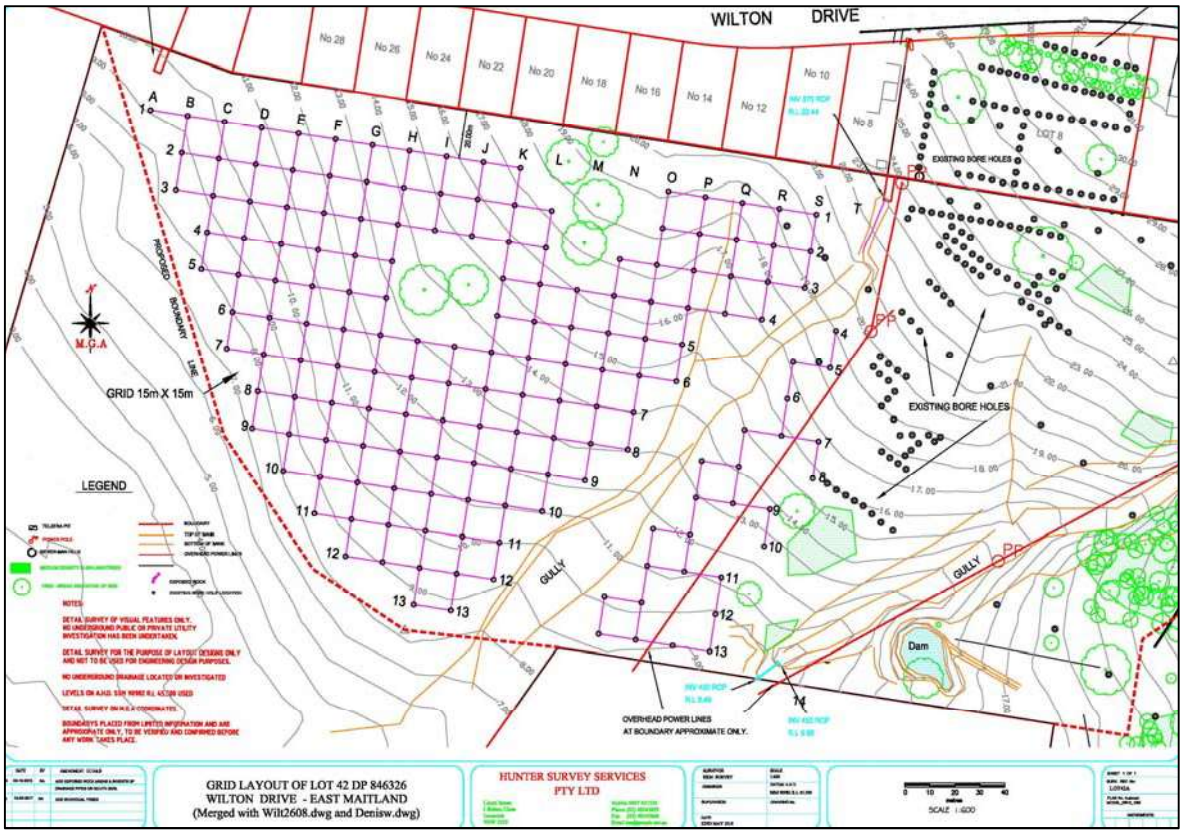
At the completion of the test excavation and analysis all artefacts will be handed to the Aboriginal representative selected by the RAPs (yet to be derermined) for further temporary storage until the registered stakeholders agree to a suitable re-burial location or obtain a Care Agreement from BCD to keep the artefacts.

7.4 EXCAVATION METHODS

- the test excavation units were placed on a 15m x 15m systematic grid system across the PAD (except the AHIP area), (ensuring that the maximum surface area of all test excavation pits was no greater than .5% the PAD area;
- the test excavation was pegged by a surveyor who also provided a plan (Figure 7.1) and coordinates of each test pit;
- test excavations units were excavated using hand tools only;
- test excavations were excavated in 50 cm x 50 cm units;
- the first excavation unit was excavated and documented in 5 cm spits and based on the evidence of the first excavation unit, 10 cm spits were implemented;
- all material excavated from the test excavation units was sieved using a 5-mm wire-mesh sieve;
- test excavation units were excavated to the B horizon;
- if more than 5 artefacts were uncovered in one pit, then additional test pits were to be located north, south, east and west of that pit and placed at 5m from the original pit so long as the total area excavated did not exceed 0.5% of the PAD;

- photographic and scale-drawn records of the stratigraphy/soil profile, features and informative Aboriginal objects were completed for each excavation point;
- test excavations units were backfilled as completed;
- all artefacts were removed at the end of each day for security and held with MCH until the artefact analysis was complete and will be handed to the RAPs (care and control to WLALC) until reparation of the artefacts on site, and
- following the test excavation, an Aboriginal Site Impact Recording form was completed and submitted to the AHIMS Registrar in accordance with the CoP requirements.

Figure 7.1 Test excavation plan



Following the completion of the salvage excavations and community collections, an artefact analysis was undertaken and the details of the methods used are described below.

7.4.1 THE BLOCK METHOD

Artefacts were measured using the block method that measures the greatest length (from the platform and perpendicular to the platform), the greatest width perpendicular to the length and the greatest thickness. Artefact dimension is a descriptive category reflecting the physical size of the artefact at the time of recovery. The physical dimensions of the artefacts were recorded to the nearest decimal place. The classification of artefact dimensions does not usually entail significant problems, other than when an artefact is broken. This method is used to assess differences in size classes of artefact types and raw materials and subsequently provides information in relation to the size of the whole flakes and cores discarded in the site. The rationale for looking at these attributes is that it

indicates if any one raw material is being reduced more than another. It is generally accepted that as the raw material moves away from its source the cores will reduce in size as more flakes are removed. The flakes will also then reduce in size as core volume decreases.

7.4.2 ARTEFACT CLASSIFICATION AND TYPOLOGY

MCH employed classifications based on the materialist approach as opposed to the typological approach. Inherent problems with using classificatory schemes based on typologies have been outlined by Hiscock (2001; 2002). He notes that typological descriptions separate the artefacts into arbitrary classes as defined from an etic (outsiders) view point. They assume a set of design rules, do not account for the transition of forms, assume a consistency of 'type' specimens, and assume that artefact types are bounded and represent discontinuous entities. Materialist classifications do not concentrate on the purpose or intention of the artefact maker but focus on how morphological features came into being. Whilst we will not be examining artefacts with as much detail as Hiscock's materialist classificatory scheme allows, we have chosen to use this scheme as opposed to typological classifications as we are not attempting to answer questions of design or function at this level of study. Artefact class is a technological category reflecting the mechanical processes which resulted in the physical form of the artefact at the time of recovery. Classes used include flakes, broken flakes, retouched flakes, flaked pieces, cores, flake used as a core, hammerstones, grindstones, ground-edge axes, heat-shattered fragments and non-diagnostic fragments. Classing artefacts does not usually entail significant problems, other than occasional ambiguities between flaked pieces and broken flakes, and between (retouched) flakes and flakes used as cores. This category is used to assess differences in provisioning strategies (e.g. core provisioning versus flake provisioning), differences in site function/use (e.g. presence/absence of grindstones), and the taphonomic effects of fire on site integrity (e.g. differences in the ratio of heat-shattered fragments to other artefact classes). Classifications used in this assessment and analysis included core, flake, broken flake (proximal, medial, distal, longitudinal), flake piece, platform type (cortex, broad, focal, faceted, shattered), termination types (feather, hinge, plunging, step, retroflexed), presence of retouch and usewear, hammerstones, grinding stones and any identifiable tools.

7.4.3 RAW MATERIALS

Raw material is an important attribute, which may broadly indicate the place of origin of an artefact. The dominance of one raw material or another may also be used to group or differentiate sites. Raw materials are also frequently used in concert with attributes in the creation of analytic units for more in-depth inter and intra site comparisons. Raw materials expected to be present based on other studies in the region include tuff or indurated mudstone/tuff and silcrete with few quartz and basalt. This category is usually without problems, though it is acknowledged that some disagreement exists as to the appropriate nomenclature for the material most frequently referred to as 'indurated mudstone'.

- Silcrete

Silcrete is an indurated soil duricrust formed when surface sand and gravel are cemented by dissolved silica. Silcrete is extremely hard and resistant to weathering and erosion but eventually weathers spherically to produce boulders and angular fragments. In Australia, silcrete was widely used by Aboriginal people for stone tool manufacture, and as such, it was a tradable commodity, and silcrete tools can be found in areas that have no silcrete groundmass at all. Silcrete comes in grey, whitish/cream, red, brown or yellow. Because silcrete varies in texture, it varies in the way it fractures when knapped and usually shatters easily into sharp, angular pieces with a conchoidal fracture. Due to its flaking properties and avaliability, this was an attractive material to past

Aborigiunal people. Flakes have reasonable sharp and durable edges and as such was used for a variety of tasks including heavy-duty woodworking and for small spear babrs. The source of the material possibly comprises alluvial gravels associated with rivers and creeks.

- Indurated mudstone, tuff

Archaeologists have variously used the terms 'indurated mudstone' and 'tuff' as a description for the fine-textured, very hard, yellowish, orange, reddish-brown or grey rocks. The desire of archaeologists working in the region to offer a precise and accurate geological description of this material has fuelled debate about whether 'tuff' or 'mudstone' is the most appropriate label. Some of the samples of these problematic rocks that were examined petrographically were definitely not tuff. Until much more is known about the range of lithologies represented in this group of rocks, and ways are developed to distinguish between them, the term 'IMT' ('indurated mudstone/tuff') is an acceptable alternative to the term 'mudstone' as a description for these fine-grained rocks. These materials have low fracture toughness (brittle) and as such were favoured as a raw material for artefact manufacture.

7.4.4 HEAT TREATMENT

Heating changes the stone structure making it more easily flaked. Patterns of raw material selection, as well as stone tool manufacture, maintenance and discard, and effectively the stone tool assemblage composition, are strongly influenced by the mechanical properties of the different types of raw material. The proliferation of tula adzes, backed artefacts and points, that were associated with retouching by pressure and delicate percussion required the use of high quality silcrete, microcrystalline or fine-grained, for these tools that were more curated (Flenniken and White 1985; Mulvaney & Kamminga 1999). Greater selectivity and an increasing emphasis on extending use-life of stone tools characterised the procurement of raw material. Heat treatment, both to procure and reduce stone, has been observed ethongraphically and replicative experiments have proven successful (Hankel 1983; Kuskie and Kamminga 2000). Heat treatment reduces point tensile stgength which makes flaking easier, especially in the manufacturing of long, thin blades such as microblades. Whilst Rick (1978) noted a decrease in edge angle for tools subject to heat treatment resulting in increased sharpness and cutting ability, Rick also noted that the treated edges were less durable and quickly blunted whilst untreated edges continued to cut at their initial rate. Rick thus argues that thermally treated artefacts were best suited for tasks involving cutting, penetrating (projectile points) or light duty scraping. Hanckle (1983) agrues that heat treatment was used in the manufacture of specific implements such as backed blades, end scrapers and thumbnail scrapers. Kuskie and Kaminga (2000) argue that part of the reson for heat treatment may also have been to obtain a desired colour as well as improving the knapping properties of the material. Suggesting the important symbolic meaning colours had in Aboriginal society, (e.g. red, pink and purple may have been important for amateurs of fighting and hunting spears) and argues that the reduced time and energy expenditure would have been a benefit in stone tool manufacture. Heat treatment appears to involve the use of a pit dug in sandy sediment, with cobbles or large primary flakes that are heated to a certain temperature then cooled in a controlled manner. The effects of heat treatment include alterations to the texture and structure, lustre, colour, water content, heat damage, conchoidal rippling upon flaking, compressive strength and point tensile strength (Kuskie and Clark 2005:107).

7.4.5 ARTEFACT COUNTS

Taphonomic and manufacturing processes can result in breakage of stone artefacts causing the counts to be inflated (see Hiscock 2002; Hiscock & Clarkson 2000). For this analysis, a study of the ratio between the specimens, knows as the NAS (including all flake fragments) and minimum

number of flakes (MNF) (calculated by adding the number of complete flakes, distal or proximal flake fragments (whichever is the higher number) and left or right longitudinally broken flake fragments (whichever is the higher number) was used to reveal information regarding levels of fragmentation at sites and subsequently provide a more accurate indication of assemblage size.

7.4.6 USE-WEAR & RETOUCH

Use-wear is damage to the edges or working surfaces of artefacts caused by their use. It can be difficult to determine whether edge damage on artefacts is attributable to use-wear or the result of non-use related factors such as manufacturing, post-depositional factors (e.g. trampling by cattle; crushing from vehicles) or occurring during recovery and/or processing. For example, Jones (n.d.) studied artefacts from Dust Cave, Alabama, showing edge damage to determine if the damage was caused by use-wear or non-use related factors. She found that several of the artefacts with edge damage identified with the naked eye did not show characteristics attributable to use-wear once examined under low and high-powered microscopes. Microscopes are a useful tool for determining the causes of edge damage but are not appropriate for work in the field or basic artefact analysis at this level. Analyses of artefacts using microscopes would be required to determine the true nature of the edge damage and may be appropriate at a later stage.

A retouched artefact is one that has been subsequently re-flaked usually by trimming, blunting or resharpening the edges. Easily obtainable raw material can sometimes result in early discard of broken or worn tools, whereas if raw material is scarce then tools are more likely to be refined and modified in order to extend the working life of the artefact. Whether retouch results in a steep or acute edge is important in relation to the possible functions of those edges. Acute retouch results in sharp edges suitable for cutting whilst steep retouch can be used to totally remove a sharp edge (to blunt as in backed artefacts) or to produce thick strong edges suitable for adzing or scraping. Thus, artefact function can be suggested by recording this attribute (residue and use-wear analysis can be used to substantiate these interpretations). The recording of the technique used for retouch addresses questions related to techniques of implement manufacture and thus another form of human behaviour that can be analysed within and between assemblages. The problem with this attribute is that this is a largely unambiguous descriptive attribute. The presence of retouch will be identified for this analysis but will not include the type of edge due to its subjectiveness.

7.4.7 PERCENTAGE AND TYPE OF CORTEX

Cortex refers to the 'skin' of a rock, the surface that has been weathered to a different texture and colour by exposure to the elements over a long period. The amount of cortex as a percentage of surface area will be measured on all artefacts (in relation to flakes, the cortex can, by definition only occur on the dorsal and platform surfaces). The nature of cortex – its shape and texture – will vary depending on where the raw material was sourced. Cortex will be recorded in all instances where it is present. This is a relatively unambiguous descriptive category. When a natural cobble is first selected it will usually be covered in cortex. Therefore, the first flakes produced from it will have a complete coverage of cortex on the dorsal surface (primary reduction). As the cobble is increasingly reduced the amount of cortex on the core and the flakes will decrease (secondary reduction) until it ceases to be present on artefacts (tertiary reduction). As a result of this trend, it should be possible to determine how early in the reduction sequence an artefact was produced. If large numbers of artefacts or a high proportion of the artefacts of a raw material retain cortex it may indicate that the site is located in proximity to the source.

Differences between the proportions of artefacts retaining cortex between different raw material sites indicates relative differences in distance to source. This does not necessarily mean distance in terms

of measurable distance across the landscape; it may also reflect length of time since leaving the source. For example, the last campsite when a group is returning to the source of the raw material may be very close to the source in terms of distance, but distant in terms of time elapsed since the group left the source. If artefacts with cortex are occurring in sites a long distance from the place of origin of the natural cobble, then it is likely that raw materials were being transferred to the site when still only slightly reduced. This would imply an attempt to maximise the amount of stone being provisioned with the weight of transported material being a relatively minor concern.

7.4.8 BREAKAGE

At a basic level, flakes break in six different ways. Three are transverse (at 90° to the direction of percussion) – proximal, medial, distal; two are longitudinal (along the plane of percussion) – left, right (oriented from the ventral view); and one ambiguous – marginal (where dorsal and ventral can be clearly distinguished, but the margin from which the piece has detached is uncertain). It is important to differentiate broken from complete flakes for the purposes of analysis, as the two are not comparable in regard to a number of measures. The amount of artefact breakage in an assemblage also indicates the degree of fragmentation to which the assemblage has been subject. In highly fragmented assemblages, the actual number of artefacts represented may be significantly exaggerated. Quantifying breakage allows a more accurate approximation of artefact numbers to be made. All breaks will be recorded during this analysis. It may difficult to be certain of the breakage on an artefact but in most cases the kind of breakage can be identified.

7.4.9 ARTEFACT ATTRIBUTES

Platform Type: platform preparation was undertaken when the knapper needed greater control of the force being applied to the core. The degree of platform preparation is reflected by the platform surface of the flake. The platform surface may also provide information regarding the stage of the reduction sequence from which the fake originated. The different platform surfaces include:

- *Broad platform*: applies to a platform which is wider than the width of the flake resulting in an angle of less than 90% between the platform and ridge and indicates a successful amount of pressure and force applied in creating the flake.

- *Focal platform*: applies to a platform which is narrower than the width of the flake, causing more than a 90 degrees angle between the platform and ridge. This is indicative of poor control in the knapping process as no further force can be applied to the flake due to the physical constraints of knapping and lack of platform surface remaining. Often a result of excessive overhang removal.

- *Crushed platform***:** indicates the use of too much force and can be used to indicate poor knapping ability. However, the type of raw material must also be taken into account. For example, in the reduction of the raw materials which are suitable for the manufacture of axes, many of the flakes removed during the shaping and thinning process will have crushed platforms and this is due to the large amounts of force often necessary to remove flakes from these anisotropic raw materials and not due to poor knapping ability.

- *Cortical (natural) platform*: a platform of unmodified natural surface, often covered in cortex and indicates earlier stages of flake production from the core.

- *Single flake platform*: a platform that has only one scar indicates that at least some de-cortication of the core occurred before the removal of the flake. It does not indicate platform preparation. This flake has been prepared through another flake coming of the core prior to its production. This platform is indicative of a later stage of flake production from the core than a natural surface.

- *Double flake surface*: a platform that has two scars and is indicative of the later stages of flake production from the core.

- *Faceted (ground/abraded) platform*: applies to a platform with several flake scars (three or more) and indicates platform preparation that suggests that the knapper was attempting to gain the greater knapping control necessary to produce flakes of a special shape and/or conserve the raw material. This type of platform is indicative of later stage flake production and platform preparation**.**

Flake termination: flake termination takes many forms and is dependent on a number of factors including the amount of force struck to the core by the hammer stone, the direction of that force and the distance of the point of force application from the edge of the core. Additionally, the raw material type, the presence or absence of ridgelines on the core and any faults that may be contained within the core also may affect the flake termination. With the exception of the last point, these factors may be used to attest to the skill of the knapper. The different termination types include:

- *Feather termination***:** minimal thickness as the distal end and an acute angle between the ventral (front) and distal (back) sides of the artefact. Occurs when the correct amount of force and direction of the force are transferred to the core of the hammer stone and is usually the result desired by the knapper and indicates a high degree of skill.

- *Hinge termination***:** blunt rounded terminations formed at right angles to the cores surface and are caused by an outward and insufficient force, which results in the failure of the fracture to spread through the core without losing velocity and changing direction. Hinges can be an indentation of poor knapping control and may result in early discard of cores.

- *Plunging termination***:** a termination that curves away from the face of the core with it and often forms a J-shape when viewed in a longitudinal cross section. This termination occurs when a flake passes through the core and removes the distal end of the core and is usually caused by excessive force but may also be initiated when a fracture follows a distinct ridgeline that passes beneath the core.

- *Step termination***:** this occurs when an outward and sufficient amount of force is transferred from the hammer stone to the core and results in the fracture plane terminating at right angles to the core face. They can also be caused by incipient faults in raw material. Step terminations are recognised as a sign of poor knapping control.

- *Retroflexed and inflexed terminations***:** may be found on flakes with a hinge or step termination. In these terminations, the fracture path loses velocity and turns to run in right angles to the surface of the core. Sometimes the fracture plane is so unstable that it turns again to run parallel to the surface of the core. This forms what has been termed a "final" on the flakes termination

7.5 RESEARCH QUESTIONS

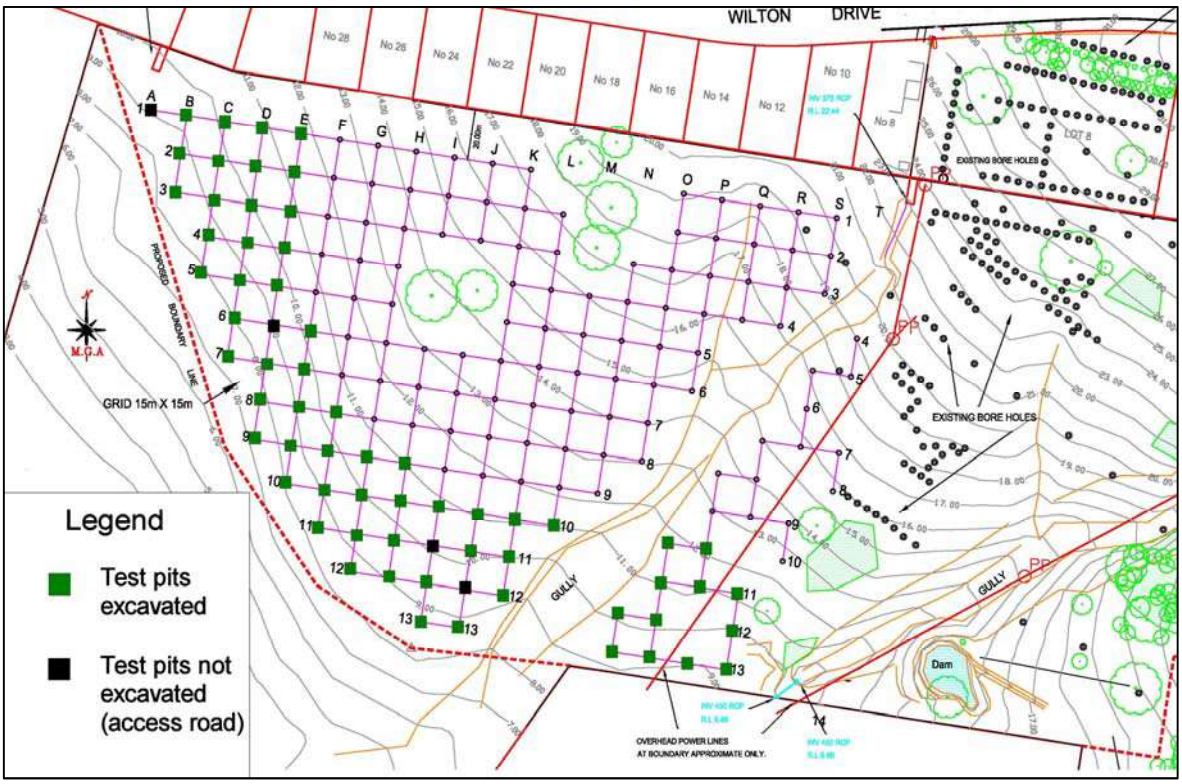
The test excavation and analysis were designed to address a number of research hypothesis. The research questions listed below derive from Kuskies (2005) detailed work in the region and are used here for consistency in analysis and discussions as well as local and regional comparative research.

- What past Aboriginal activities occurred within the project area?
- What types of past Aboriginal occupation occurred within the project area (e.g. transitory movement, hunting, gathering, camping etc)?
- Were the types of activity and nature of occupation related to environmental factors (e.g. landforms, proximity to reliable water)?
- Does spatial patterning of activity areas occur within the project area?
- Did episodes of occupation occur at different times over the whole time-span of occupation in the region within the project area?
- Is there potential for older evidence of occupation (i.e. early Holocene)?
- How intensive was occupation of the sites, in both a local and regional context?
- Did microblade and microlith production occur on the sites?
- Were other tools manufactured on the sites?
- Was maintenance of tools conducted on site?
- Was knapping of flakes largely casual and opportunistic, meeting requirements on 'as needed' basis?
- What raw materials were favoured for use on site within the project area and why?
- Where were the raw material procured from?
- How does the evidence and inferred human behaviour represented within the project area compare with evidence from other locations in the region?
- How does the evidence relate to the regional and local models of occupation?

8 TEST EXCAVATION RESULTS AND DSICUSSION

The results of the test excavation, the analysis and discussion of these results are presented in this Section. A total of 62 test pits were completed and included an area of 60 metres in width from the development south and south western border. As the nature of the site was known at this stage (Refer to Section 2 and see below), there was no justification to continue the test excavation ap per the BCD Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in New South Wales. Figure 8.1 illustrates the location of the test pits included and all test pit data is provided in Appendix D.

Figure 8.1 Test excavation plan showing test pits excavated



8.1 DISTURBANCES

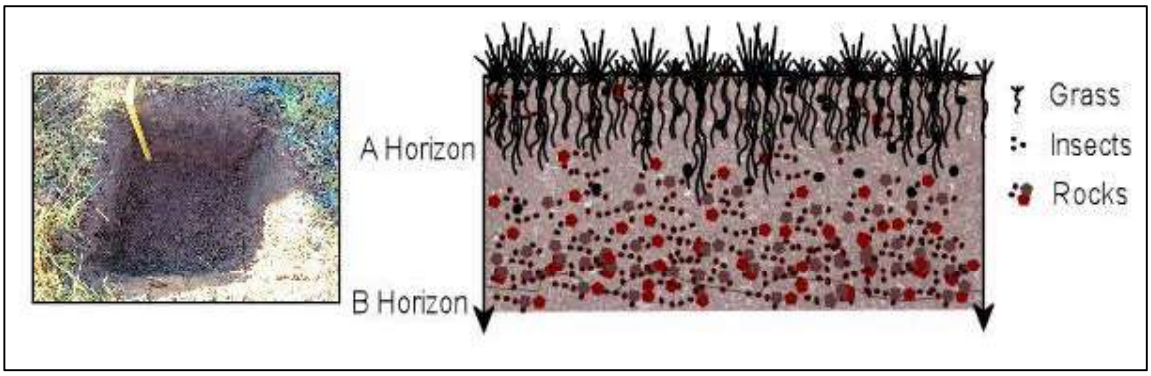
Disturbances across the PAD were consistent across the site. Disturbances included wholesale clearing, evidence of previous agricultural activity (deteriorated ridges and furrows, significant densities of small, medium and large rocks throughout that increased with depth throughout the deposit mixing the A and B horizons), grazing and fencing. Natural surface drainage and topsoil erosion from sheet wash had occurred across the site. The B horizon was mixed with the lower sections of the A horizon, with no sharp change to the B horizon. A moderate amount of insect bioturbation was noted throughout the deposit and was consistent across the site and included curl grubs, worms, spiders and beetles.

8.2 SOIL PROFILE & STRATIGRAPHY

The soil profile of all excavated test pits was constant with changes in depth only and all included topsoil that consisted of a loamy/clayey A horizon that mixed with the B horizon at depth of a similar colour.

(Figure 8.2). Soil horizon A was found from the surface to the maximum depth of test pits excavated and within one stratigraphic layer. The soil profile of all excavated test pits was within soil horizon A and its base that was mixed with the B clays and Figure 8.2 can be taken as being representative of all the excavated pits within the PAD. Individual pit data is provided in Appendix C.

Figure 8.2 Representation of PAD stratigraphy



The A horizon was consistent across the entire PAD and consisted of a mixed loamy/clay (7.5YR 2.5/1) that was moderately acid to neutral (pH 6 – 6.5) with inclusions of grass, roots, insects and low density small to medium sized rubble and gravels that significantly increased in size and density with depth. There was no clear transition between soil horizons A and B as the B horizon clays were mixed with the A horizon loamy/clays towards the base and excavation ceased at the B horizon which was represented by a compact pan of plastic pedal clay.

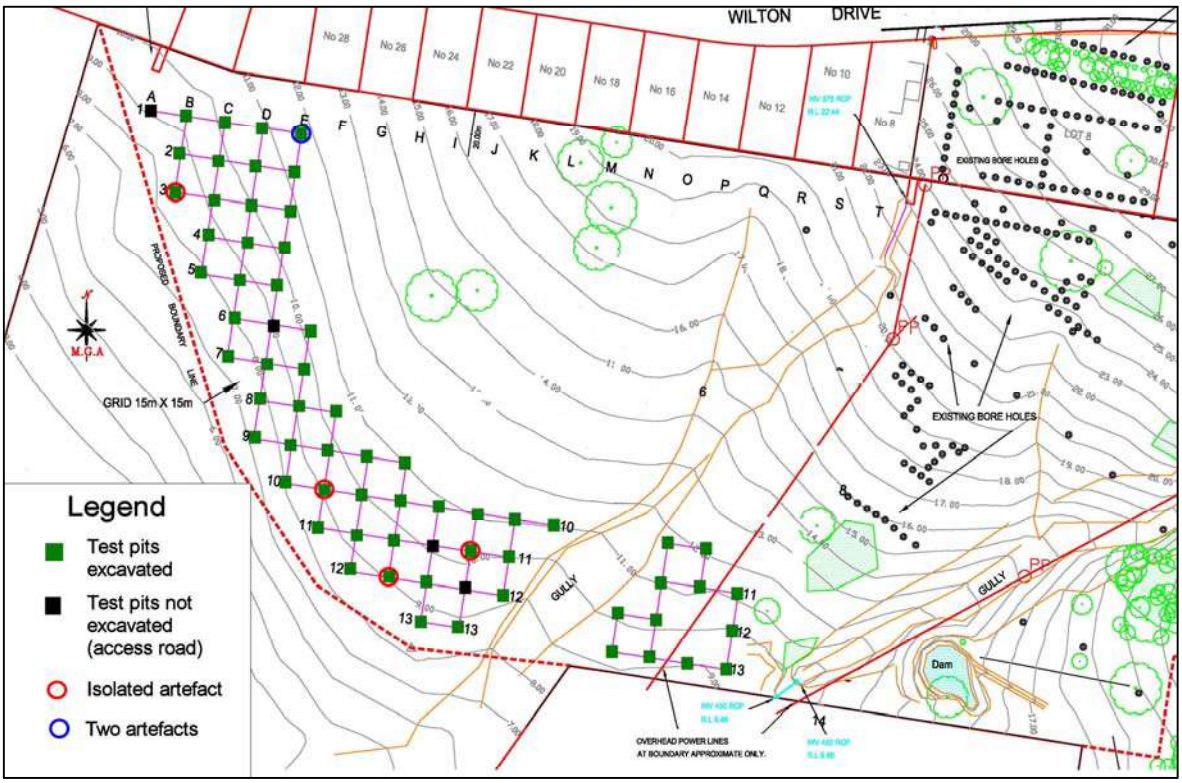
8.3 ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE

Sites were labelled according to the project title, e.g. BH/1 (45-5-5013) where BH represents Box Hill, and 1 indicates the site number allocated consecutively. All sites have been registered with AHIMS.

8.3.1 SITE IDENTIFIED

The test excavation identified a highly disturbed and distributed artefact scatter across the PAD. Referred to as East Maitland Site 01 the site consists of 6 artefacts manufactured predominantly from mudstone and two silcrete. Five test pits contained very low-density artefacts and due to land use impacts and disturbances (Section 8.1), it is not possible to identify if the artefacts represent one site or multiple isolated sites and as such for ease of management, the artefacts have been assessed as representing one site. Artefact types included three broken flakes, one microlith and two bladettes. five flake pieces, three bladettes (preform blades). Being highly disturbed through past land uses (refer to Sections 8.1 and 8.2), the site and PAD have no potential for in situ cultural materials. Figure 8.3 shows the location of artefacts and artefact numbers in those test pits.

Figure 8.3 Artefact locations



8.3.2 SITE INTEGRITY

Site integrity can be examined through three main factors including land use history and natural processes, the horizontal and vertical distribution of artefacts and conjoins of artefacts and inferred associations between individual artefacts. The initial assessment identified that previous and present land uses and their impacts as well as natural impacts (such as bioturbation, erosion etc) within the investigation area were assessed as generally low to moderate. The potential effects of land use and their impacts on cultural heritage can be considered.

Although it is problematic to examine spatial distribution patterns through conjoining or association of artefacts of similar stone types in small, spatially discrete test pits, this form of analysis is more applicable to broader area excavations, it does aid in assessing site integrity generally. No conjoins were present in the artefacts recovered.

The test excavation did not identify evidence of integrity in the form of 'artefact association', which is the association of artefacts is based on spatial proximity, similar materials and shared technological and typological attributes of the artefacts.

Soil horizon A and top of horizon B contained significant evidence of past land uses with ridges and furrows present. In addition to this, the deposits contained small to medium sized rocks and rubble throughout the profile that continued in size and density with depth. There is no evidence of stratigraphy and the evidence indicates the PAD area has been subject to high intensity impacts and as such the PAD is identified as a highly disturbed deposit with little to no likelihood of in situ deposits.

8.4 ARTEFACT ASSEMBLAGE

The lithic assemblage is comparable to other assemblages at both a local and regional scale with the inclusion of mudstone and silcrete. There were mudstone rocks through the deposits indicating sources of raw materials present within the investigation area.

8.4.1 LITHIC ITEMS

The lithic items (Table 8.1 and Appendix D) is dominated by broken flakes (n = 3), followed by two bladettes (preform blades) and one backed microlith. Of these, both bladettes and the microlith had re-touch. The majority of artefacts recovered represent debris from stone knapping (e.g. broken flakes) representing non-specific flaking. However, the presence of two bladettes and a microlith and retouch, represent specific knapping and stone tool production and/or maintenance activities.

Table 8.1 Summary of lithic items

Artefact type	Mudstone	Silcrete	Total
Broken flake proximal	1		**1**
Broken flake medial		1	**1**
Broken flake distal	1		**1**
Microlith	1		**1**
Bladette	1	1	**2**
Total	**4**	**2**	**6**

8.4.2 RETOUCH, USE-WEAR AND HEAT TREATMENT

Three artefacts showed evidence of re-touch, indication tool manufacture and/or maintenance.

8.4.3 DISCUSSION

One proximal flake with a facetted platform indicate platform preparation that suggests that the knapper was attempting to gain the greater knapping control necessary to produce flakes of a special shape and/or conserve the raw material. This type of platform is indicative of later stage flake production and platform preparation and indicates a relatively high level of skill. In terms of termination type, one proximal broken flake had an inflexed termination, which most commonly indicates the application of the incorrect amount of force and direction required during knapping and therefore is a sign of poor knapping control.

Based on the evidence, the production of two of the artefact (those with platform or termination present), if not the result of interactions within the material e.g. hidden stress lines or faults within the stone, may be due to either separate/multiple craftsmen or an individual of moderate ability whom was not extremely skilled. Whereas the presence of three backed artefacts may also be due to either separate/multiple craftsmen or an individual of higher ability whom was skilled.

8.5 SPACIAL PATTERNING, ACTIVITY TYPES AND ACTIVITY AREAS

The identification and assessment of variations in spatial patterning of past human occupation can greatly assist with the interpretation of the evidence and provide meaningful information about human behaviour that created that evidence. An activity location refers to a single location in which one or more activity events have resulted in the discard of items that constitute archaeological evidence. Activity locations represent concentrations of artefacts produced by activities carried out by people following some form of organisational strategy during a particular occupation (Biosmier 1991:19). Such activities include tool manufacture and repair, cooking, food processing and the disposal of refuse. These activity areas are hypothetical frameworks that were developed to potentially reflect the way that people may have organized their use of space in relation to other activities and other factors (Boisimer 1991:19; Kuskie and Kamminga 2000:449). Thus, an activity refers to the specific behaviour which results in the discard of a certain item.

One of the fundamental ways of identifying specific prehistoric activity areas is through the analysis of the composition and patterning of lithic assemblages. Best results are obtained when the artefacts represent a single episode of activity and the pattern is not disturbed by repeated cultural discard during subsequent use of the site. Even when there are long intervals between site uses, the artefacts from different periods may become mixed due to low rates of sedimentation and bioturbation processes. Whilst such mixed deposits pose considerable problems in interpretation, meaningful interpretations may still be derived from activity analysis (Kuskie and Kamminga 2000; Kuskie and Clark 2004).

Additionally, many activities will be ephemeral or invisible within the archaeological record and cannot be verified through archaeological means. It cannot be estimated as to how much material has been lost from these sites and to analyse the remainder material collected may result in the over or under estimation of the sites assemblages, activities and lengths of occupation (Woo 2014:120). This discussion is therefore undertaken by examining the distribution of artefacts and stone material types to identify notional activity types and areas within the PAD.

Various taphonomic processes can affect a site and the nature of the post depositional disturbances has been discussed and problems and issues arise with the interpretation of activity areas including the effects of post-depositional processes, effects of chronological variations (time of occupation when discard occurred) and the effects of multiple occupation in the form of content of sites and activity areas. Also, the effects of extended length occupations in the form and content of sites and activity areas, the extent to which artefact class distributions represent patterning of past occupation, the extent to which qualitative and quantitative differences represent different functions, the importation of items on site and the removal of items off site, and the effects of human behaviour such as 'tossing' or 'dumping' artefacts (Kuskie and Kamminga 2000:452).

The test excavation has identified a highly disturbed landscape and associated cultural deposits throughout. The artefacts recovered indicate activities included tool manufacturing and maintenance as well as hunting and gathering. The landscape is highly disturbed and no evidence to indicate long term camping such as hearths, grinding stones, heat pits or ovens was evident.

8.5.1 SPATIAL DISTRIBUTION

The distribution pattern of sites across a landscape has the potential to indicate a great deal about the interaction between people and the environment and the nature of social organisations. The first step in spatial analysis is to map the known sites of similar dates (if known), then add aerial and/or topographic information. The distribution can then be analysed for signs of patterns, clustering and relationships between larger and smaller sites. Once this detail is obtained, questions may be asked relating to a variety of factors such as sites in relation to distance from water, to landforms, site

densities, site types etc. However, the assumption that artefacts are spatially distributed as a result of patterned behaviour of past prehistoric societies so that the spatial structure is potentially informative about the nature in which the society was organised, may be problematic.

Distribution patterns must be viewed with caution due to post-depositional factors. For example, artefacts located along a creek or creek beds are likely to have derived upstream and moved due to flooding/stream movement. Fewer disturbances are likely in locations such as flat areas, although this is also dependant on other disturbances, both human and natural. Sample size will also affect the distribution patterns as a smaller sample will provide limited information while a larger sample provides more data. Therefore the inferences made from the results are limited but can provide some general information.

The artefacts recovered from the test excavation have been dispersed through the PAD. Based on the evidence from the test excavation and keeping in mind the post depositional factors resulting in significant lateral and horizontal displacement of the cultural objects, proximity to water was an important factor in past occupation. The evidence supports proximity to water was a significant variable that was likely to have contributed to site location and utilisation.

In relation to the wider area, similar sites are located in close proximity to reliable water. Although these sites are of a higher density and higher numbers of sites, they are also within a disturbed context. The evidence obtained through excavations in the local area, notwithstanding disturbed contexts, indicates that small numbers of groups and/or individuals undertaking camping with tool manufacturing and maintenance were likely to have been the occupation strategy within the specific project area.

8.5.2 CHRONOLOGY

Chronology is the science that deals with measuring time by regular divisions and that assigns to events to their proper dates. Holdaway *et al*. (1998: 3) identified four main difficulties applicable to recording surface sites. First, the lack of chronological control because of the absence of stratigraphy; second, the difficulty in determining site boundaries and features demarcated by a group of artefacts; third, identifying and interpreting artefacts in the field; and fourth, the problem of obtaining a representative sample from sites where there is uneven exposure or visibility.

In Australian archaeology, as in other parts of the world, stone artefacts contribute to developing a broad chronology for occupation, simply because they span the total period of occupation. In the absence of absolute dating techniques to establish chronology within the investigation area, relative dating may be applied. This includes using tool types that have been dated to specific period in Australian history. Artefacts such as backed artefacts have been reliable dated in rock shelters to around 4,000 years ago (Hiscock and Attenbrow 1998; Mulvaney and Kamminga 1999) and as such the artefacts with retouch are inferred to date within the last 4,000 years.

Given that the test excavation did not yield any material suitable for absolute dating, there is no reliable means to obtain absolute dates. As two backed artefacts and one microlith were recovered, stone tool typology can be used and the project area is relatively dated to within the last 4,000 years.

In addition to typological relative dating, geomorphology may also be used to establish a general chronology. Testing has determined that the local area is dominated by texture-contrast soils, many of which are considered to be 3,000 years of age or younger. On geomorphological grounds, A horizon soils in this context are generally considered as dating to the mid-late Holocene Hughes 1984 has argued that the presence of what are viewed as typologically distinct artefact classes, such as backed blades, dates the A-horizon of texture-contrast soils to within the last 5 000 years. Hiscock (2002a, b) agrees that, whilst backed artefacts originally appear during the terminal Pleistocene, they

proliferate during the mid-Holocene, c. 4,000 to 5,000 years ago. All artefacts from the investigation area were found within the A horizon at the interface between the A and B horizons.

8.6 INTREPRETATION

The archaeological evidence recovered from the investigation area, can be interpreted in relation to the traditional way of life that was practiced by Aboriginal people. Archaeological evidence tends to represent a 'two-dimensional' view of only selected aspects of the local population's way of life and history. It is important to consider the nature of human behaviour represented by the evidence. The general model of forager settlement patterning in the archaeological record established by Foley (1981) and the established model of occupation strategies based primarily upon ethnographic research that distinguishes between short-term or extended long-term occupation and makes some predictions about the likely location of different foraging and settlement activities by Kuskie and Kamminga (2000) has been discussed in Section 5.9. The following interpretation of the evidence recovered during the test excavation is based on those models of past Aboriginal occupation and land use.

The results of the test excavation identified a highly disturbed landscape and whilst it is possible that the site may represent multiple episodes of occupation over a period of time, it is not possible to clarify this. The location of The PAD along a creek line and associated resources, renders this location favourable for past occupation. The identification of higher density artefact scatters in other locations in the local area is indicative of higher density occupation and in closer proximity to a nuclear or community base camp than the current investigation area is.

Based on the evidence, the limited range of artefacts and stone types, evidence of both casual knapping and tool manufacturing/maintenance, and the apparent absence of labour/energy/time intensive evidence (hearths, grinding grooves, heat treatment pits etc) indicate that the nature of occupation within the investigation area could represent evidence of hunting and gathering and, or camping by small groups of people.

It is likely that PAD represents multiple episodes of occupation over a period of time during the past 4,000 years (late Holocene). There is no direct or circumstantial evidence for older occupation within the investigation area. Based on the evidence of the test excavation, the following can be inferred from the evidence:

- the time at which occupation may be inferred is derived from both artefact typological relative dating and geomorphological evidence, which places the site as being within the last 4,000 years BP. Within a given year, the timing of occupation may have been related to the availability of specific food resources;
- a number of episodes of occupation are likely to have occurred within the investigation area, and may have involved either individuals and/or very small groups of people and for short durations of time;
- the duration of each episode is unknown. However, the quality and quantity of the evidence suggests a range of short term hunting/gathering (one or several days). Transitory movement is also likely to have occurred, but not possible to identify;
- the primary activities represented by the small sample of artefacts recovered during the test excavation was hunting/gathering of local resources and tool manufacturing/maintenance; and
- proximity to water and associated resources was a primary factor influencing the nature and extent of past occupation of the investigation area.

8.7 REGIONAL CONTEXT

The nature of the evidence from the PAD can be compared with other sites in the locality. The primary purpose is to identify similarities and differences in order to provide a framework for interpreting representativeness. However, there are many problems and constraints in comparing evidence and conclusions from the present study and those of other studies including;

- standards and quality of reporting
- excavation methodology
- sampling strategy
- artefact retrieval methods during sieving (mesh size)
- stone material identification
- unspecified or different methods of calculation (artefact counts, density)
- identification of stone artefacts and classes (nomenclature, criteria
- consistency in classification
- identification of backing and/or retouch
- identification of use-wear and/or residue

Despite these constraints, comparisons are made below to the extent possible of the evidence with that from other excavated and/or salvaged sites in the locality. Similarities across the local and regional area include:

- types of raw materials are consistent throughout the locality
- stone artefact types are consistent throughout the locality
- evidence relating to non-specific knapping, tool manufacturing and maintenance are consistent throughout the region
- probable relative dating of evidence to the mid to late Holocene period
- the historical and modern large-scale clearance and development of the land may have removed evidence associated with this site

8.8 RESEARCH QUESTIONS

The test excavation program sought to address a number of specific research questions. These questions are answered below to the extent possible given the nature of the evidence. These issues have been addresses in the preceding sections of this report and are summarised below.

- *What past Aboriginal activities occurred within the project area?*

  The stone artefact evidence represents both non-specific knapping and tool manufacturing with maintenance activities indicative of small groups of people camping over short periods of time.

- *What types of past Aboriginal occupation occurred within the project area (e.g. transitory movement, hunting, gathering, camping etc)?*

  Utilisation of the area was probably to have been undertaken over a number of separate episodes over the past 4,000 years or so and likely to have involved small groups of people over short durations of time.

- *Were the types of activity and nature of occupation related to environmental factors (e.g. landforms, proximity to reliable water)?*

  Whilst there is a range of variables that potentially influenced the nature and extent of occupation at the PAD, it is concluded that proximity to water was the primary factor. Unfortunately, due to the disturbed nature of the site, preferred proximity to water (i.e. within 50m, 100m or greater) cannot be determined.

- *Does spatial patterning of activity areas occur within the project area?*

  The PAD area is highly disturbed through past land uses which has significantly disturbed the cultural materials present. The results of the test excavation did not indicate any specific spatial patterning of activity areas within the PAD area due to the disturbed nature of the site.

- *Did episodes of occupation occur at different times over the whole time-span of occupation in the region within the project area?*

  It is not possible to address this question due to the lack of datable evidence recovered during the test excavation program.

- *Is there potential for older evidence of occupation (i.e. early Holocene)?*

  No direct or indirect evidence exists for occupation of the PAD area is older than the late Holocene.

- *How intensive was occupation of the sites, in both a local and regional context?*

  Occupation of the PAD area was low intensity, involving small camps and/or hunting/gathering, likely undertaken in infrequent episodes over the past 4,000 years or so. Each episode would have been of short duration by some individual and/or low numbers of people and the relatively low density of evidence is comparable to other sites in the region is similar environmental contexts.

- *Did microblade and microlith production occur on the sites?*

  The presence of bladettes (preform blades) and a microlith indicates microblade and microlith production occurred on-site indicating at least specific activity at least once within the project area and within the last 4,000 years.

- *Were other tools manufactured on the sites?*

  The purpose of the non-specific flaking debitage cannot be identified. Other tools may have been made that were removed from the site or not retrieved during the test excavation.

- *Was maintenance of tools conducted on site?*

  The presence of retouched artefacts is indicative of tool maintained on site.

- *What raw materials were favoured for use on site within the project area and why?*

  Mudstone and silcrete which were used mainly for their flaking properties and local availability.

- *Where were the raw material procured from?*

  It is inferred that the raw materials derived from local sources or traded.

- *How does the evidence and inferred human behaviour represented within the project area compare with evidence from other locations in the region?*

  The nature of the evidence obtained from the test excavation has been compared with other sites in the locality. Despite the numerous problems and constraints (such as different sampling strategies, reporting etc), comparison reveals that on a general level a number of similarities can be identified. This includes similar stone and artefact types, landform utilised and proximity to water. Additionally, there is a consistency across the area of disturbed deposits from previous land uses.

- *How does the evidence relate to the regional and local models of occupation?*

  The test excavation strategy was extensive and adequate to obtain enough data to test and reassess the model of occupation. No evidence was identified that is inconsistent with the model proposed. The evidence of low density artefacts with tool manufacturing and maintenance associated with hunting and gathering activities is consistent with the model.

9 2019 SURVEY RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

As there were no RAPs for the project and the project area had been subject to previous test excavation and this ACHA is for an AHIP, an additional survey was not required.

10 ASSESSMENT OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

One of the key steps in the process of cultural heritage management is the assessment of significance. Not all sites are equally significant and not all are worthy of equal consideration and management (Sullivan and Bowdler 1984; Pearson and Sullivan 1995: 7). The assessment of significance of archaeological sites and resources is defined in most cases by what these entities can contribute to our understanding or knowledge of a place or site. In most cases, it is not possible to fully articulate or comprehend the extent of the archaeological resource at the outset, let alone its value. Therefore, the evaluation of the significance of archaeological material is based on the potential this resource has to contribute to our understanding of the past and the contribution that it can make to our understanding of a place or a cultural landscape.

10.1 BASIS FOR EVALUATION

The significance of archaeological sites or cultural places can be assessed on the criteria of the Burra Charter, the Australian Heritage Commission Criteria of the National Estate, and the BCD guidelines that are derived from the former two. There are two realms of significance assessment:

- Aboriginal cultural significance
- Archaeological (scientific) significance

The Aboriginal cultural significance of the sites or landscape is assessed by the RAPs and the archaeological significance by a qualified archaeologist.

10.2 ARCHAEOLOGICAL (SCIENTIFIC) SIGNIFICANCE

Scientific significance is assessed according to the contents of a site, state of preservation, integrity of deposits, representativeness/rarity of the site type, and potential to answer research questions on past human behaviour (NPWS 1997). For open campsites, evidence required to adequately assess significance includes information about the presence of sub-surface deposits, the integrity of these deposits, the nature of site's contents and extent of the site. A review of information pertaining to previously recorded sites within the local area and region enables the rarity and representativeness of a site to be assessed. High significance is usually attributed to sites that are so rare or unique that the loss of the site would affect our ability to understand an aspect of past Aboriginal use/occupation of an area. In some cases, a site may be considered highly significant because its type is now rare due to destruction of the archaeological record through development. Medium significance can be attributed to sites that provide information on an established research question. Low significance is attributed to sites that cannot contribute new information about past Aboriginal use/occupation of an area. This may be due to site disturbance or the nature of the site's contents. In order to clarify the significance assessment, the criteria used are explained below.

10.2.1 RESEARCH POTENTIAL

Research potential refers to the potential for information gained from further investigations of the evidence to be used in answering research questions. Research questions can relate to any number of issues concerning past human material culture and associated behaviour (including cultural, social, spiritual etc) and/or use of the environment. Several inter-related factors to take into consideration include the intactness or integrity of the site, the connectedness of the site to other sites, and the potential for a site to provide a chronology extending back in the past. Several questions are posed for each site or area containing evidence of past occupation:

- Can the evidence contribute information not available from any other resource?
- Can the evidence contribute information not available from any other location or environmental setting?
- Is this information relevant to questions of past human occupation (including cultural, social and/or spiritual behaviour) and/or environments or other subjects?

Assessing research potential therefore relies on comparisons with other evidence both within the local and regional context. The criteria used for assessing research potential include:

- potential to address specific local research questions;
- potential to address specific regional questions;
- potential to address general methodological and theoretical questions;
- potential sub-surface deposits; and
- potential to address future research questions.

The particular questions asked of the available evidence should be able to contribute information that is not available from other resources or evidence and are relevant to questions about past human societies and their material culture. Levels for defining research potential are as follows:

High	Has the potential to provide new information not obtained from any other resource to answer current and/or future research questions.
Medium	Has the potential to contribute significant additional information to answer current and/or future research questions.
Low	Has no potential to contribute significant information to answer current or future research questions.

10.2.2 REPRESENTATIVENESS AND RARITY

Representativeness and rarity are assessed at a local, regional and national level (although assessing at a national level is difficult and commonly not possible due to a lack of national reports and available database). As the primary goal of cultural resource management is to afford the greatest protection to a representative sample of Aboriginal heritage throughout a region, this is an important criterion. The more unique or rare the evidence is, the greater its value as being representative within a regional context.

The main criteria used for assessing representativeness and rarity include:

- the extent to which the evidence occurs throughout the region;
- the extent to which this type of evidence is subject to existing and potential future impacts in the region;
- the integrity of the evidence compared to that at other locations within the region;
- whether the evidence represents a primary example of its type within the region; and
- whether the evidence has greater potential for educational purposes than at other similar locations within the region.

10.2.3 NATURE OF THE EVIDENCE

The nature of the evidence is related to representativeness and research potential. For example, the less common the type of evidence, the more likely it is to have representative value. The nature of the evidence is directly related to its potential to be used in addressing current and/or future research questions. Criteria used in assessing the nature of the evidence include:

- presence, range and frequency of artefacts and artefact types; and
- presence and types of other features.

10.2.4 INTEGRITY

The state of preservation and disturbances of the evidence (integrity) is also related to representativeness and research potential. The higher the integrity (well preserved and not disturbed) of the evidence, the greater the level of information that is likely to be obtained from further study. This translates to greater importance for the evidence within a local and regional context, as it may be a suitable example for preservation/ conservation. The criteria used in assessing integrity include:

- horizontal and vertical spatial distribution of artefacts;
- preservation of intact features such as hearths or knapping floors;
- preservation of site contents such as charcoal which may enable direct dating providing a reliable date of occupation of a given area;
- preservation of artefacts which may enable use-wear/residue analysis to determine tool use and possibly diet; and
- preservation of other cultural materials that may enable interpretation of the evidence in relation to cultural/social behaviour (e.g. burial types and associated mortuary practices may have been based on cultural, social, age, and/or gender distinctions).

Many of these criteria can only be obtained through controlled excavation. Generally high levels of ground disturbance (such as erosion, tracks, dams etc) limit the possibility that an area would unlikely contain intact spatial distributions, intact features, in situ charcoal et cetera.Definitions for defining levels of site integrity and condition have been derived from Witter (1992) and HLA (2002) and are as follows:

Excellent	Disturbance, erosion or development is minimal.
Good	Relatively undisturbed deposits or partially disturbed with an obvious in situ deposit.
Fair	Some disturbance but the degree of disturbance is difficult to assess.
Poor	Clearly mostly destroyed or disturbed by erosion or development.
Very Poor	Sites totally disturbed or clearly not in situ.
Destroyed	A known site that is clearly no longer there.

10.2.5 SCIENTIFIC EVALUATION

The following is an evaluation of the scientific significance of the individual archaeological sites identified within the project area. Table 9.1 presents the archaeological significance assessment for the site identified (both the 2018 assessment and this assessment).

Table 10.1 Significance assessment (2018)

Site	Site Type	Representativeness	Integrity	Res. Pot	Sci. Sig
38-4-1969	artefact scatter	very well represented	poor	nil	low

Table 10.2 Significance assessment (2019)

Site	Site Type	Representativeness	Integrity	Res. Pot	Sci. Sig
38-4-1969	artefact scatter	very well represented	poor	nil	low

10.3 CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

While Aboriginal sites and places may have scientific significance, they also have cultural/social significance to the Aboriginal people from that area. Determining cultural/social significance can only be determined by the Aboriginal people from the area in which the sites and/or places were identified. Consultation with the Aboriginal community during the test excavation had been undertaken in order to document cultural/social significance and are discussed below.

10.3.1 AESTHETIC SIGNIFICANCE

Aesthetic value includes aspects of sensory perception for which criteria can and should be stated. Such criteria may include consideration of the form, scale, colour, texture and material of the fabric; the smells and sounds associated with the place and its use (Australia ICOMOS 1999:11). Table 9.2 provides information relating to the aesthetic value of 38-4-1969 by the RAPs from the 2018 assessment.

Table 10.3 RAPs: Aesthetic values (2018)

RAP	
Culturally Aware	has not assigned any specific or general aesthetic significance to the site
Wonnarua Heritage Cultural Services	has not assigned any specific or general aesthetic significance to the site
Steve Talbott	has not assigned any specific or general aesthetic significance to the site
Divine Diggers	has not assigned any specific or general aesthetic significance to the site

10.3.2 HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE

The historic value encompasses the history of aesthetics, science and society. A place may have historic value because it has influenced, or has been influenced by, an historic figure, event, phase or activity. It may also have historic value as the site of an important event. For any given place the significance will be greater where evidence of the association or event survives in situ, or where the settings are substantially intact, than where it has been changed or evidence does not survive. However, some events or associations may be so important that the place retains significance regardless of subsequent treatment (Australia ICOMOS 1999:11). Table 9.3 provides information relating to the historic value of 38-4-1969 by the RAPs from the 2018 assessment.

Table 10.4 RAPs: Historic values (2018)

RAP	
Culturally Aware	has not assigned any specific or general historic significance to the site
Wonnarua Heritage Cultural Services	has not assigned any specific or general historic significance to the site
Steve Talbott	has not assigned any specific or general historic significance to the site
Divine Diggers	has not assigned any specific or general historic significance to the site

10.3.3 SCIENTIFIC SIGNIFICANCE

The scientific or research value of a place will depend upon the importance of the data involved, on its rarity, quality or representativeness, and on the degree to which the place may contribute further substantial information. A place may have historic value because it has influenced, or has been influenced by, an historic figure, event, phase or activity. It may also have historic value as the site of an important event. For any given place the significance will be greater where evidence of the association or event survives in situ, or where the settings are substantially intact, than where it has been changed or evidence does not survive. However, some events or associations may be so important that the place retains significance regardless of subsequent treatment (Australia ICOMOS 1999:11). Table 9.4 provides information relating to the scientific value of 38-4-1969 by the RAPs from the 2018 assessment.

Table 10.5 RAPs: Scientific values (2018)

RAP	
Culturally Aware	has not assigned any specific or general scientific significance to the site
Wonnarua Heritage Cultural Services	has not assigned any specific or general scientific significance to the site
Steve Talbott	has not assigned any specific or general scientific significance to the site
Divine Diggers	has not assigned any specific or general scientific significance to the site

10.3.4 SOCIAL/SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE

Social value embraces the qualities for which a place has become a focus of spiritual, political, national or other cultural sentiment to a majority or minority group (Australia ICOMOS 1999:11). Table 9.5 provides information relating to the social/spiritual value of 38-4-1969 by the RAPs from the 2018 assessment.

Table 10.6 RAPs: Social/spiritual values (2018)

RAP	
Culturally Aware	has assigned high cultural significance to the site
Wonnarua Heritage Cultural Services	has assigned high cultural significance to the site
Steve Talbott	has assigned high cultural significance to the site
Divine Diggers	has assigned high cultural significance to the site

11 ASSESSMENT OF IMPACTS

The archaeological record is a non-renewable resource that is affected by many processes and activities. As outlined in Section 3 and 6, the various natural processes and human activities would have impacted on archaeological deposits through both site formation and taphonomic processes. Chapter 4 describes the impacts within the project area, showing how these processes and activities have disturbed the landscape and associated cultural materials in varying degrees.

11.1 IMPACTS

Detailed descriptions of the impacts are provided in Section 1.5 and the results of the test excavation in Section 8. The BCD Code of Practice for the Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in New South Wales (2010:21) describes impacts to be rated as follows:

1) Type of harm: is either direct, indirect or none

2) Degree of harm is defined as either total, partial or none

3) Consequence of harm is defined as either total loss, partial loss, or no loss of value

Table 11.1 Impact summary

Site	Site type	Type of harm	Degree of harm	Consequence of harm	Rep.	Integrity	Res. Pot	Sci. Sig
38-4-1969	artefact scatter	direct	total	total	well represented	poor	nil	low

The results of the assessment indicate that the artefact scatter will be impacted upon by the development. The very low-density artefact scatter is a highly disturbed site spread throughout the PAD area (site38-4-1969) with no in situ deposits remaining. This site type is very well represented both locally and regionally and are highly disturbed with little to no research or scientific potential.

11.2 CUMULATIVE IMPACTS

The cumulative impact to Aboriginal heritage in the area is limited given that:

- the net development footprint (i.e. the area of direct impact) is small and does not affect a high proportion of any particular landform present within the region;
- a comparable suite of landforms that are expected to, and do contain a similar archaeological resource occur in multiple contexts both within the local area and throughout the Hunter Valley;
- the PAD (site 38-4-1969) has been subject to long term past land uses (impacts) that have resulted in a highly disturbed landscape and as a consequence of these disturbances the representative value of the archaeological resource is lessened. Such impacts include clearing, agricultural practices, dam and tracks;

- the low-density artefact scatter identified during the test excavation has been highly disturbed and dispersed throughout the PAD (site 38-4-1969) area with no site integrity remining;
- the high-density deposits identified to date occur outside the development footprint; and
- the placement of the development within this area, in particular within the disturbed context, ensures the cumulative impacts are focused in the areas of lower potential and therefore are kept to a minimum.

Mitigation measures to minimise these impacts are outlined in the following chapter.

12 MITIGATION AND MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

Specific strategies, as outlined through the DECCW (2010b) Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in New South Wales (DECCW 2010b), the Guide to Investigating, Assessing and Reporting on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in NSW (OEH 2011), and the Due Diligence Code of Practice for the Protection of Aboriginal Objects in NSW (DECCW 2010c), are considered below for the management of the identified site within the project area.

One of the most important considerations in selecting the most suitable and appropriate strategy is the recognition that Aboriginal cultural heritage is very important to the local Aboriginal community. Decisions about the management of sites and potential archaeological deposits should be made in consultation with the appropriate local Aboriginal community.

12.1 CONSERVATION/PROTECTION

The BCD is responsible for the conservation/protection of Indigenous sites and they therefore require good reason for any impact on an indigenous site. Conservation is the first avenue and is suitable for all sites, especially those considered high archaeological significance and/or cultural significance. Conservation includes the processes of looking after an indigenous site or place so as to retain its cultural significance and are managed in a way that is consistent with the nature of peoples' attachment to them.

As site 38-4-1969 and the entire PAD are highly disturbed with no remaining site integrity, conservation/protection is not warranted.

12.2 FURTHER INVESTIGATION

An Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) is no longer required to undertake test excavations (providing the excavations are in accordance with the Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigations in NSW). Subsurface testing is appropriate when a Potential Archaeological Deposit (PAD) has been identified, and it can be demonstrated that sub-surface Aboriginal objects with potential conservation value have a high probability of being present, and that the area cannot be substantially avoided by the proposed activity. However, testing may only be undertaken as per the Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in NSW (DECCW 2011) and discussions/consultation with the local Aboriginal community.

As site 38-4-1969 and the entire PAD are highly disturbed, there is no justification for further investigations.

12.3 AHIP

If harm will occur to an Aboriginal object or Place, then an AHIP is required form the BCD. If a systematic excavation of the known site could provide benefits and information for the Aboriginal community and/or archaeological study of past Aboriginal occupation, a salvage program may be an appropriate strategy to enable the salvage of cultural objects. The AHIP may also include surface collection of artefacts.

If site 38-4-1969 will be impacted upon an AHIP will be required prior to works.

13 RECOMMENDATIONS

13.1 GENERAL

1) The persons responsible for the management of onsite works will ensure that all staff, contractors and others involved in construction and maintenance related activities are made aware of the statutory legislation protecting sites and places of significance. Of particular importance is the National Parks and Wildlife Amendment (Aboriginal Objects and Aboriginal Places) Regulation 2010, under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974;

2) Should any Aboriginal objects be uncovered during works, all work will cease in that location immediately and the Environmental Line contacted;

13.2 SITE

3) A project based AHIP that will include site 38-4-1969 will be required prior to works commencing within the PAD area.

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APPENDIX A

Aboriginal Stakeholder Consultation

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7/8/19	Letter/e-mail	4.1.2	1	RAO		Identified Aboriginal parties: MLALC
7/8/19	Letter/e-mail	4.1.2	1	NNTT		No claims
NA	Letter	4.1.2	1	BCD		No response
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NA		4.1.2	1	NTSCORP	Do not provide lists of possible stakeholders	
NA		4.1.2	1	GSLS	Do not provide lists of possible stakeholders	
19 August 2019 C.O.B. Request for groups to consult with closed						
19/8/19	Public notice	4.1.3	1	All registered Aboriginal parties (RAPs)		Public notice in Maitland Mercury and requested registration no later than 2/9/2019
Project on hold due to late response from BCD (reminder emails sent to BCD)						
5/9/19	Letter	4.1.2	1	BCD		Identified Aboriginal parties: 45
5/9/19	Letter & email	4.1.3, 4.1.4, 4.1.5, 4.2.1	1	All RAPs	those provided from sources above	Formal letter to identified RAPs. Letter requested registration of interest in the project, project outline, maps and asking for the preferred method to receive information (meeting/mail/email). Required registration by C.O.B. 20/9/19

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12/9/19	phone	4.1.7, 4.1.8	1		Scott Franks	Rang MCH asking if the project area was in their boundary. MCH responded did not know and Scat would check and register if it was.
20 September 2019 C.O.B. Registration for project closed						
26 September 2019 No Registered Aboriginal Parties						

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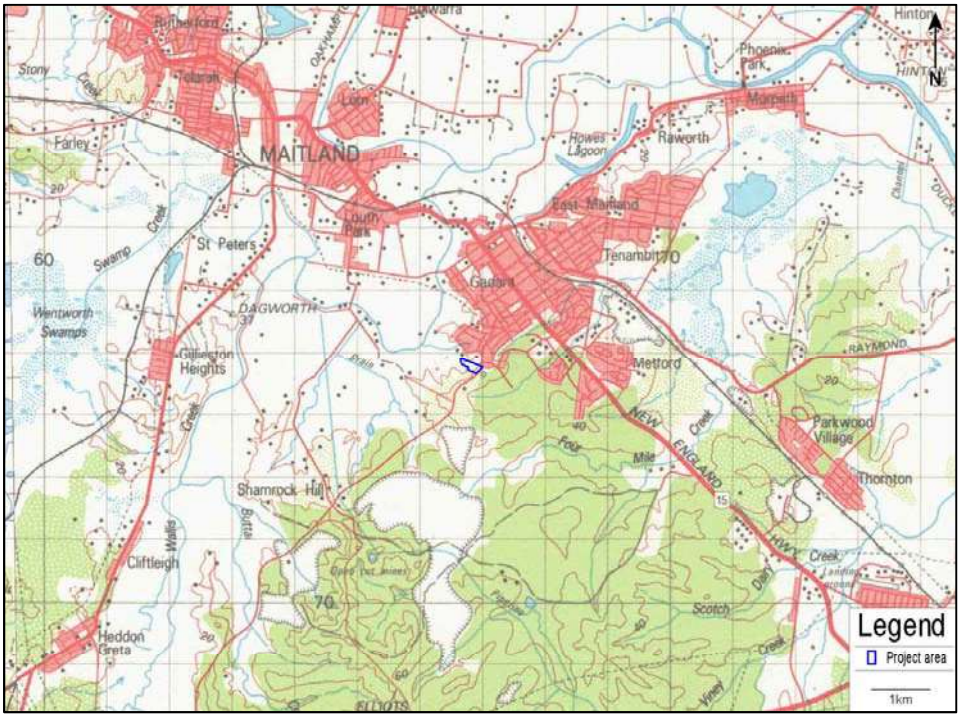

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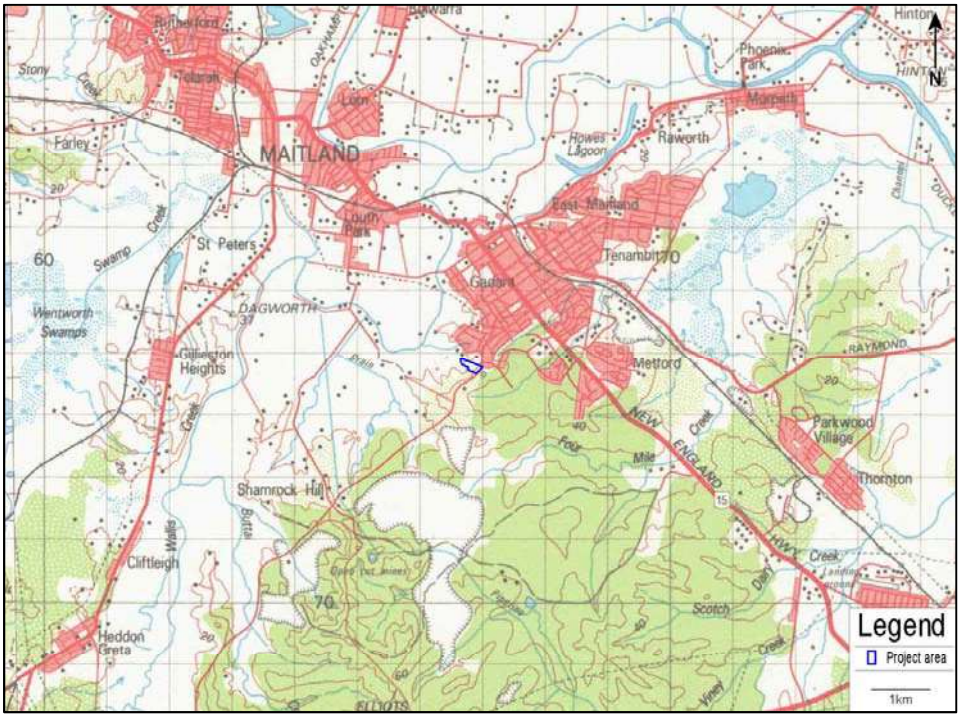

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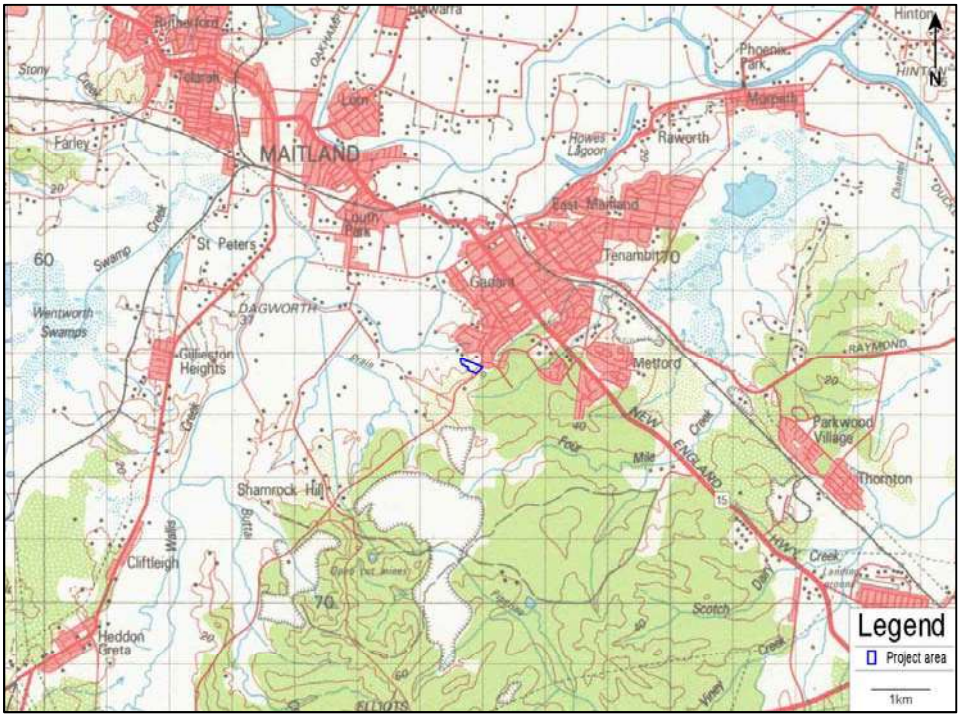

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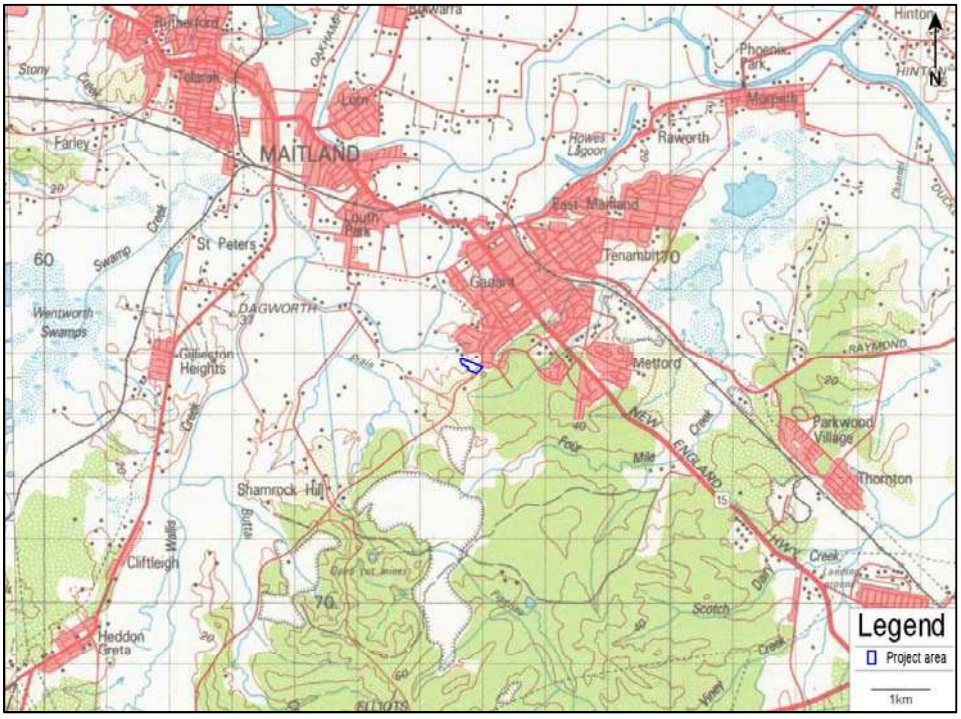

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National Native Title Tribunal

Request for Search of Tribunal Registers

Search for overlapping interests i.e.: Is there a native title claim, determination or land use agreement over this land?
Please note: the NNTT cannot search over freehold land.
For further information on freehold land: Click Here (NNTT website)

1. Your details

NAME:	Penny McCardle
POSITION:	Archaeologist
COMPANY/ORGANISATION:	McCardle Cultural Heritage Pty Ltd
POSTAL ADDRESS:	PO Box 166, Adamstown NSW 2289
TELEPHONE:	0412 702 396
EMAIL:	mcheritage@iprimus.com.au
YOUR REFERENCE:	East Maitland
DATE OF REQUEST:	5/8/2019

2. Reason for your request

Are you a party to a native title proceeding? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please provide Federal Court/Tribunal file number/or application name: _____

OR

Do you need to identify existing native title interests to comply with the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) or other State/Territory legislation? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please provide brief details of these obligations here: OEH requirements

3. Identify the area to be searched

If there is insufficient room below, please send more information on a Word or Excel document.

Mining tenure

State/Territory: NSW

Tenement ref/s: _____

OR

Crown land / non-freehold tenure

Tenure type: ☐ Lease ☐ Reserve or other Crown land

State/Territory: _____

Lot and plan details: _____

Pastoral Lease number or name: _____

Other details: (Town/County/Parish/ Section/Hundred/Portion): _____

Email completed form to: GeospatialSearch@nntt.gov.au

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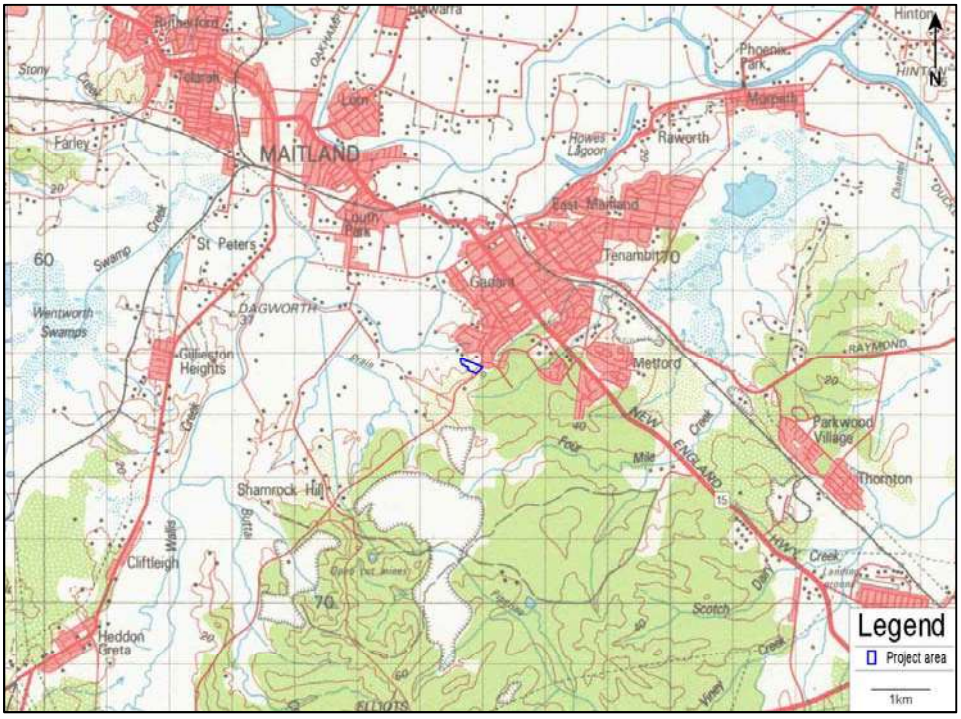

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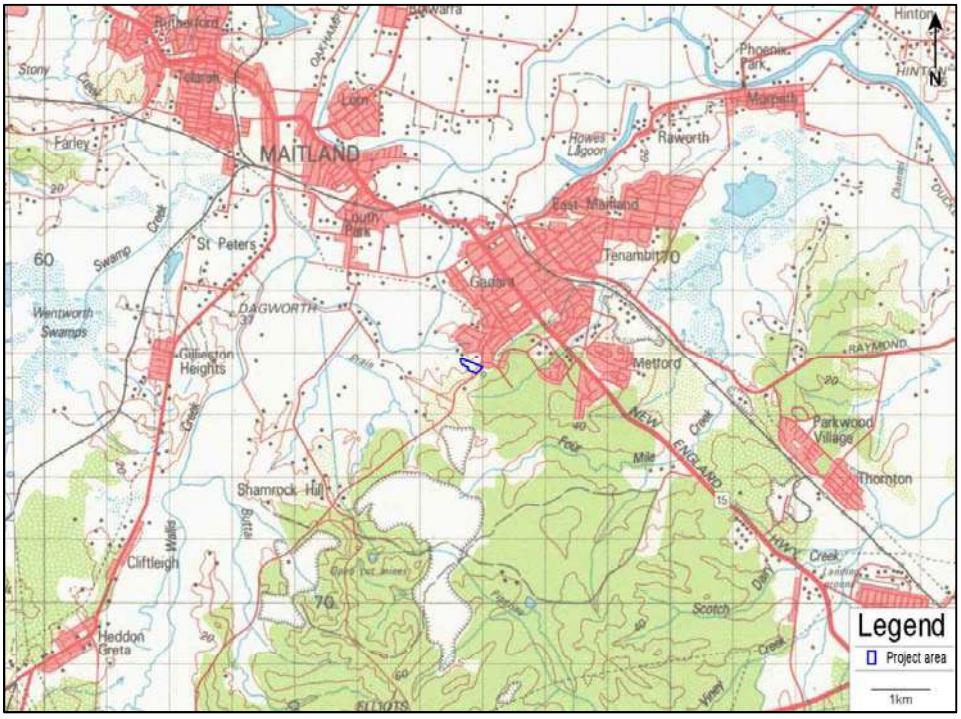

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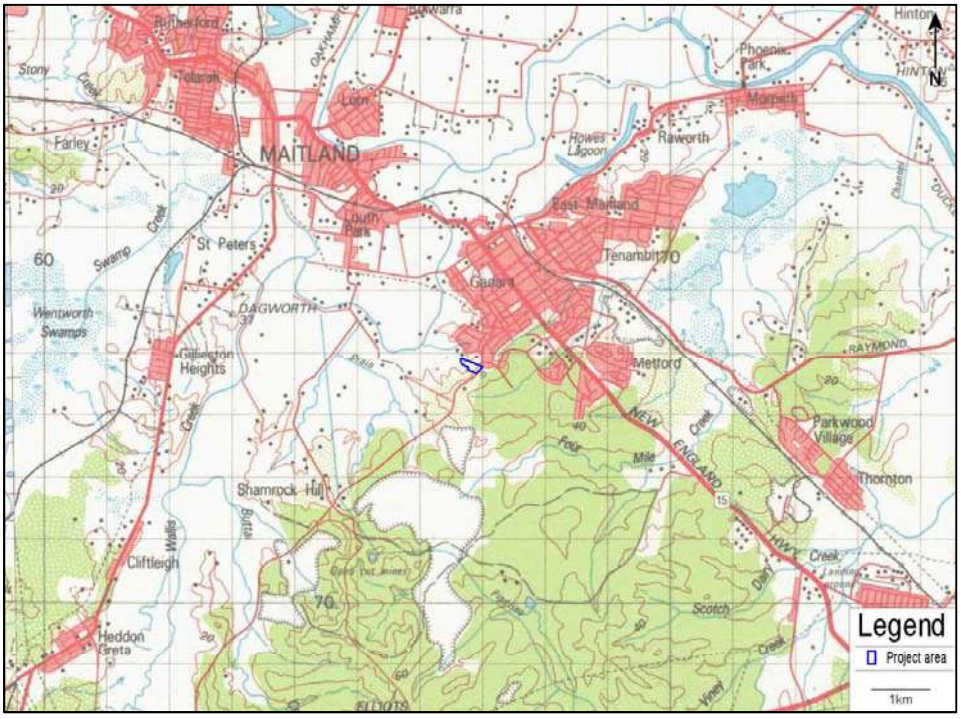

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OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR
ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS ACT 1983 (NSW)

7 August 2019

By email: mcheritage@iprimus.com.au

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Dear Dr McCardle,

Request - Search for Registered Aboriginal Owners

We refer to your email dated 2 August 2019 ("Email") regarding an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment for the proposed rezoning of Part Lot 141 DP 1125076, East Maitland, NSW as identified in the Email.

Under Section 170 of the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983* the Office of the Registrar is required to maintain the Register of Aboriginal Owners (RAO). A search of the RAO has shown that there are not currently any Registered Aboriginal Owners in the project area.

We suggest you contact Mindaribba Local Aboriginal Land Council on 02 4934 8511 as they may be able to assist you in identifying Aboriginal stakeholders who wish to participate.

Yours sincerely

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Elizabeth Loane
Project Officer, Aboriginal Owners
Office of the Registrar, ALRA

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Post: P.O Box 5068, PARRAMATTA NSW 2124
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Penny McCardle

From: Geospatial Search Requests <GeospatialSearch@NNTT.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 7 August 2019 3:54 PM
To: 'mcheritage@iprimus.com.au'
Subject: RE: SR6148 - Archaeological assessment: list of groups - SR6148

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Native title search – *Part Lot 141 on DP1125076*
Your ref: *East Maitland* - **Our ref:** *SR6148*

Dear Penny McCardle,

Thank you for your search request received on 05 August 2019 in relation the above area, please find your results below.

Please note: The following parcel listed in your correspondence was not found on the National Native Title Tribunal's records as 07 August 2019 : Part *Lot 141 on DP1225076.* To enable us to complete the search appropriately and adequately please provide us with additional details e.g. **DETAILED** map, plan or shape file.

Cultural Heritage Searches in NSW
The National Native Title Tribunal (the Tribunal) has undertaken steps to remove itself from the formal list of sources for information about indigenous groups in development areas. The existence or otherwise of native title is quite separate to any matters relating to Aboriginal cultural heritage. Information on native title claims, native title determinations and Indigenous Land Use Agreements is available on the Tribunal's website.

Interested parties are invited to use Native Title Vision (NTV) the Tribunal's online mapping system to discover native title matters in their area of interest. Access to NTV is available at
http://www.nntt.gov.au/assistance/Geospatial/Pages/NTV.aspx
Training and self-help documents are available on the NTV web page under "Training and help documents". For additional assistance or general advice on NTV please contact GeospatialSearch@NNTT.gov.au

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Should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us on the free call number 1800 640 501.

Regards

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Dear Dr McCardle

62 Mount Vincent Road East Maitland – Lot 141 DP 1225076 – Aboriginal Stakeholder List – Maitland City Council LGA

In response to your request under Section 4.1.2(a) of the Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents (DECCW 2010), please find attached a list of known Aboriginal parties that have self-nominated for Maitland City Council Local Government Area (LGA). Please note the following information with respect to Aboriginal consultation for your project.

Aboriginal stakeholder lists maintained by BCD are comprised of self-nominated individuals and organisations

Please note that the attached list is comprised only of self-nominated individuals and Aboriginal organisations who could have an interest in your project. The list is not vetted by the Biodiversity and Conservation Division (BCD) (formerly Office of Environment and Heritage) of the Department of Planning Industry and Environment (the Department). As the list comprises only of self-nominated individuals and Aboriginal organisations, it is not necessarily an exhaustive list of all Aboriginal parties who may hold an interest in the project. Further consultation in accordance with step 4.1.2 of the Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents (DECCW 2010) is required to identify Aboriginal people who may hold either cultural or historical knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal objects or places within your proposed project area.

Aboriginal stakeholder lists may cover multiple Local Aboriginal Land Council boundaries

Please note that the attached list may contain two or more Local Aboriginal Land Councils (LALCs) that occur in the LGA. Please review the boundary of your specific project area and ensure you consult with all LALC(s) that overlap with your project area. BCD does not require you to contact any LALCs on the attached list that you determine are wholly located outside your project area.

Ensure you document the consultation process

Please ensure all consultation undertaken in accordance with the Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents (DECCW 2010) is documented within an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR). This must include copies of all correspondence sent to or received from all Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) throughout the entire consultation process. Omission of these records in the final ACHAR may cause delays in the assessment of an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) application or a major project Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment, and could require parts of the consultation process to be repeated if the evidence provided to BCD does not demonstrate that the consultation process has been conducted in accordance with our consultation requirements.

Demonstrate that reasonable consultation attempts have been made

Please ensure you provide evidence to demonstrate that reasonable attempts have been made to contact the relevant parties identified through step 4.1.2 of the Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents (DECCW 2010). If this evidence is not provided, BCD may deem that the consultation process has not complied with the consultation requirements. Similarly, the proponent is required to record all feedback received from RAPs, along with the proponent's response to the feedback. Where concerns or contentious issues are raised by RAPs during the consultation process, BCD expects that reasonable attempts are made to address and resolve these matters, however BCD acknowledges that in some cases, this may not be achievable. In the case where conflict cannot be resolved, it is the responsibility of the proponent to record these differences and provide the necessary information in their ACHAR with their AHIP application or major project ACHAR.

Consultation should not be confused with employment

As outlined in Section 3.4 of the Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents (DECCW 2010), the consultation process involves getting the views of, and information from, Aboriginal people and reporting on these. It is not to be confused with other field assessment processes involved in preparing a proposal and an application. BCD does not have any role with respect to commercial engagement. Where RAPs are engaged commercially to provide field services as part of an assessment process, that is a matter for the proponent to manage as they see fit. However, if a proponent is proposing to undertake consultation processes or elicit cultural information from RAPs during the course of conducting a field survey, BCD considers this to form part of the consultation process, and expects that all RAPs would be afforded the opportunity to be involved in the process.

Contacting our office

To ensure we can respond to enquiries promptly, please direct future correspondence to our central mailbox: rog.hcc@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

6 September 2019

STEVEN COX

Senior Team Leader Planning
Hunter Central Coast Branch
Biodiversity and Conservation Division

Enclosure: Attachment A

Attachment A

Hunter Central Coast Branch - Aboriginal Stakeholder List for Maitland City Council LGA

Organisation	First name	Surname	Address 1	City	State	Post code	Landline	Mobile	Email
A1 Indigenous Services	Carolyn	Hickey	10 Marie Pitt Place	GLENMORE PARK	NSW	2745		0411 650 057	Cazadirect@live.com
AGA Services	Ashley, Gregory & Adam	Sampson	22 Ibis Parade	WOODBERRY	NSW	2322	Donna Sampson 0403 765 018	Ashley Sampson 0401 958 050	aga.services@hotmail.com
Aliera French Trading	Aliera	French	17 Kalinda St	BLACKSMITHS	NSW	2281		0421 299 963	alierafrenchtrading@outlook.com
Arwarbukarl Cultural Resource Association, Miromaa Aboriginal Language and Technology Centre	Darren	McKenny	840 Hunter St	NEWCASTLE WEST	NSW	2302	02 4940 9100		contact@acra.org.au
Awabakal & Guringai Pty Ltd	Tracey Howie	& Kerrie Brauer	PO Box 4061	WYONGAH	NSW	2259	Tracey Howie 0404 182 049	Kerrie Brauer 0412 866 357	traceyhowie@icloud.com, kerrie@awabakal.com.au
Awabakal Descendants Traditional Owners	Peter	Leven	PO Box 137	BUDGEWOI	NSW	2262		0405 149 684	awabakal.to@gmail.com
Awabakal Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation	Kerrie	Brauer	PO Box 122	RUTHERFORD	NSW	2320	-	0412 866 357	Kerrie@awabakal.com.au
Cacatua Culture Consultants	Donna & George	Sampson	22 Ibis Parade	WOODBERRY	NSW	2322		0403 765 019 - 0434 877 016	cacatua4service@tpg.com.au
Corroboree Aboriginal Corporation	Carroll-Johnson	Marilyn	PO Box 3340	ROUSE HILL	NSW	2155	0288 244 324	0415 911 159	corroboreecorp@bigpond.com
Crimson-Rosie	Jeffery	Matthews	6 Eucalypt Avenue	MUSWELLBROOK	NSW	2333	02 6543 4791		
Culturally Aware	Tracey	Skene	7 Crawford Place	MILFIELD	NSW	2325		0474 106 537	traceyamorrung-pa.com.au
D F T V Enterprises	Derrick	Vale Snr	5 Mountbatten Close	RUTHERFORD	NSW	2320		0438 812 197	deckavale@hotmail.com
Deslee Talbott Consultants	Deslee	Matthews	Unit 2 / 19 South Street	GUNNEDAH	NSW	2380		0431 205 336	m-desley@hotmail.com
Didge Ngunawal Clan	Paul Boyd	& Lilly Carroll	7 Siskin St	QUAKERS HILL	NSW	2763		0426 823 944	didgengunawalclan@yahoo.com.au
Divine Diggers Aboriginal Cultural Consultants	Deidre	Perkins	6 Ashleigh Street	HEDDON GRETA	NSW	2321	02 4937 4573	0425 654 290 (preferred)	dedemaree3@hotmail.com
Gidawaa Walang & Barkuma Neighbourhood Centre Inc.	Craig Horne	Debbie Dacey-Sullivan	76 Lang Street	KURRI KURRI	NSW	2327	02 4937 1094	Craig 0432 336 163	gidawaa.walang@hotmail.com
Hunter Traditional Owner	Paulette	Ryan	165 Susan Street	SCONE	NSW	2337		0431 109 001	hto.paulette@gmail.com

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Hunter Valley Cultural Surveying	Luke	Hickey	165 Susan Street	SCONE	NSW	2337		0435 911 820	Microlith99@gmail.com
Hunters & Collectors	Tania	Matthews	U211 Walowa St	NARRABRI	NSW	2390		0409 193 612	Tamatthews10@hotmail.com
Indigenous Learning	Craig	Archibald	2 Victoria Street	BELLBIRD HEIGHTS	NSW	2325	0455 550 549	0467 229 507	indiglearning@gmail.com
Jarban & Mugrebea	Les	Atkinson	11 Nelson Street	CESSNOCK	NSW	2325		0466 316 069	Les.atkinson@hotmail.com
Jumbunna Traffic Management Group Pty Ltd	Norm	Archibald	17 Flobern Ave	WAUCHOPE	NSW	2446		0413 718 149	jtmanagement@live.com.au
Kauma Pondee Inc.	Jill	Green	Unit 6/1 Central Street	LAMBTON	NSW	2305		0434 210 190	kaumapondee@live.com.au
Kawul Cultural Services	Vicky	Slater	33 Gardner Circuit	SINGLETON	NSW	2330		0421 077 521	Vicki.slater@hotmail.com
Kawul Pty Ltd trading as Wonn1 Sites	Arthur	Fletcher	619 Main Road	GLENDALE	NSW	2285	02 4954 7751	0402 146 193	Wonn1sites@gmail.com
Lower Hunter Aboriginal Incorporated	David	Ahoy	5 Killara Drive	CARDIFF SOUTH	NSW	2285		0421 329 520	lowerhunterai@gmail.com
Lower Hunter Wonnarua Cultural Services	Lea-Anne Ball and Uncle Tommy Miller		51 Bowden Street	HEDDON GRETA	NSW	2321	02 4937 2694	0402 636 521	tn.miller@southernphone.com.au
Lower Wonnaruah Tribal Consultancy Pty Ltd	Barry	Anderson	156 The Inlet Road	BULGA	NSW	2330	02 6574 5303	0417 403 153	
Mayaroo	Tracey	White	PO Box 168	KURRI KURRI	NSW	2327		0438 909 797	rara02@bigpond.com
Mindaribba Local Aboriginal Land Council	CEO		1A Chelmsford Drive	METFORD	NSW	2323	02 4934 8511		ceo@mindaribbalalc.org
Murra Bidgee Mullangari Aboriginal Corporation	Ryan Johnson	& Darleen Johnson-Carroll	PO Box 246	SEVEN HILLS	NSW	2147		0497 983 332	murrabidgeemullangari@yahoo.com.au
Myland Cultural & Heritage Group	Warren	Schillings	30 Taurus Street	ELERMORE VALE	NSW	2287		0431 392 554	warren@yarnteen.com.au
Roger Matthews Consultancy	Roger	Matthews	105 View Street	GUNNEDAH	NSW	2380		0455 671 288	
Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation	Alan	Paget	PO Box 3095	SINGLETON	NSW	2330	02 6571 5111		admin@ungooroo.com.au
Wallagan Cultural Services	Maree	Waugh	PO Box 40	CESSNOCK	NSW	2325		0439 813 078	Mareewaugh30@hotmail.com
Wattaka Wonnarua CC Service	Des	Hickey	4 Kennedy Street	SINGLETON	NSW	2330	02 6573 3786	0432 977 178	deshickey@bigpond.com
Widescope Indigenous Group	Steven	Hickey	73 Russell Street	EMU PLAINS	NSW	2750		0425 230 693 0425 232 056	Widescope.group@live.com
Wonnarua Culture Heritage	Gordon	Griffiths	19 O'Donnell Crescent	METFORD	NSW	2323	02 4934 6437	0401 028 807	
Wonnarua Elders Council	Richard	Edwards	PO Box 844	CESSNOCK	NSW	2325			
Wonnarua Nation Aboriginal Corporation	Laurie	Perry	254 John St	SINGLETON	NSW	2330	02 6571 5419	0412 593 020	l.perry@optusnet.com.au

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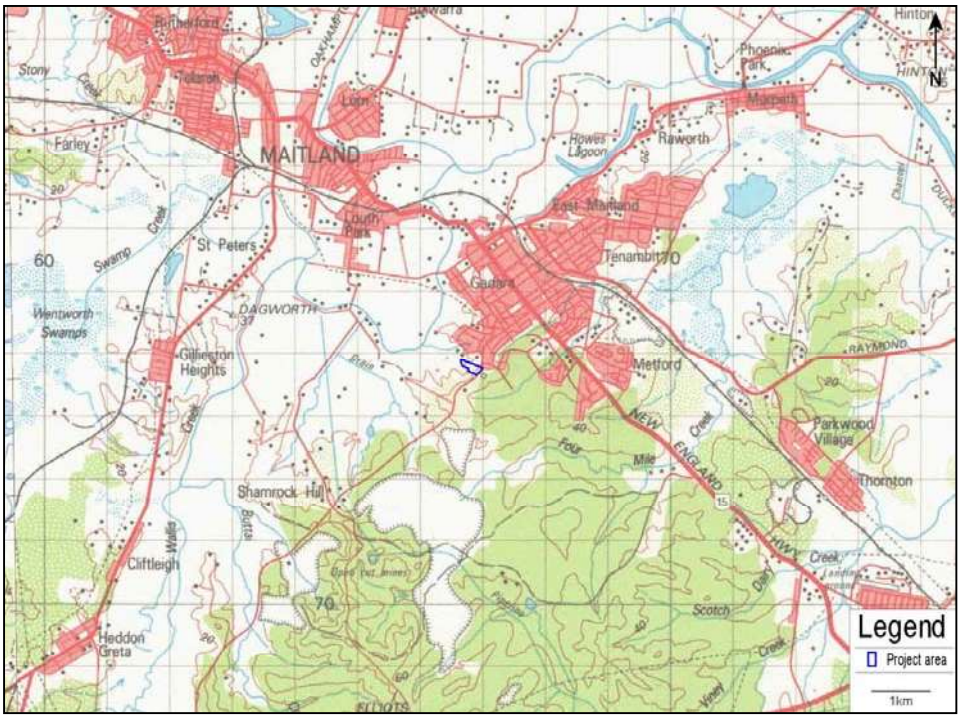

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The project area lies within Wonnarua traditional lands.

Company Name):_____

Contact:_____

Postal address:_____

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Mobile No:_____

E-Mail:_____

Date:_____

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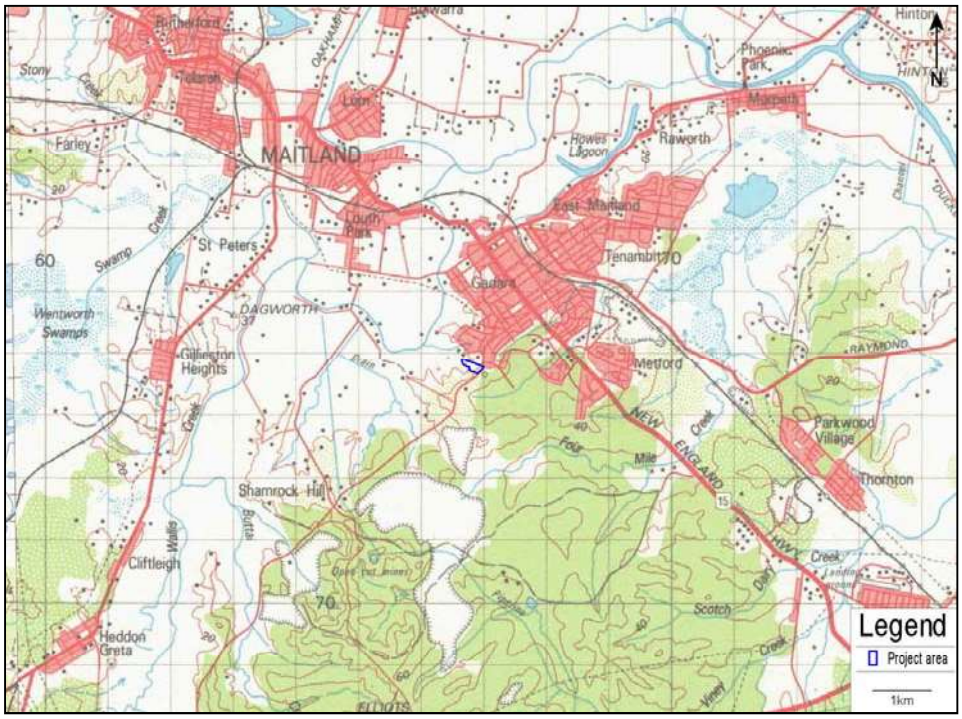

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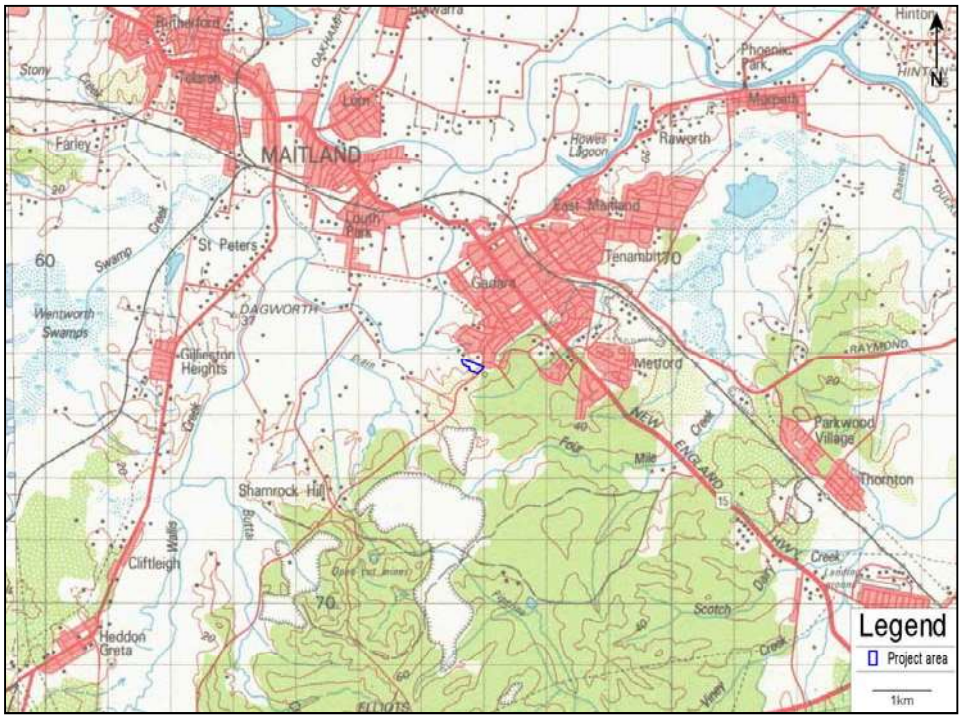

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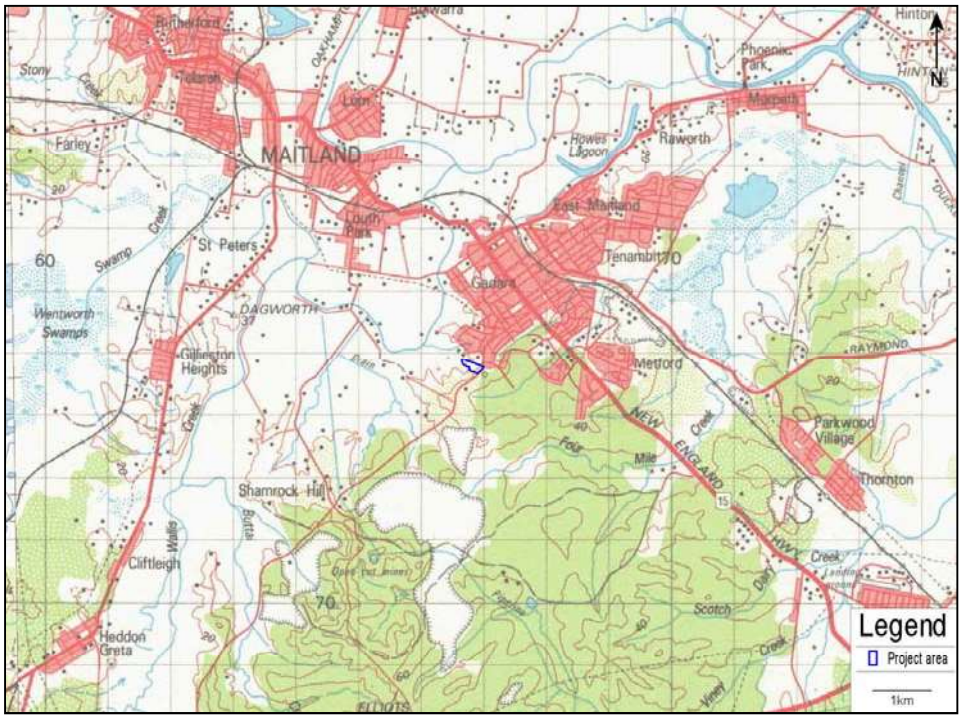

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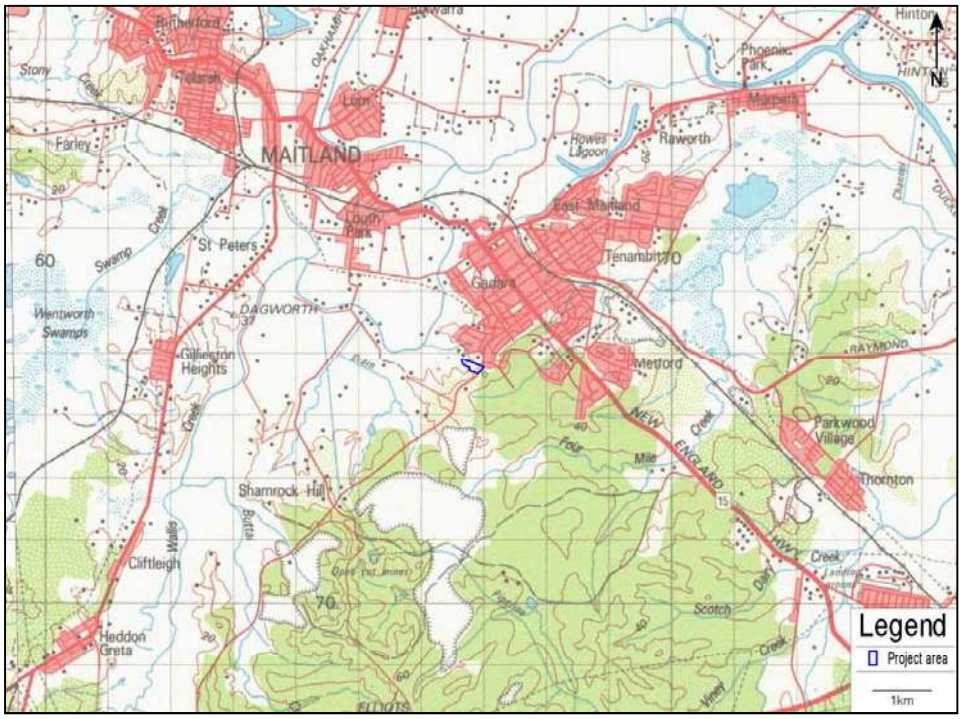

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Awabakal Descendants Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation
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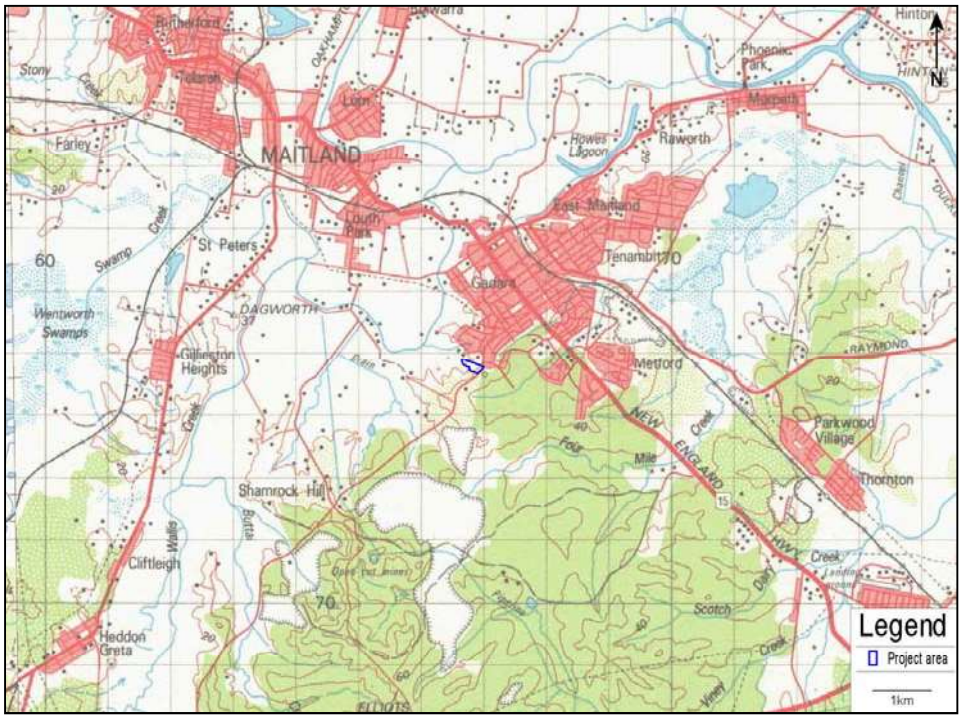

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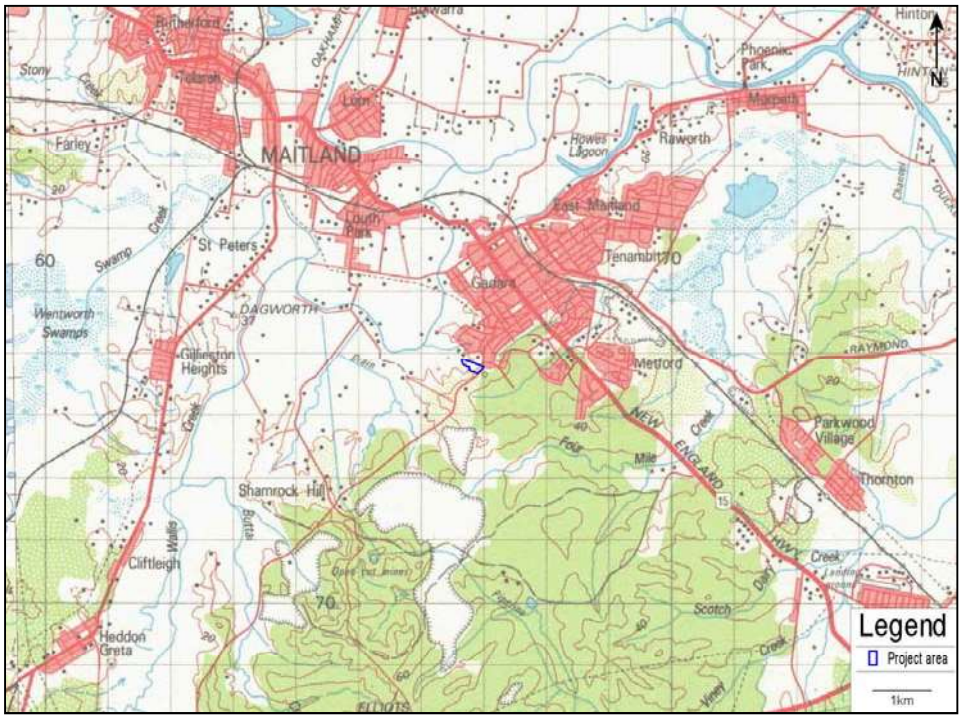

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Awabakal Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation
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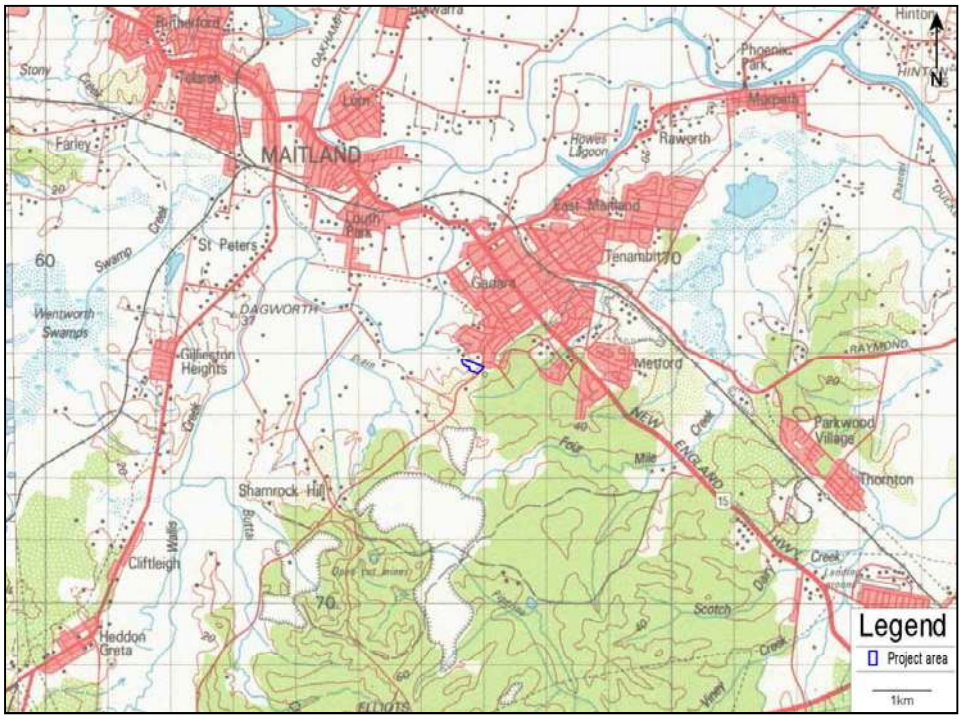

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Black Creek Aboriginal Corporation
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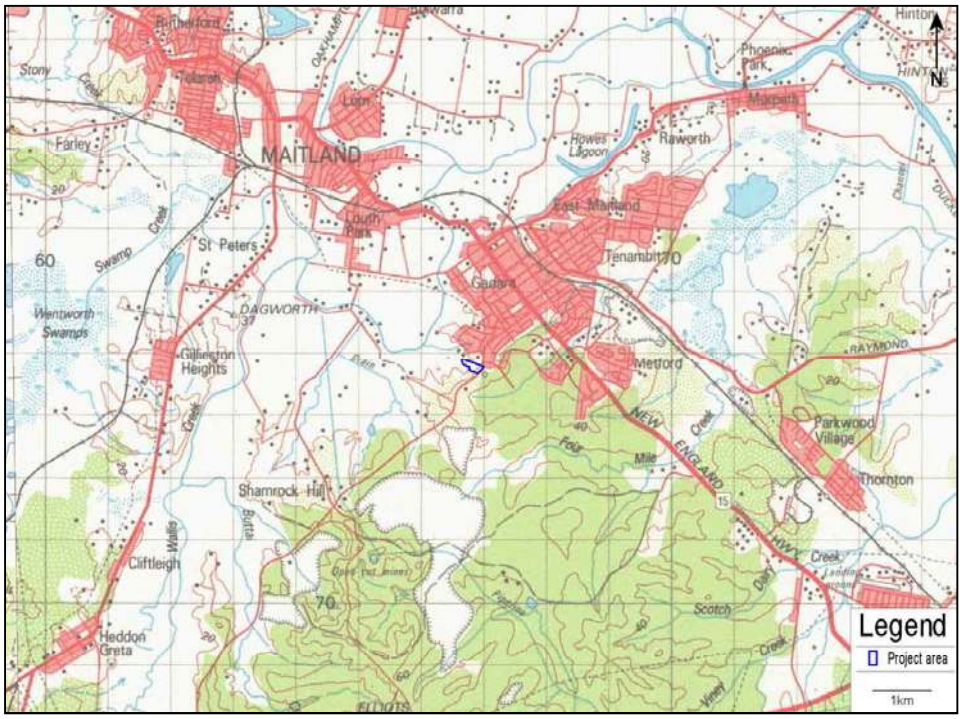

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Bullen Bullen
Lloyd Matthews
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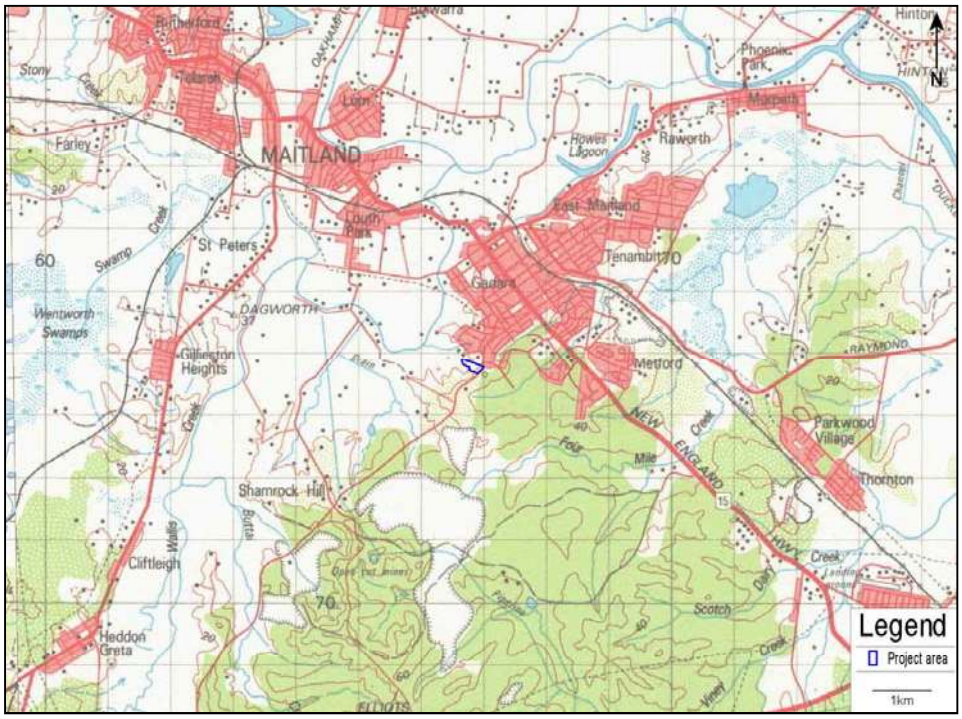

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Cacutua Cultural Consultants
George Sampson
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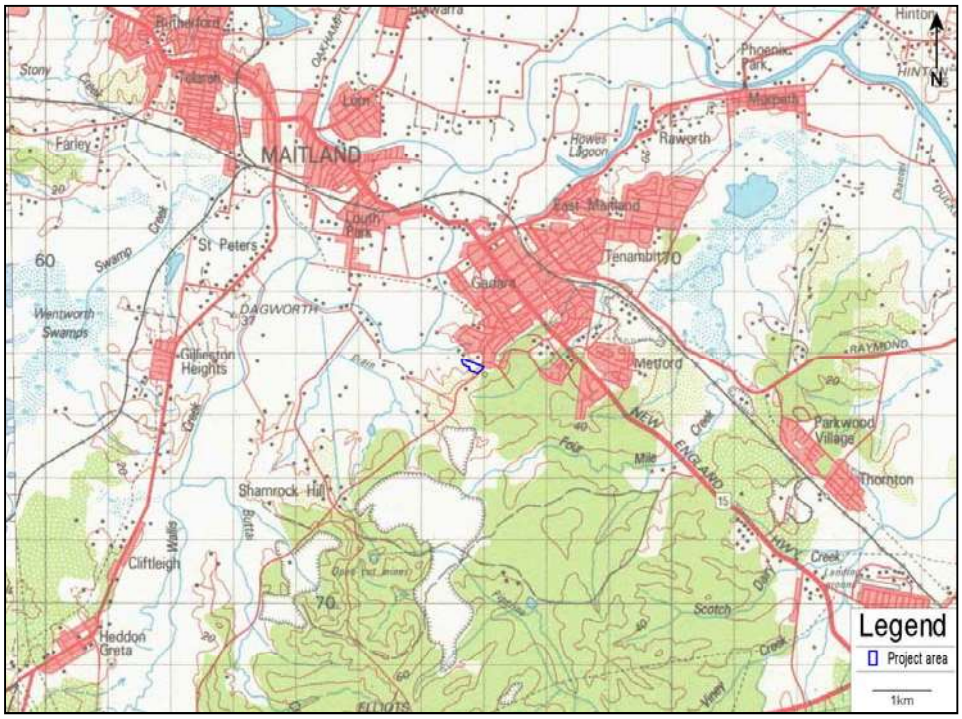

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Carrawonga Consultants
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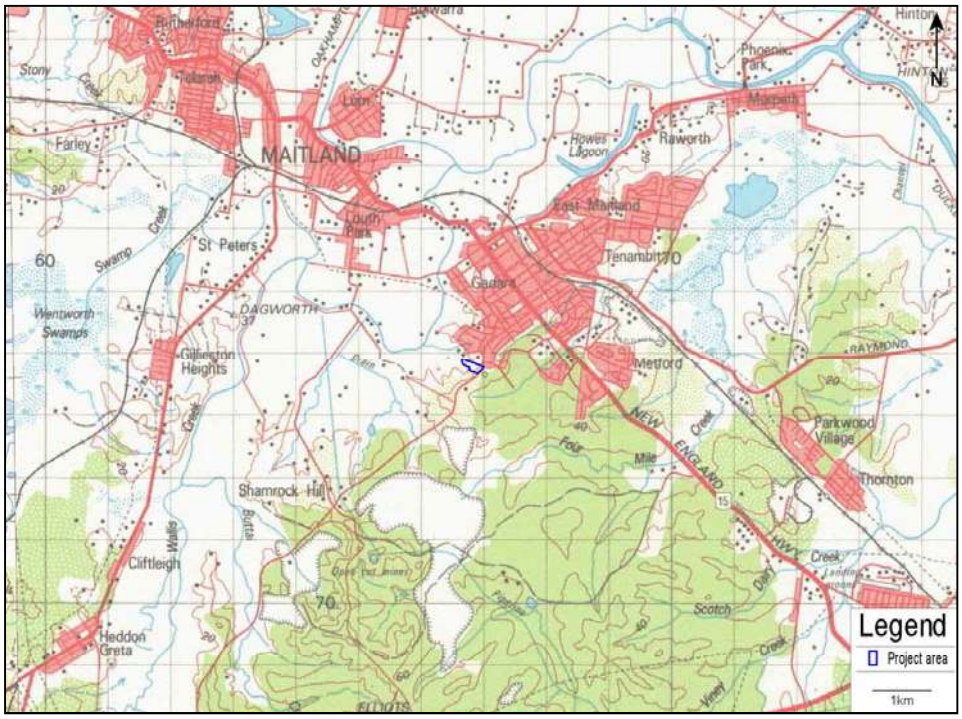

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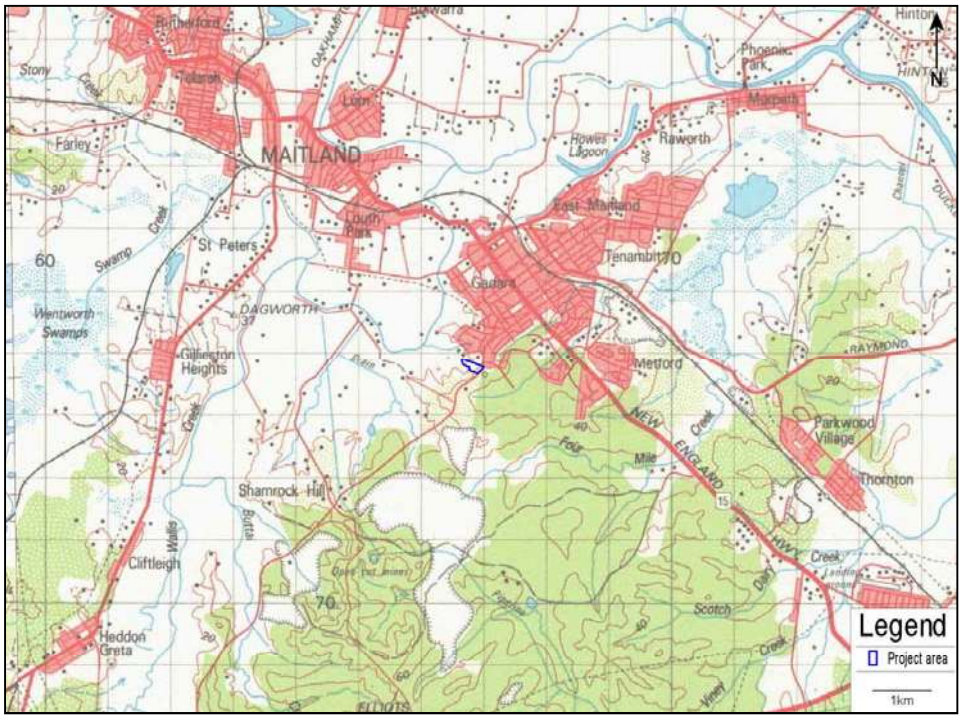

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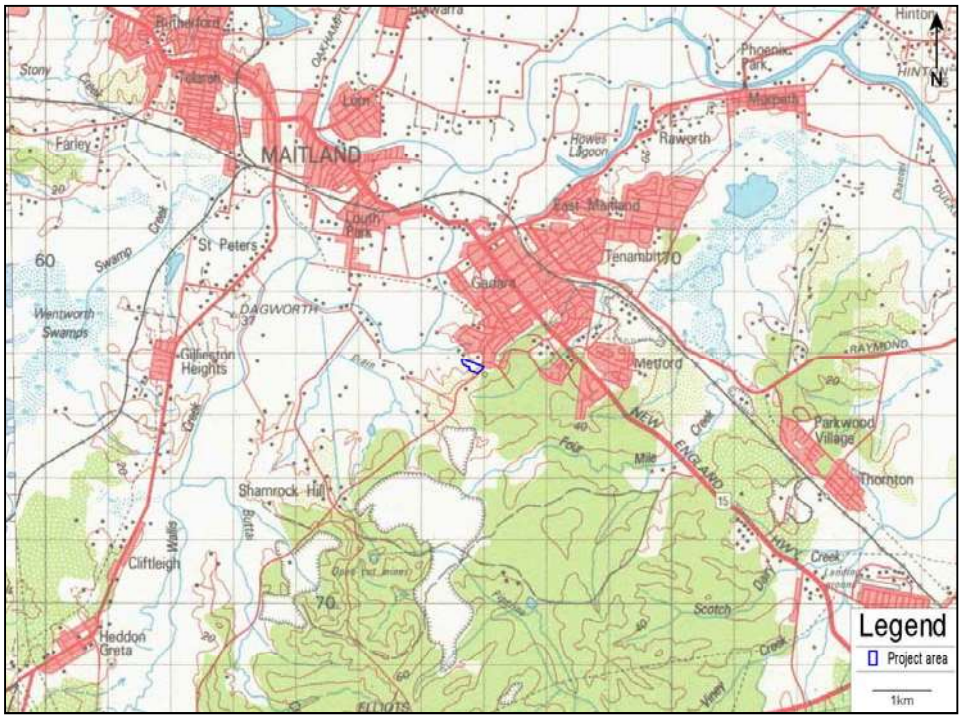

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Delsee Matthews
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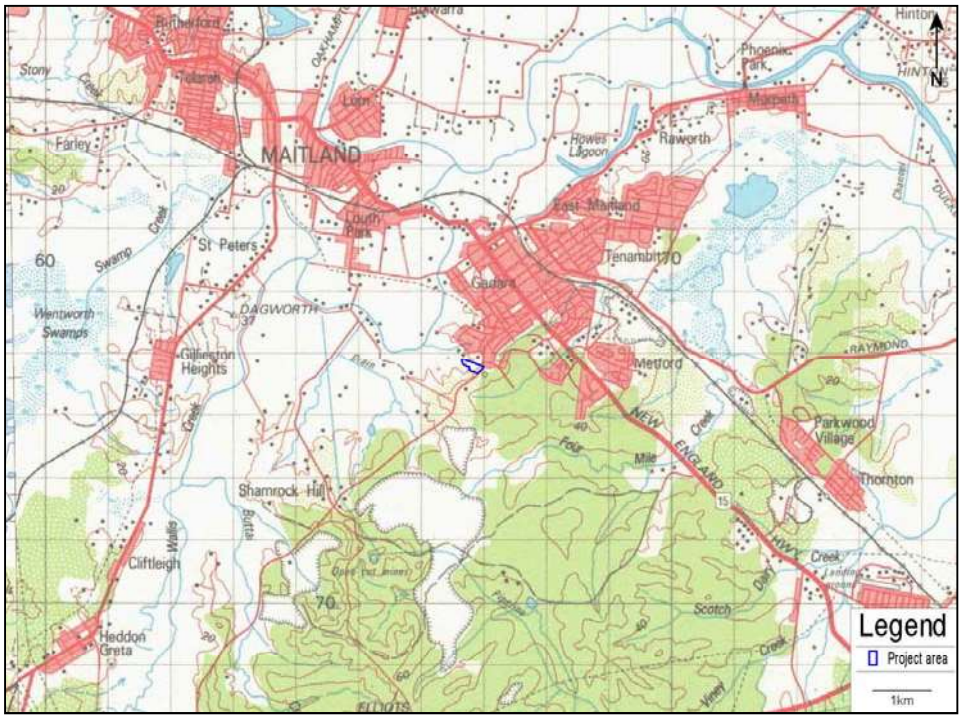

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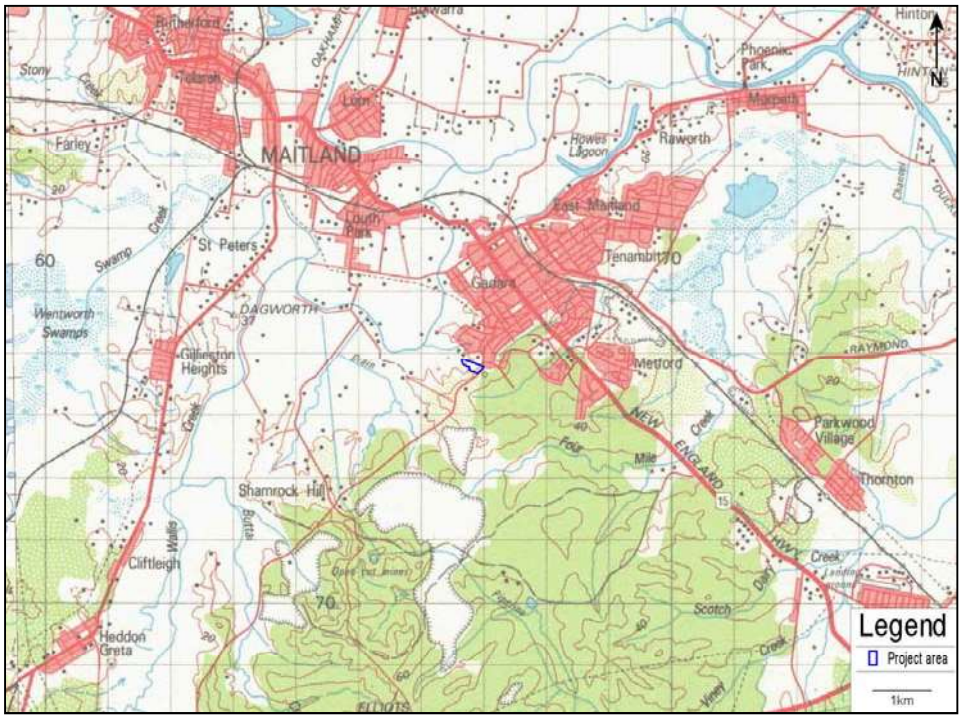

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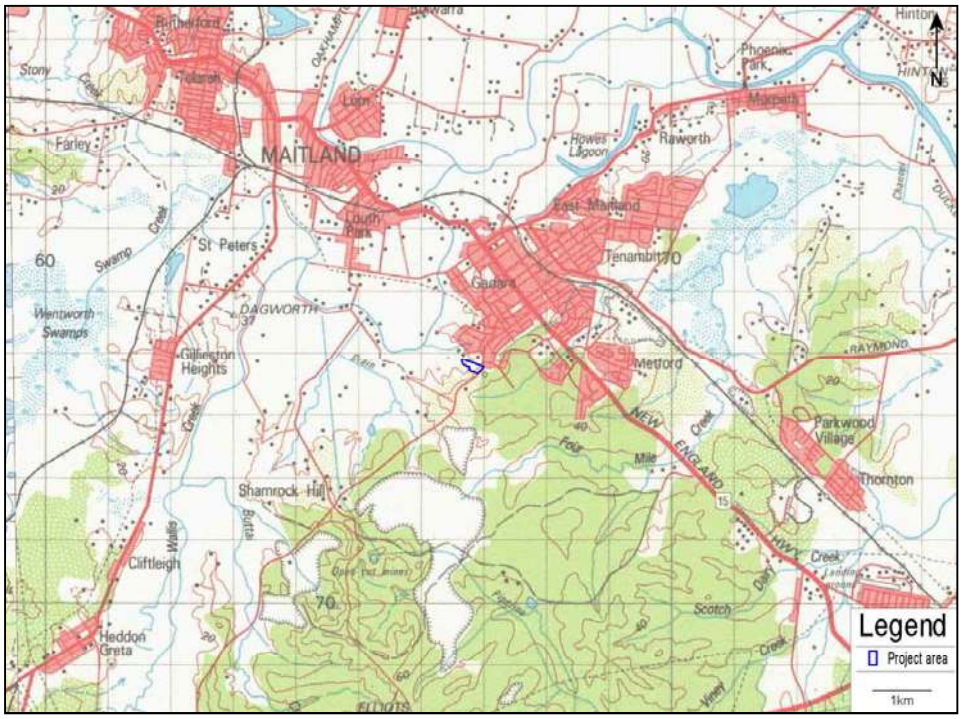

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Didge Ngunawal Clan
Paul Boyd & Lilly Carroll
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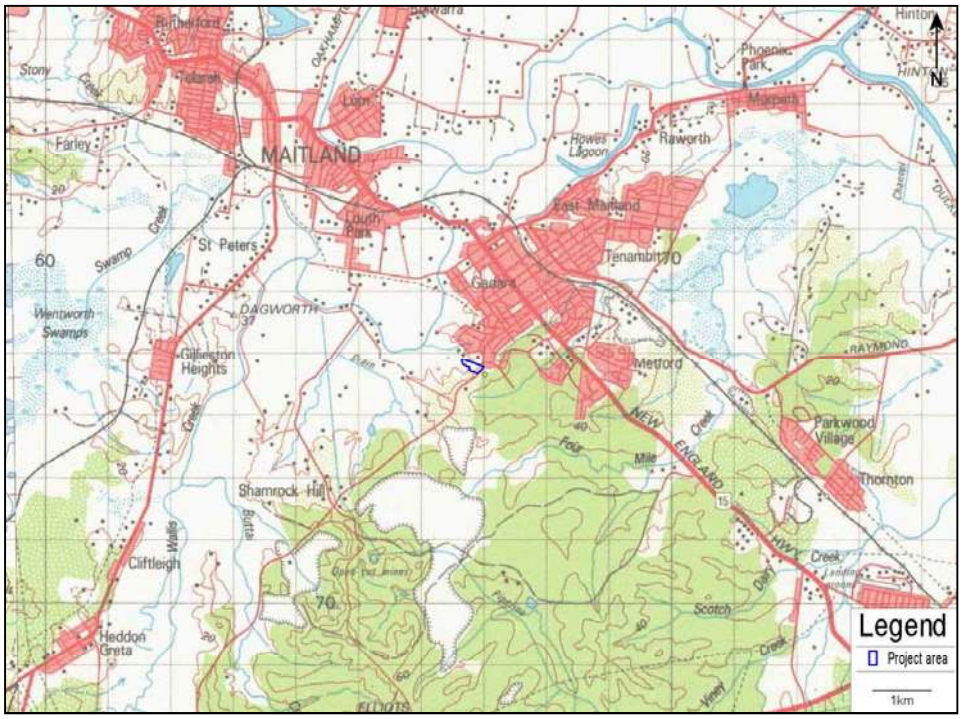

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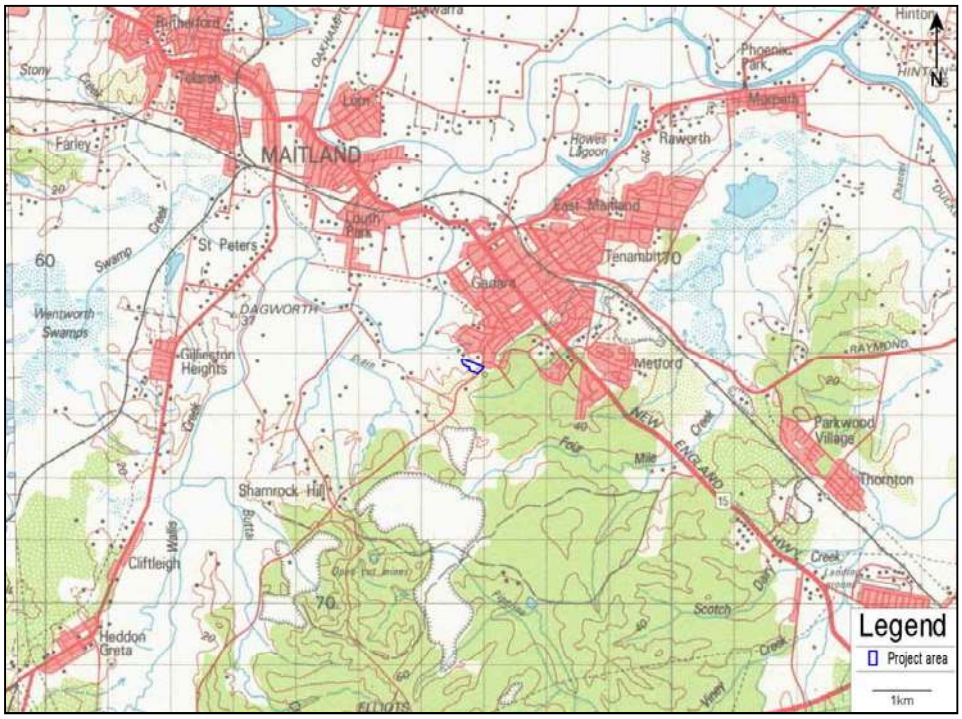

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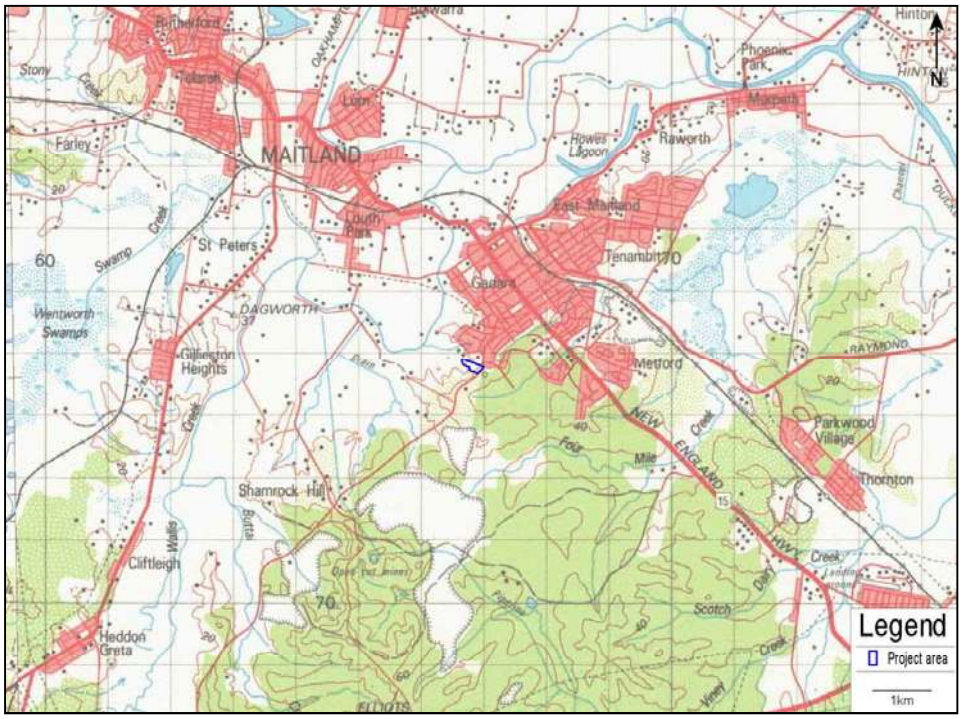

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DRM Cultural Management
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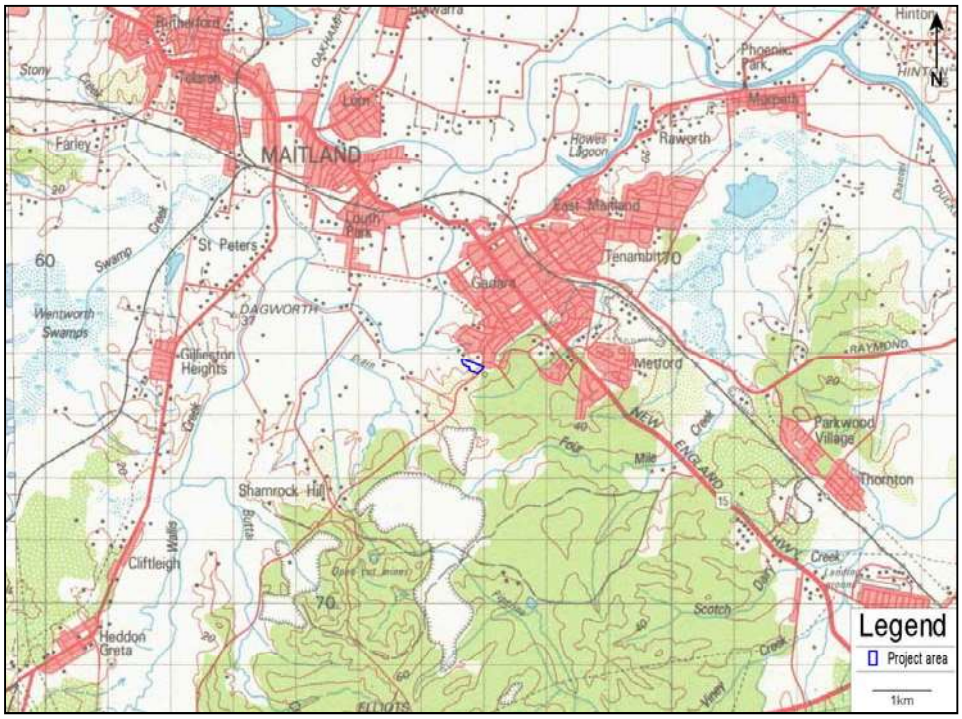

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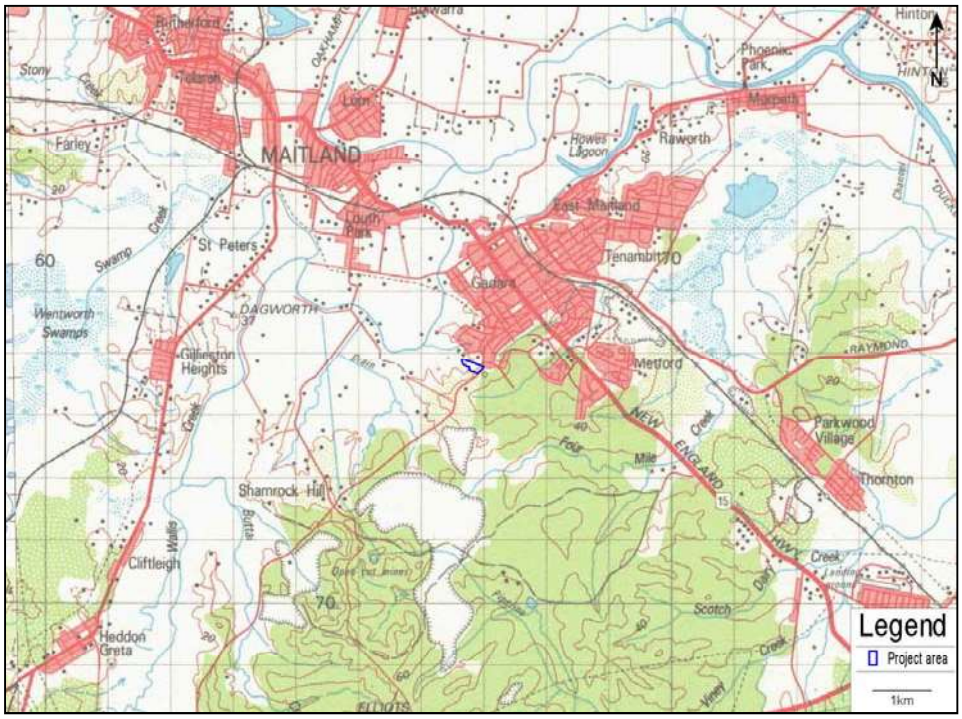

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Gidawaa Walang & Barkuma Neighbourhood Centre Inc.
Ann Hickey & Debbie Dacey-Sullivan
76 Lanf Street
Kurri Kurri NSW 2327

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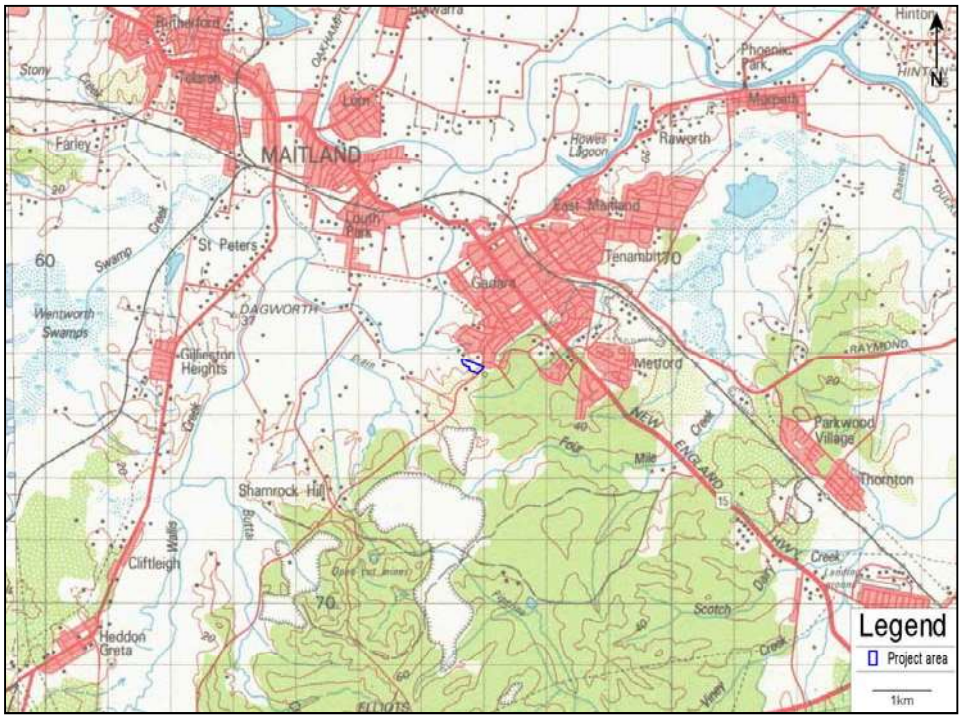

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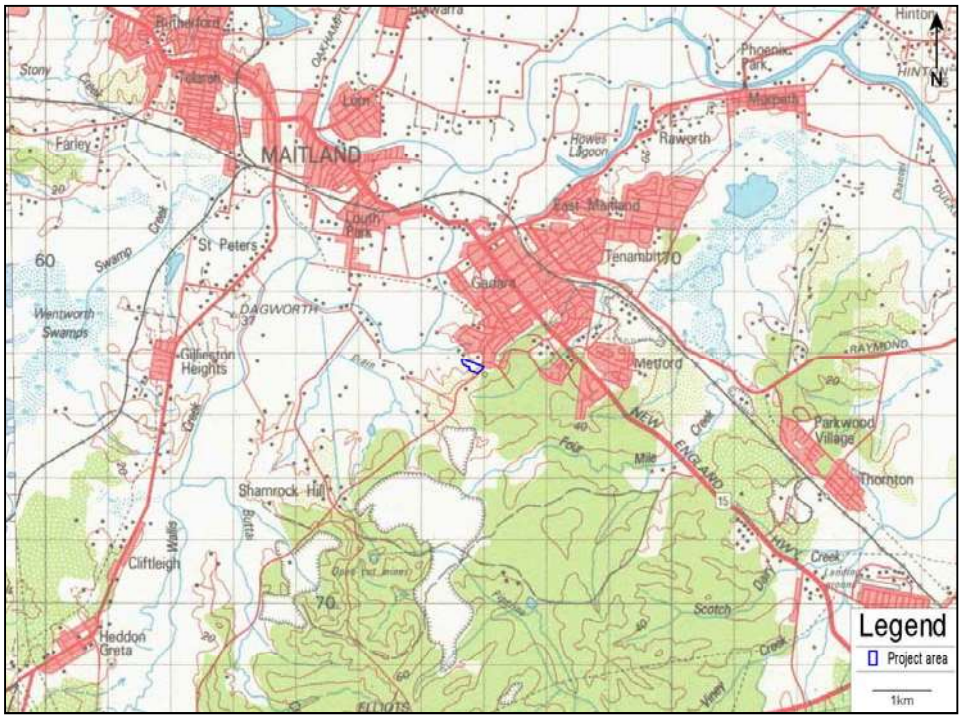

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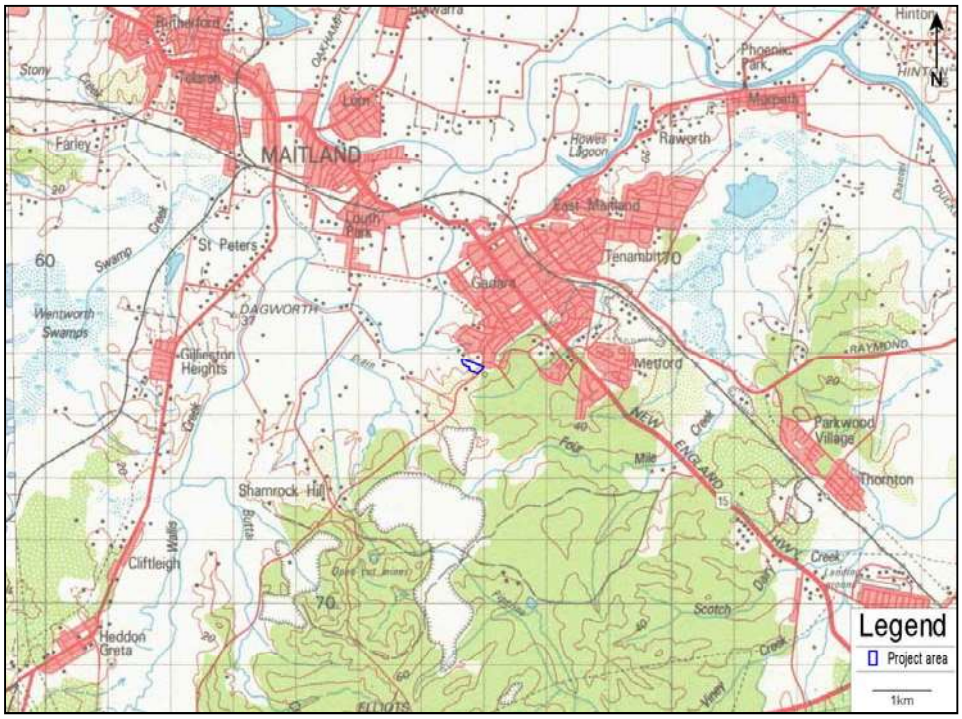

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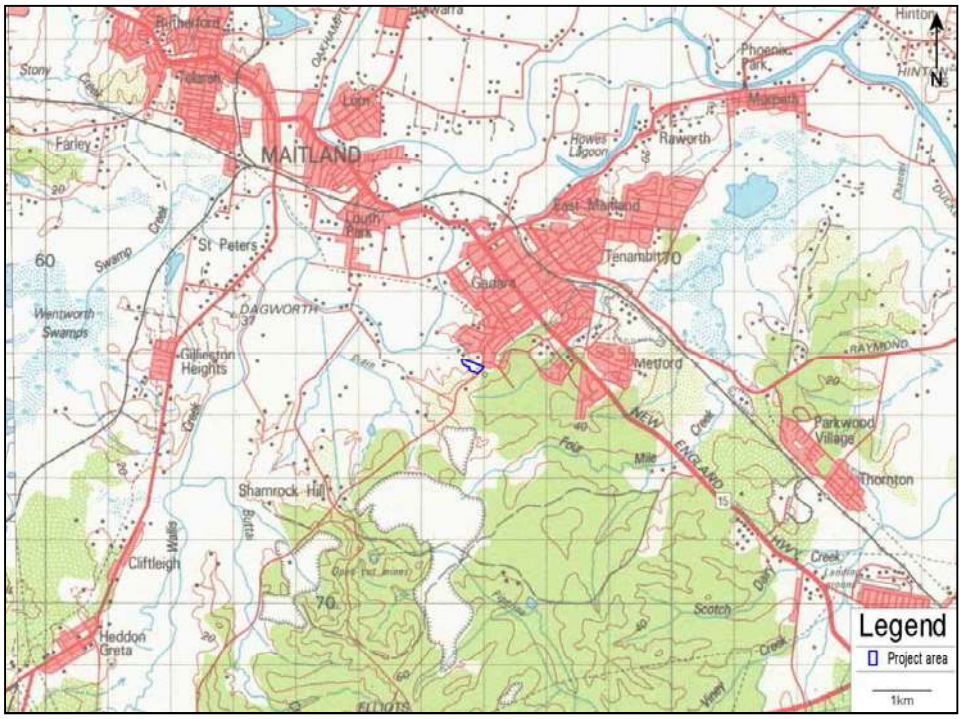

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Guringal Tribal Link Aboriginal Corp.
Tracey Howie
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Wyongah NSW 2259

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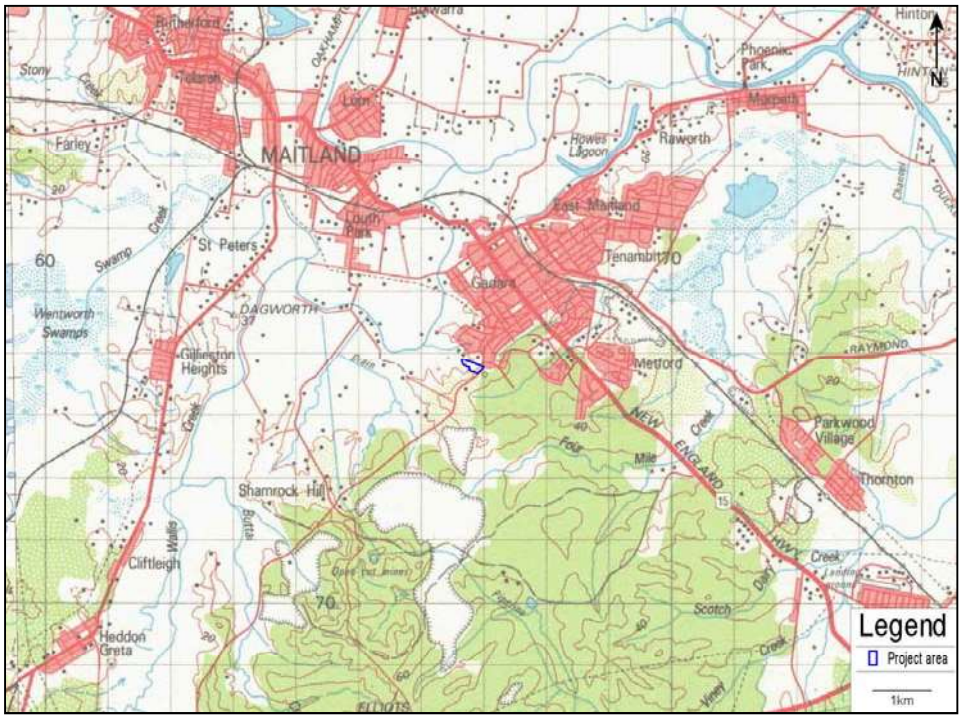

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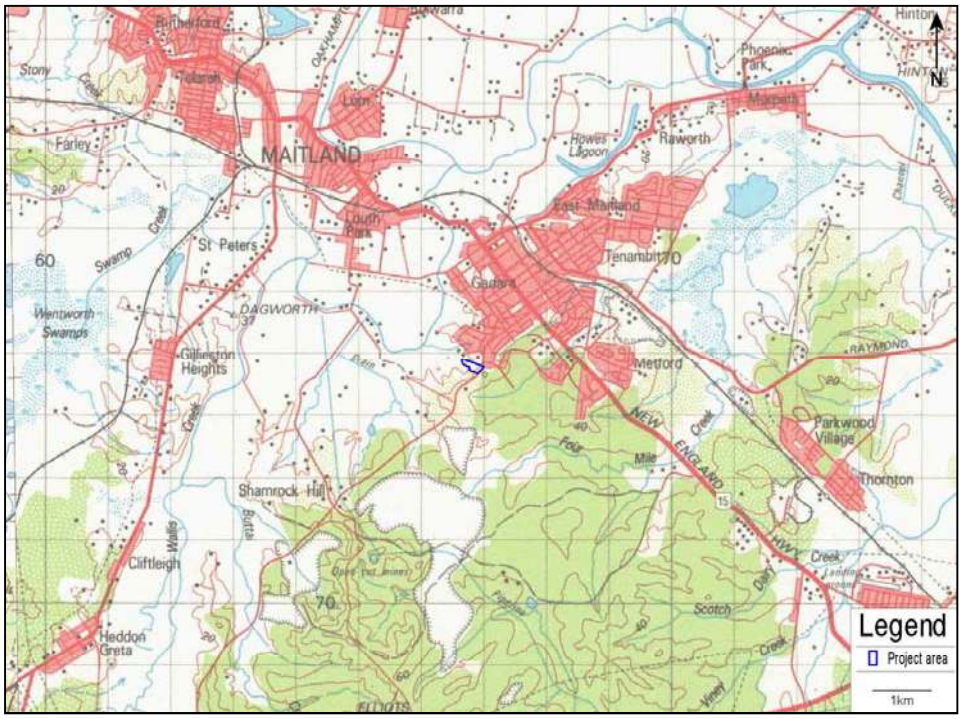

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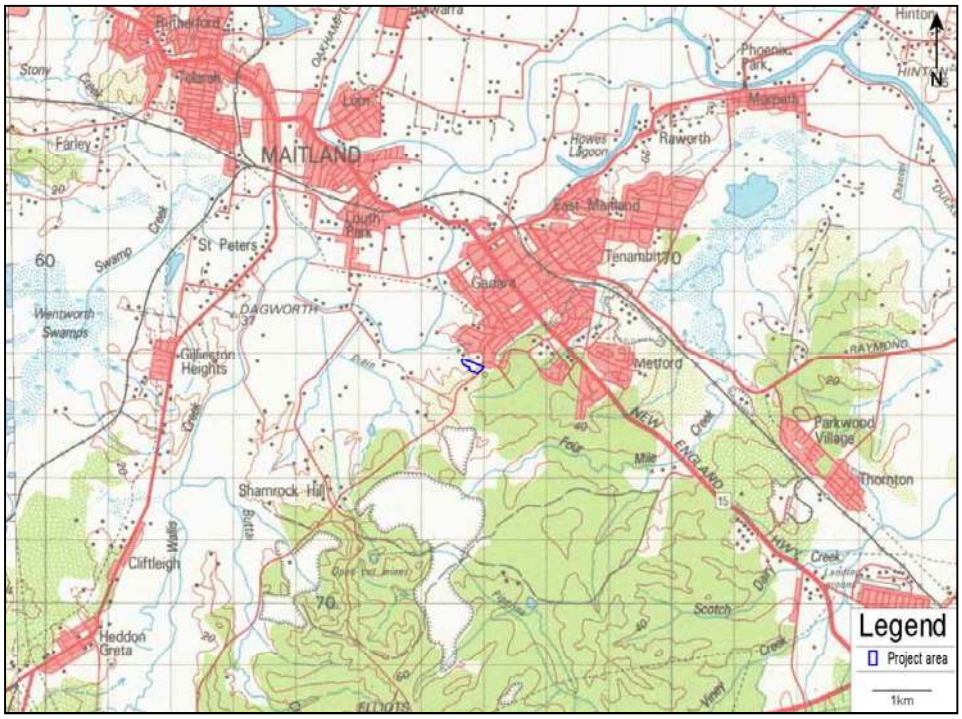

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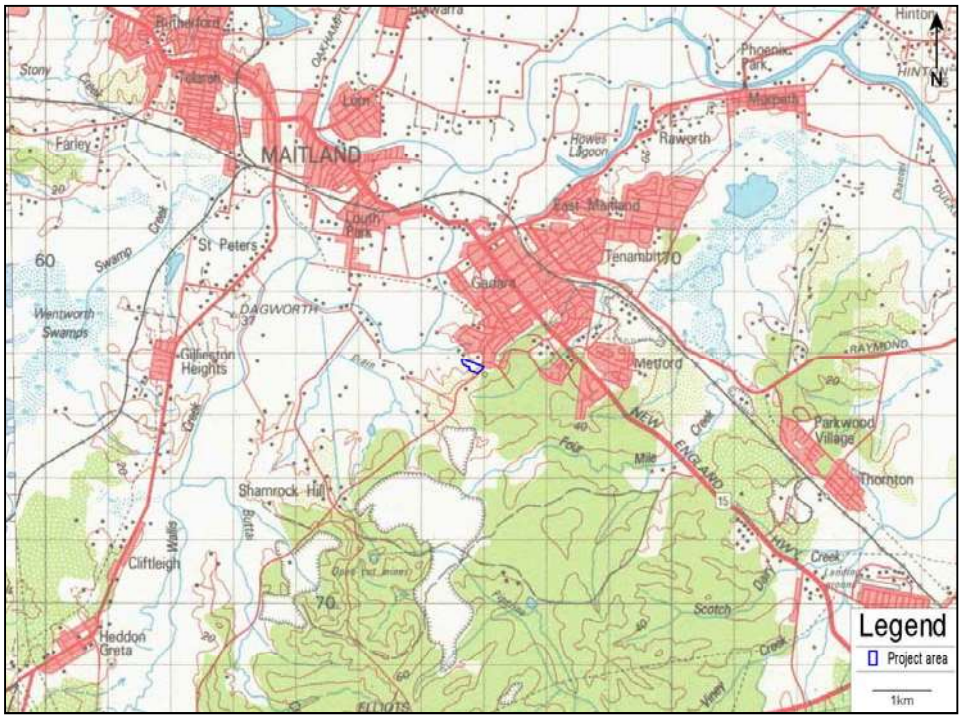

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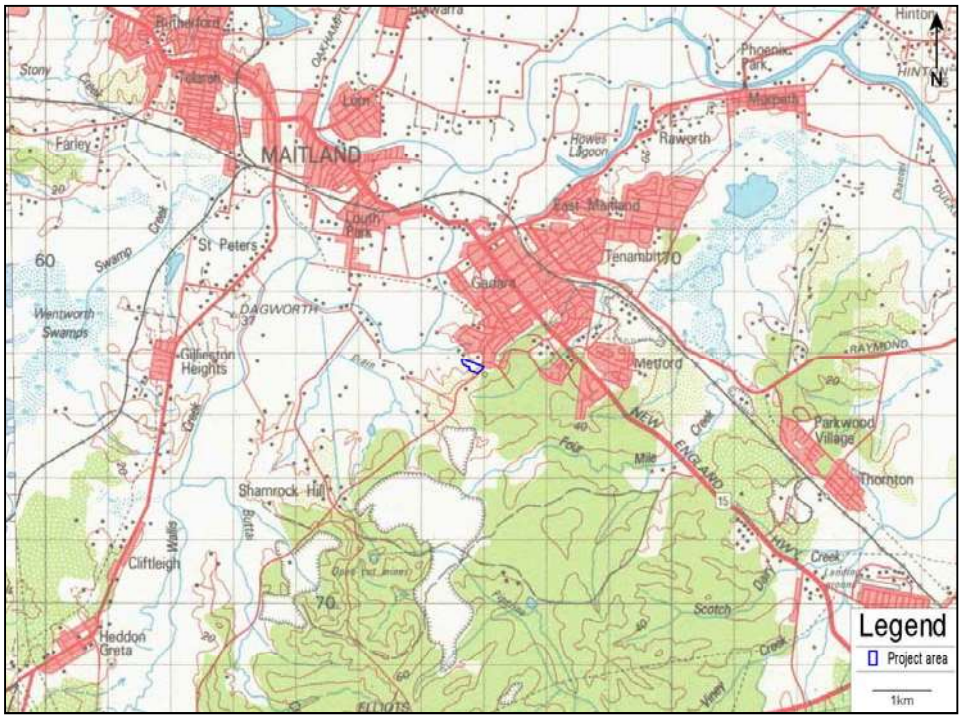

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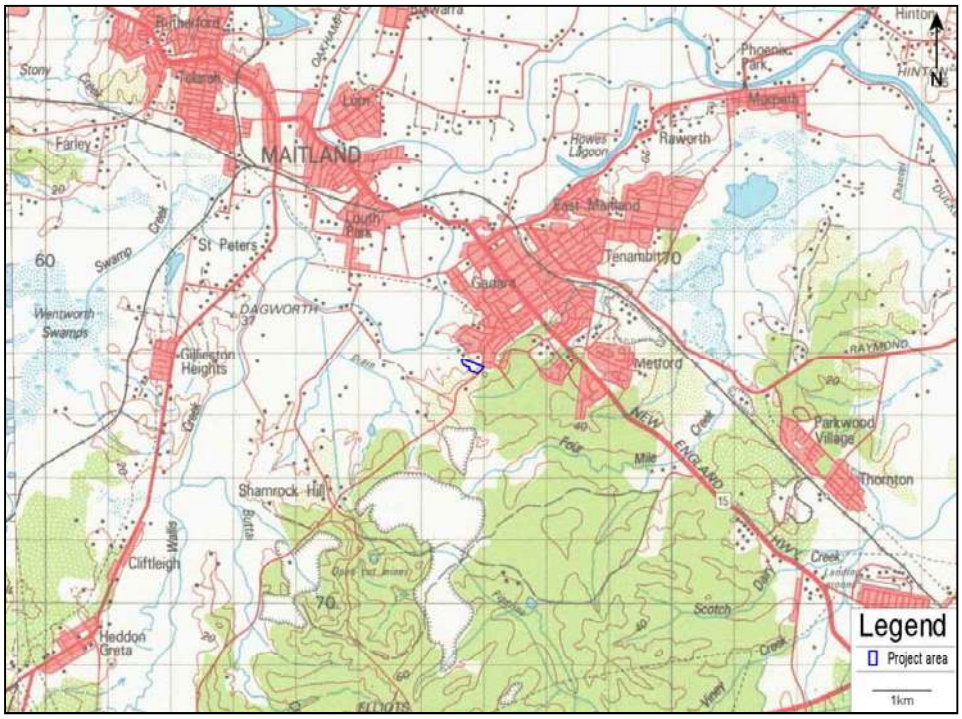

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Rhonda Griffiths
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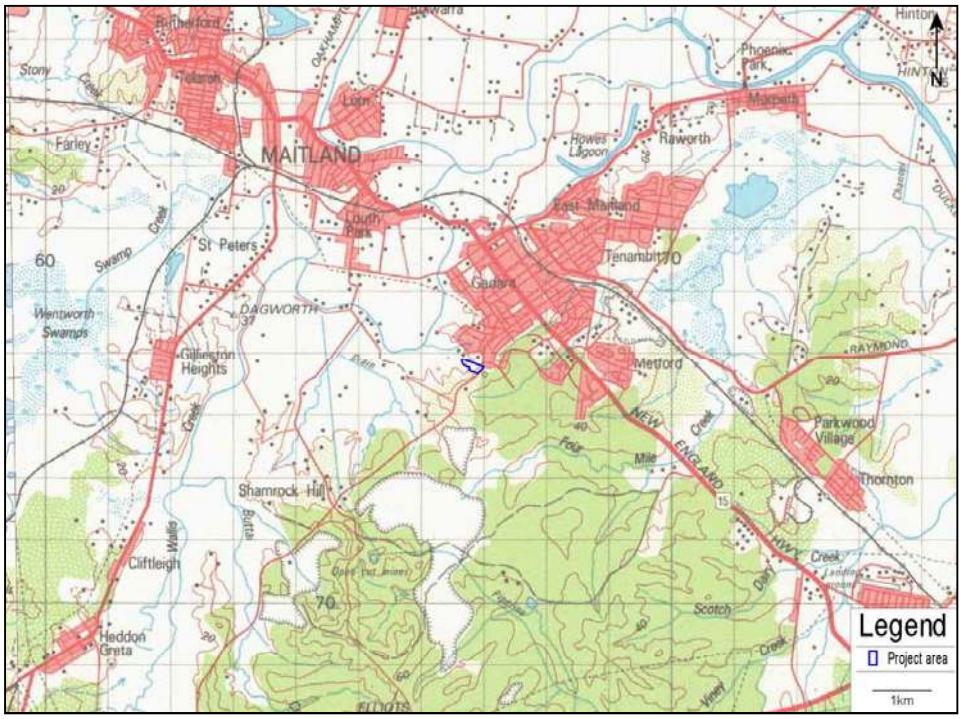

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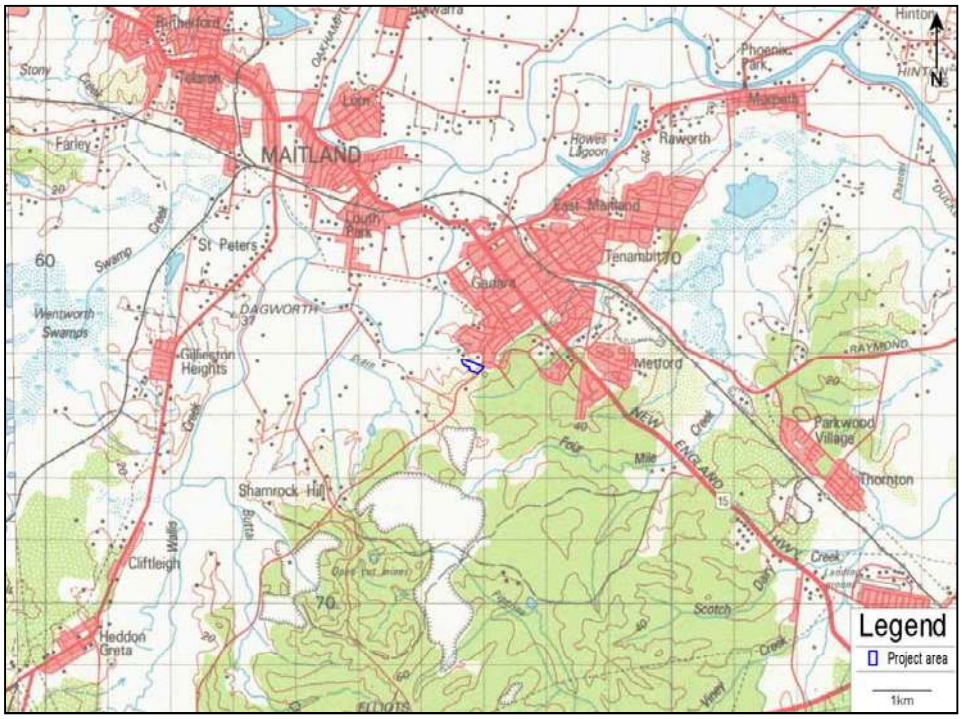

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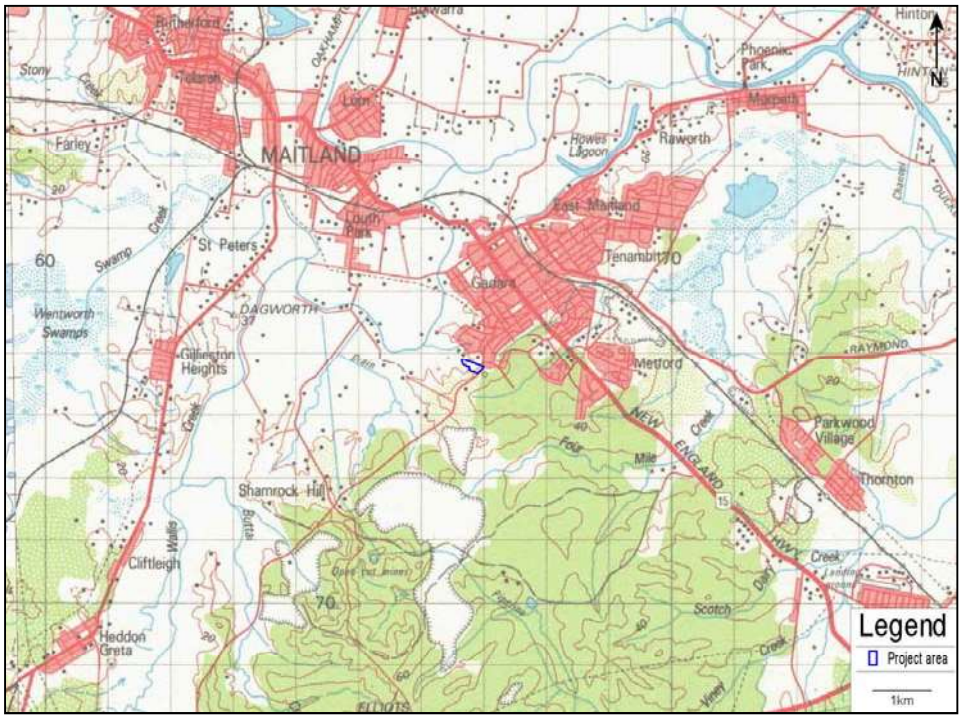

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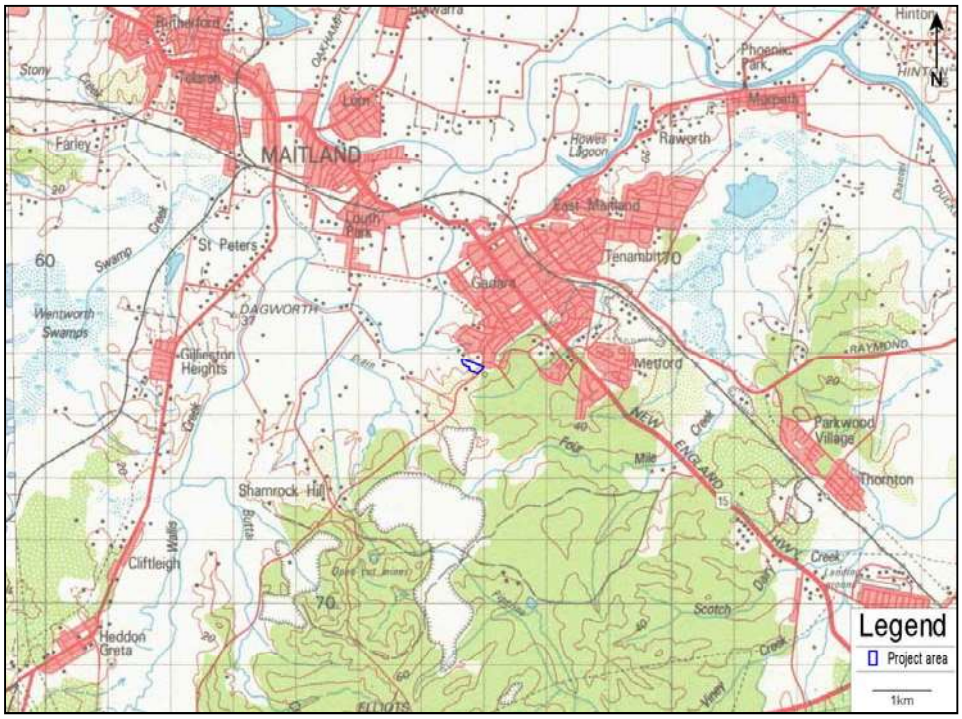

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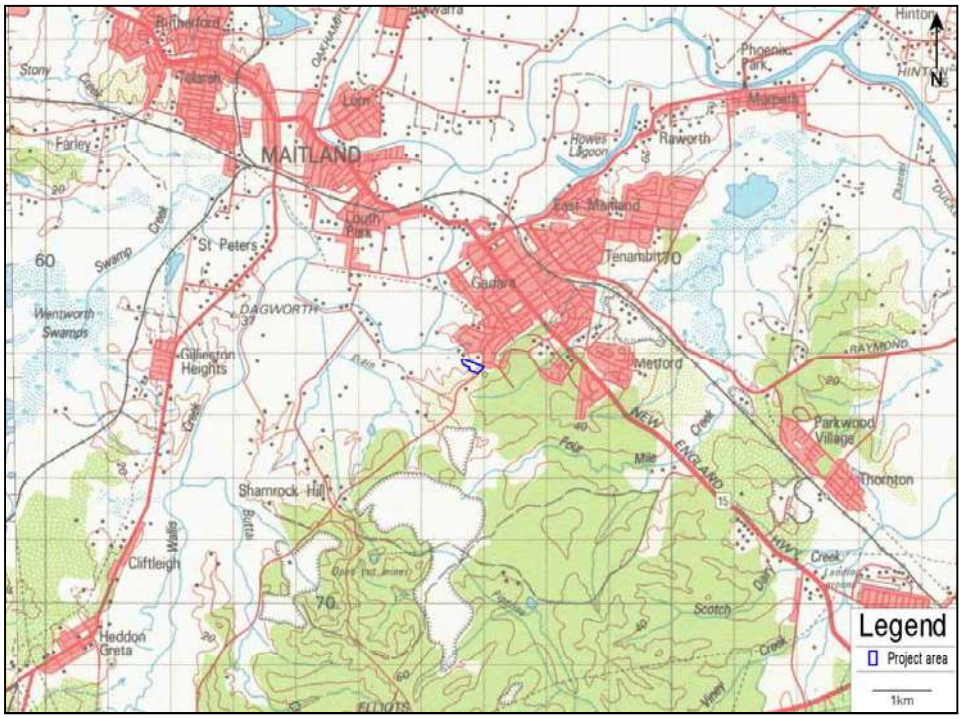

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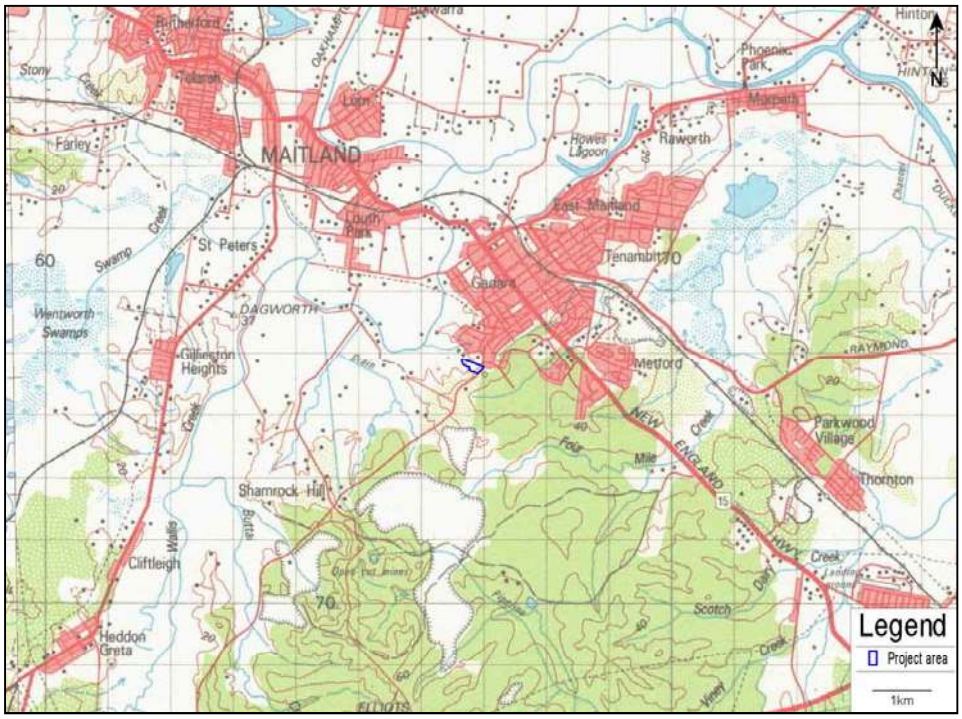

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Indigenous Learning
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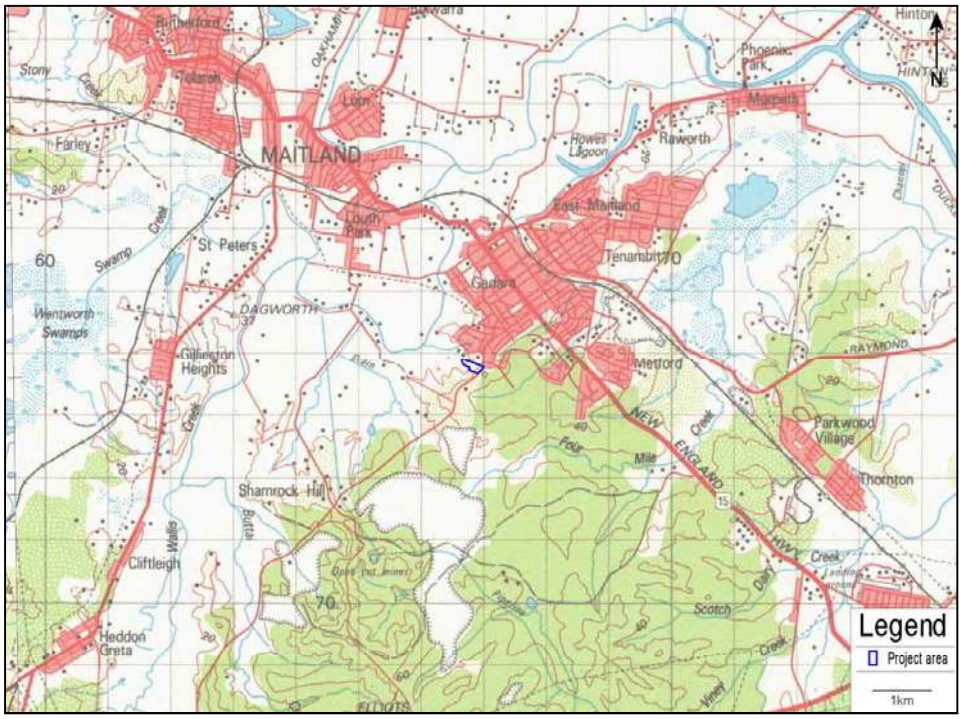

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Jarban + Mugrebea
Les Atkins
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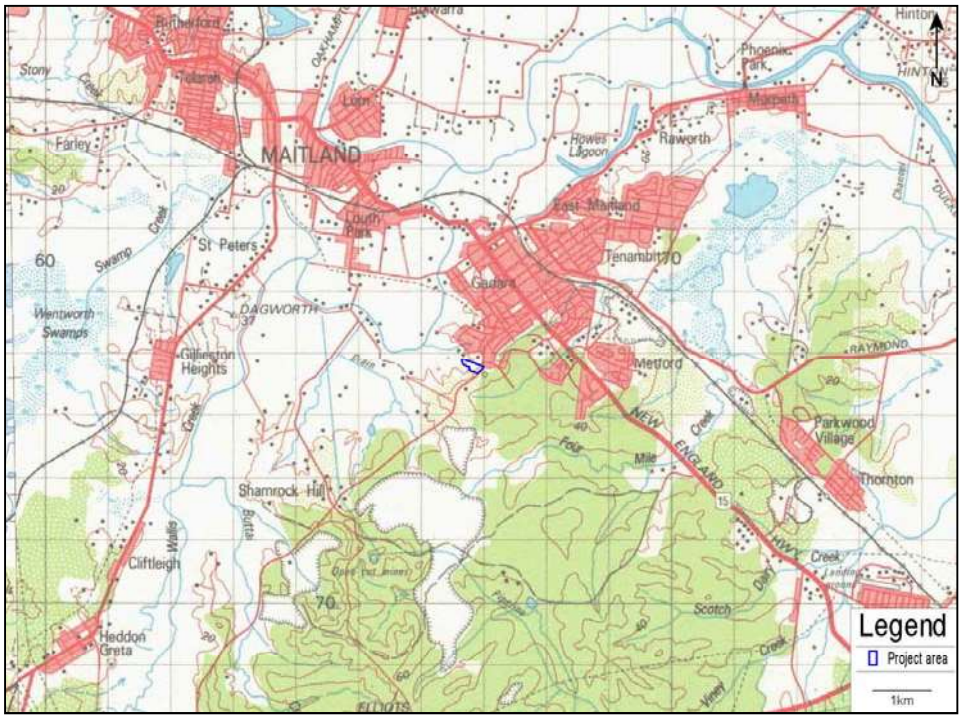

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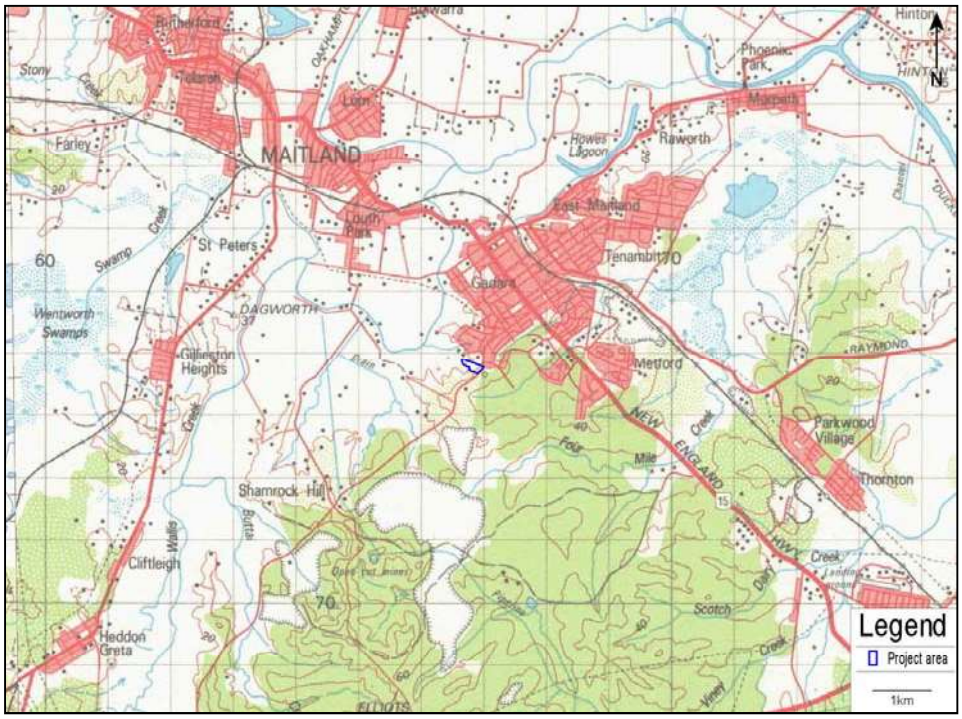

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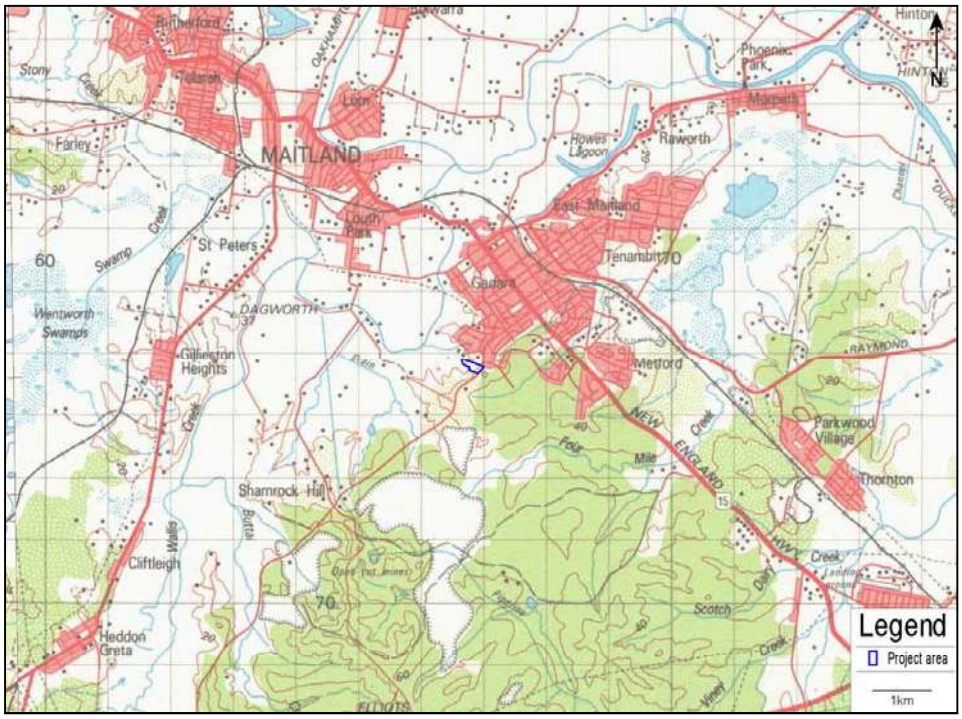

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Karuah Indigenous Corporation
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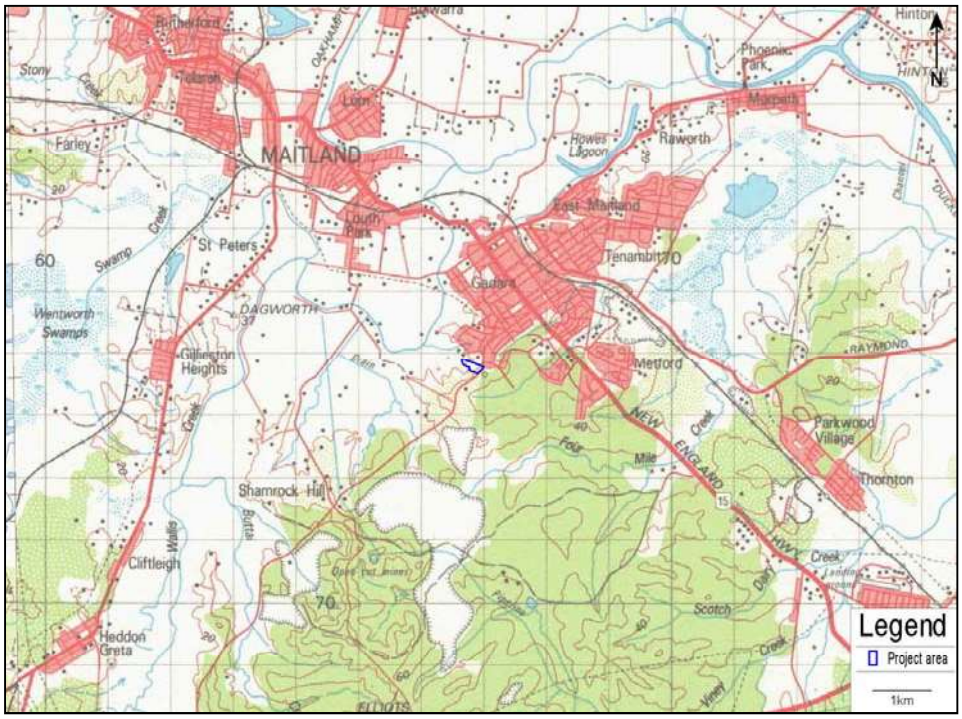

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Kauma Pondee Inc
Jill Green
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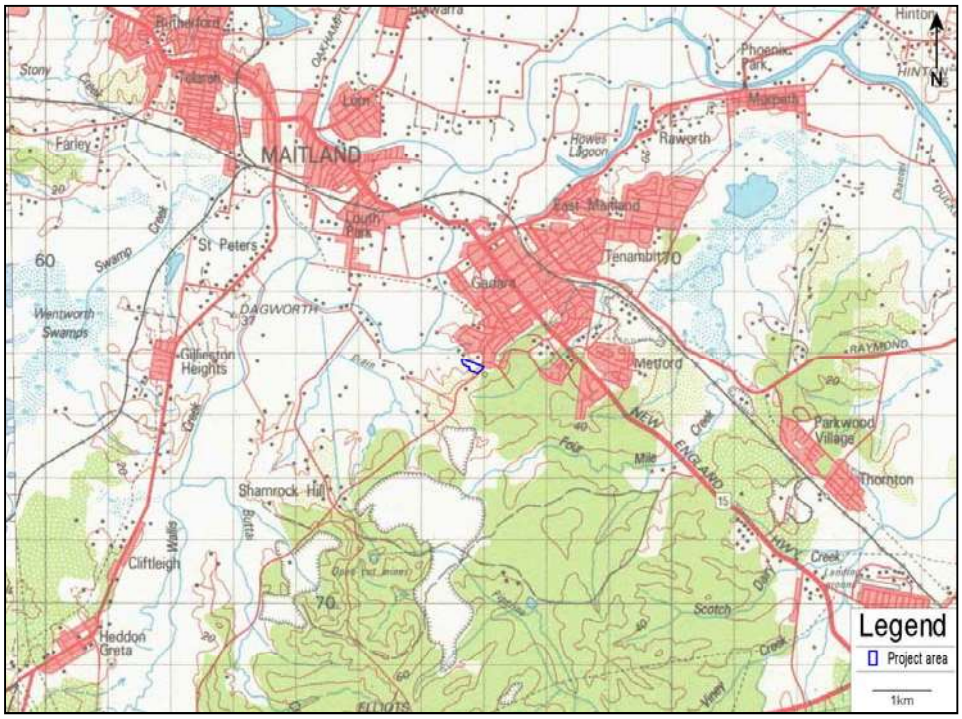

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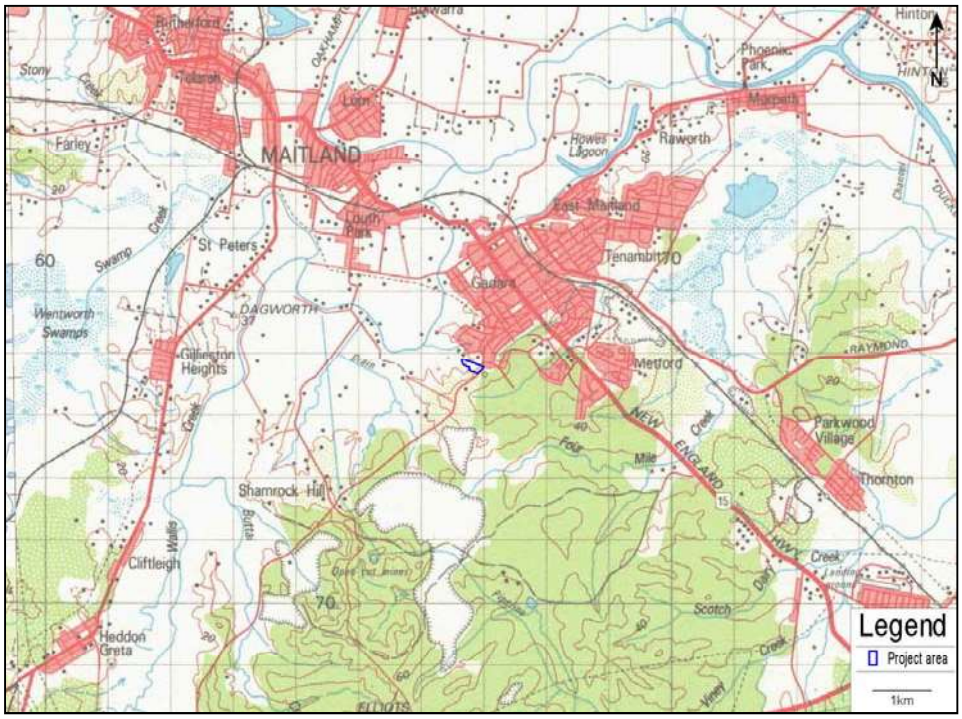

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Kawul Pty Ltd trading as Wonn 1 Sites
Arthur Charles Fletcher
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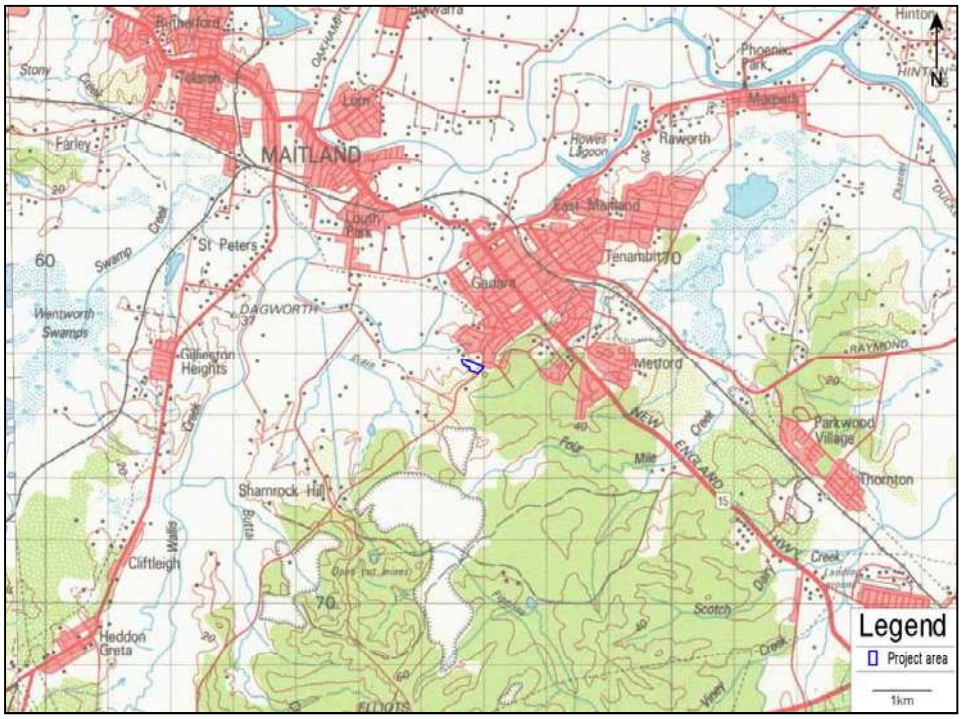

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Kayaway eco-Cultural and Heritage Services
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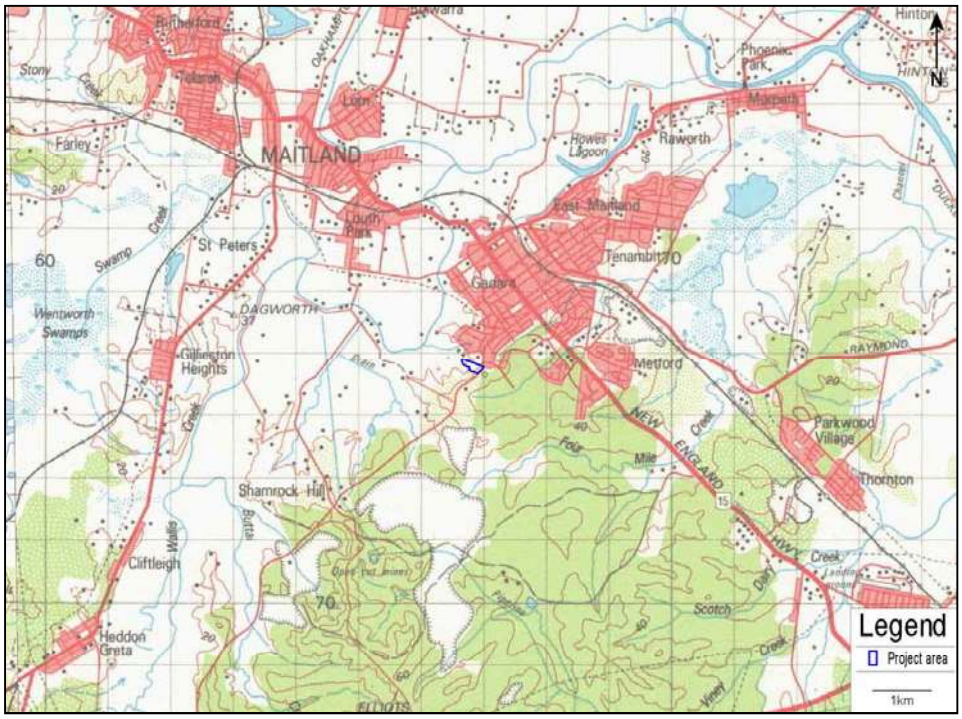

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KL. KG Saunders Trading Services
Krystal & Kylie Saunders
6 Bowfield Place
Muswellbrook NSW 2333

DearKrystal & Kylie,

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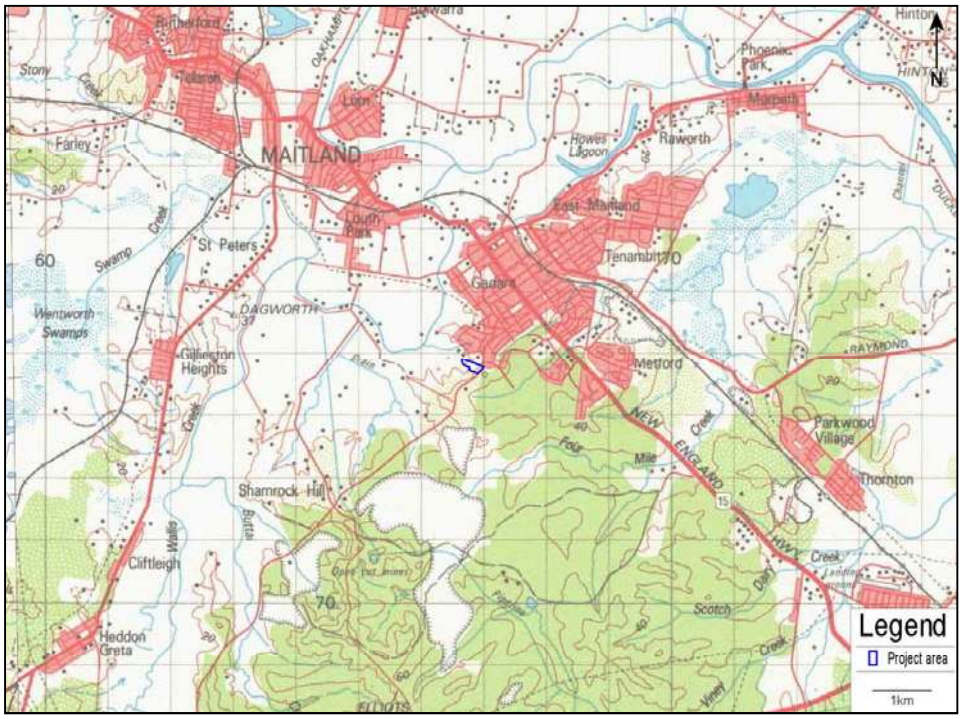

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Lakkari NTCG
Mick Leon
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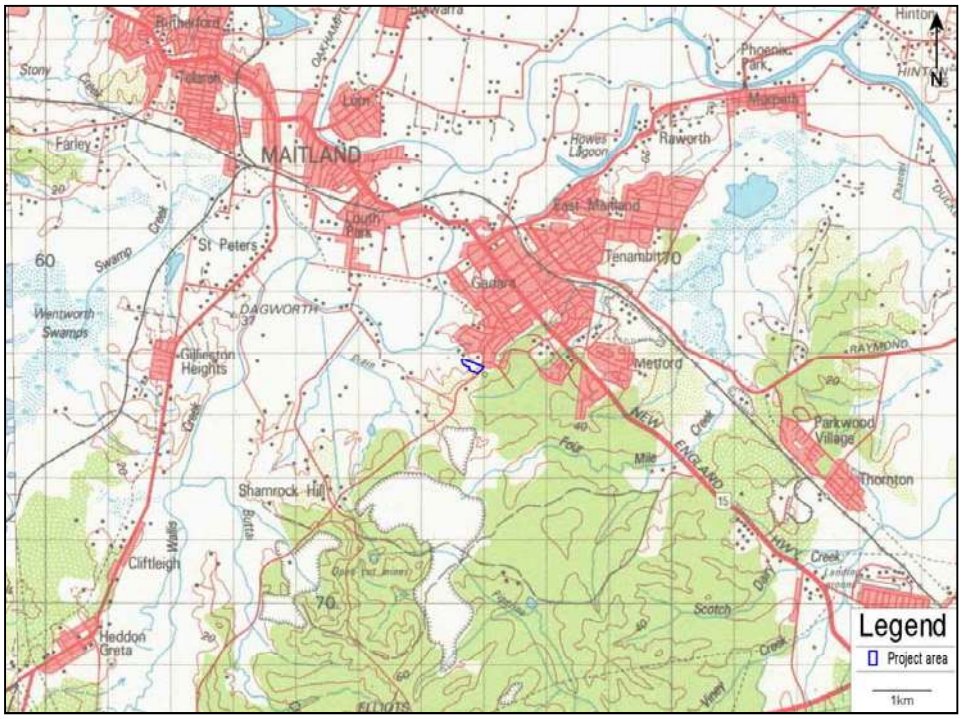

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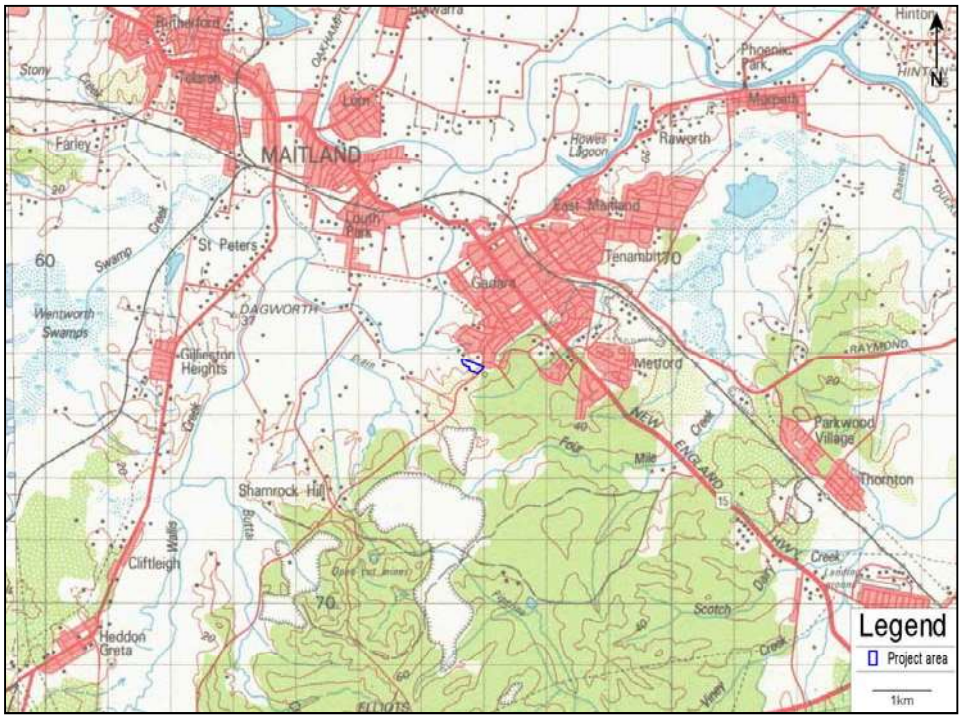

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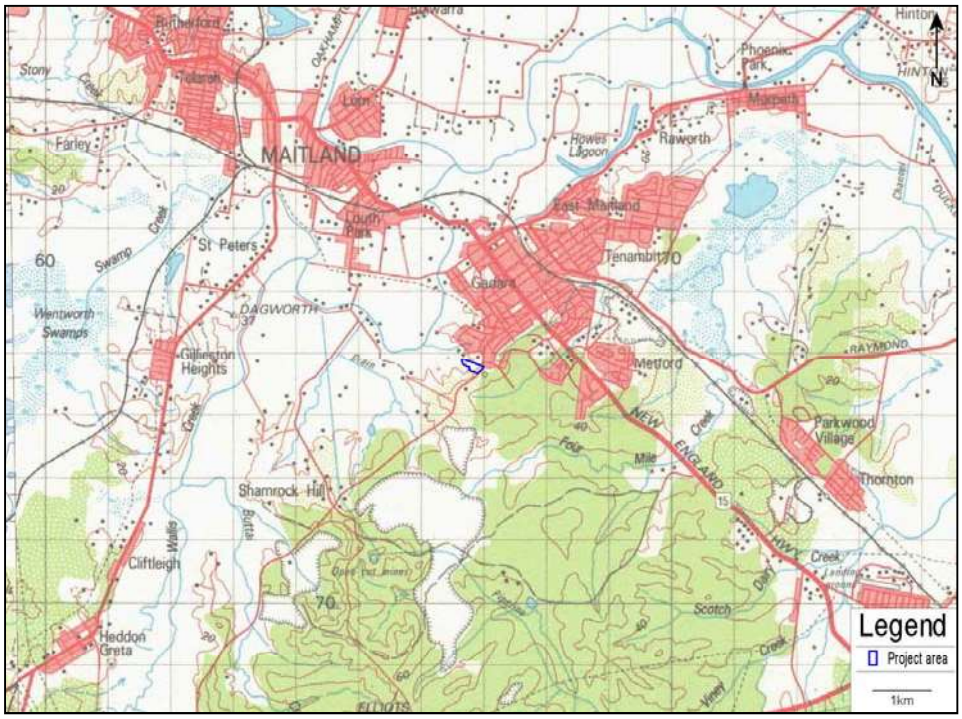

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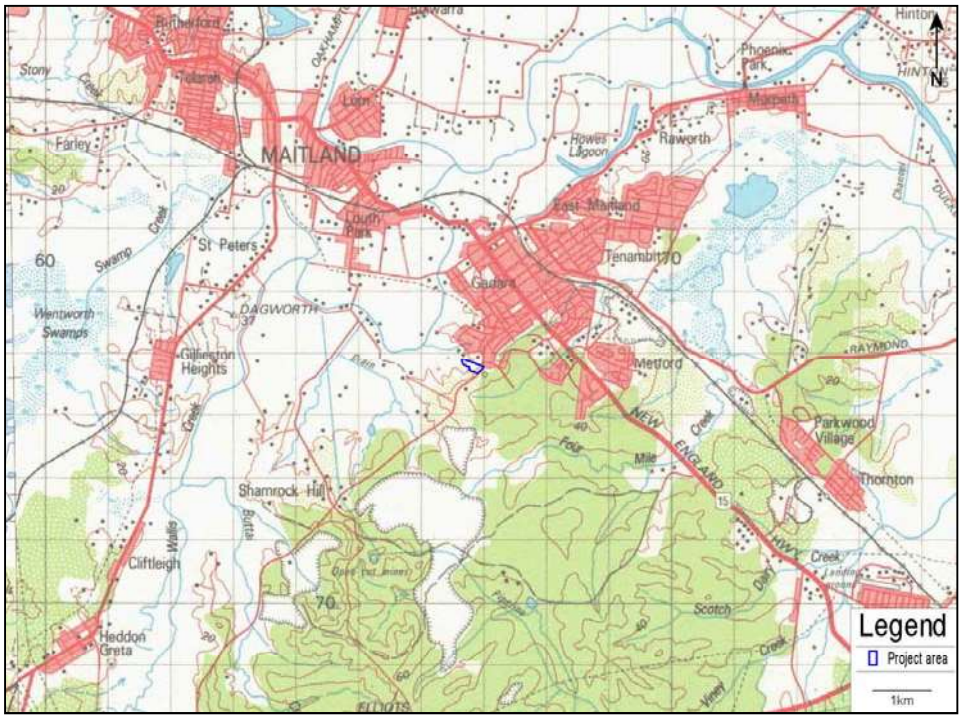

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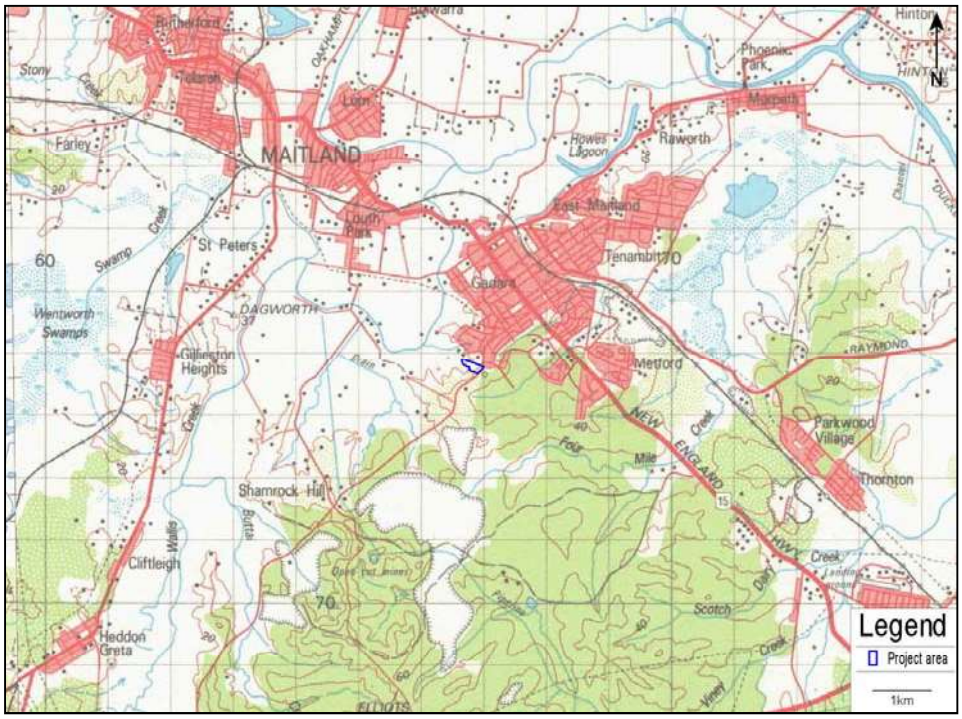

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Maaiangal Aboriginal Heritage
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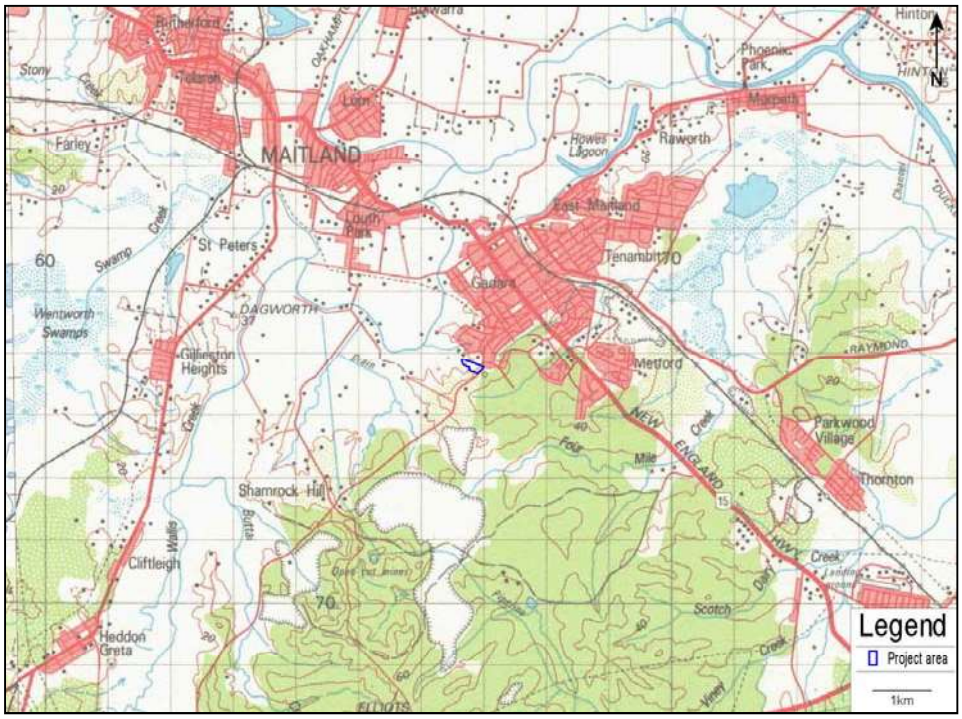

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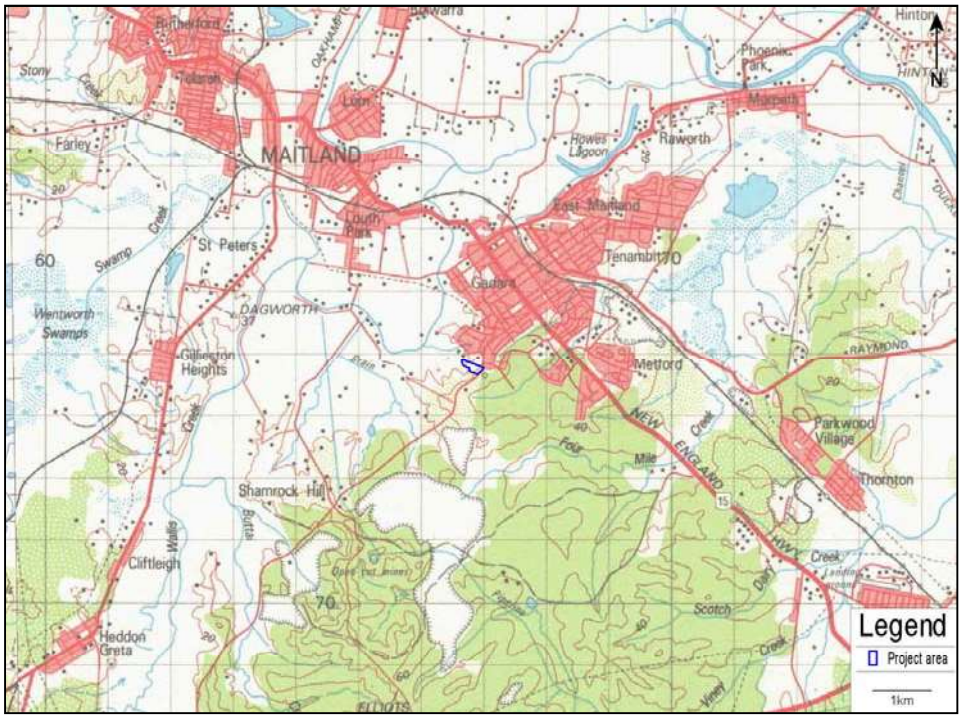

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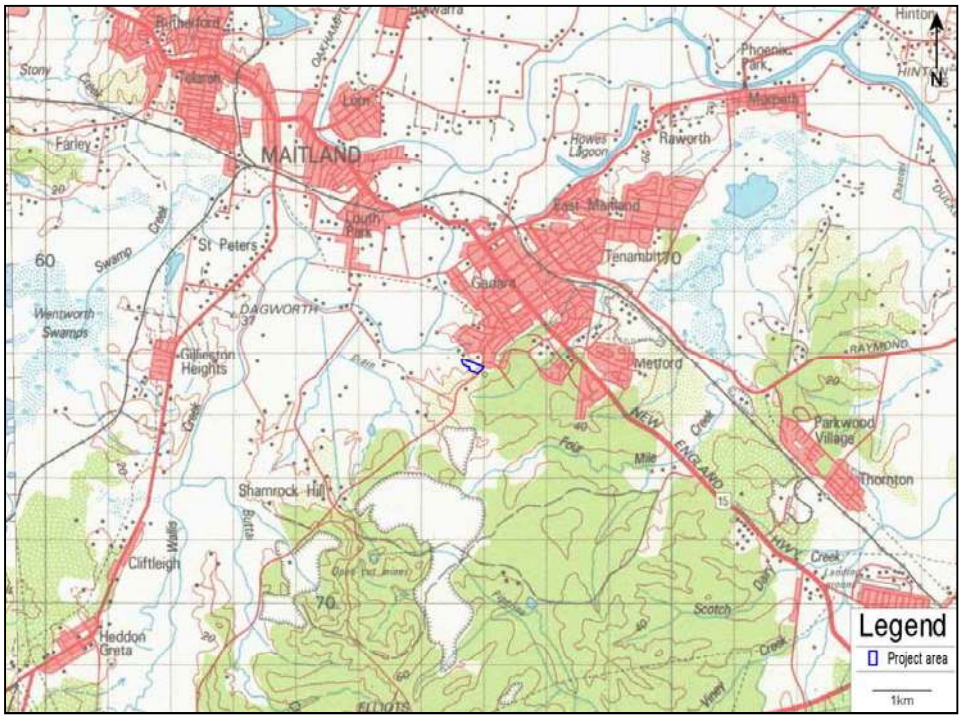

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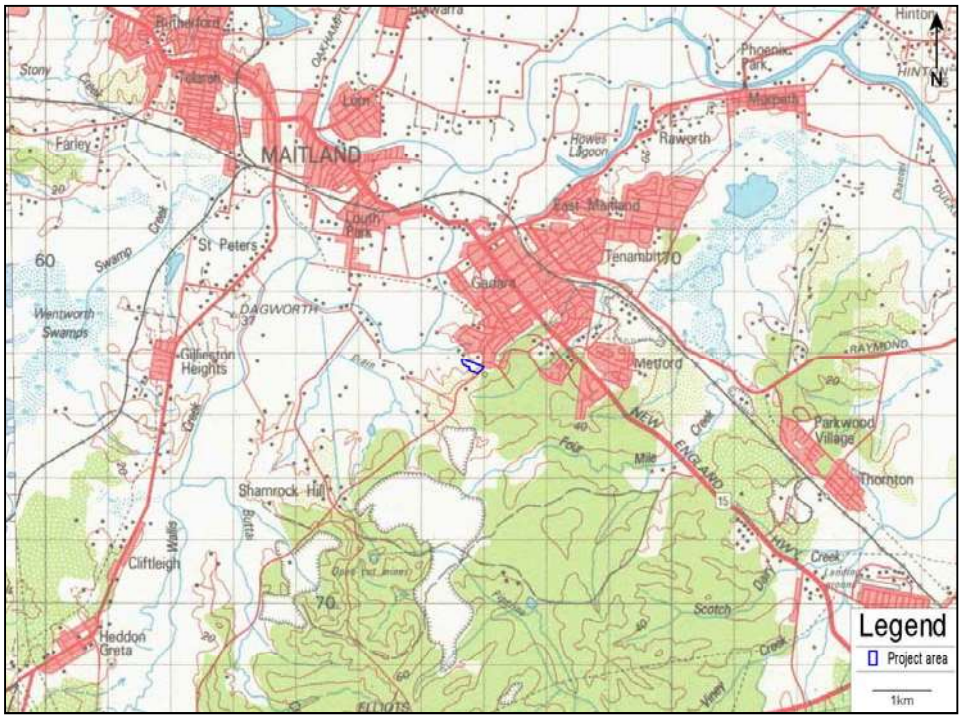

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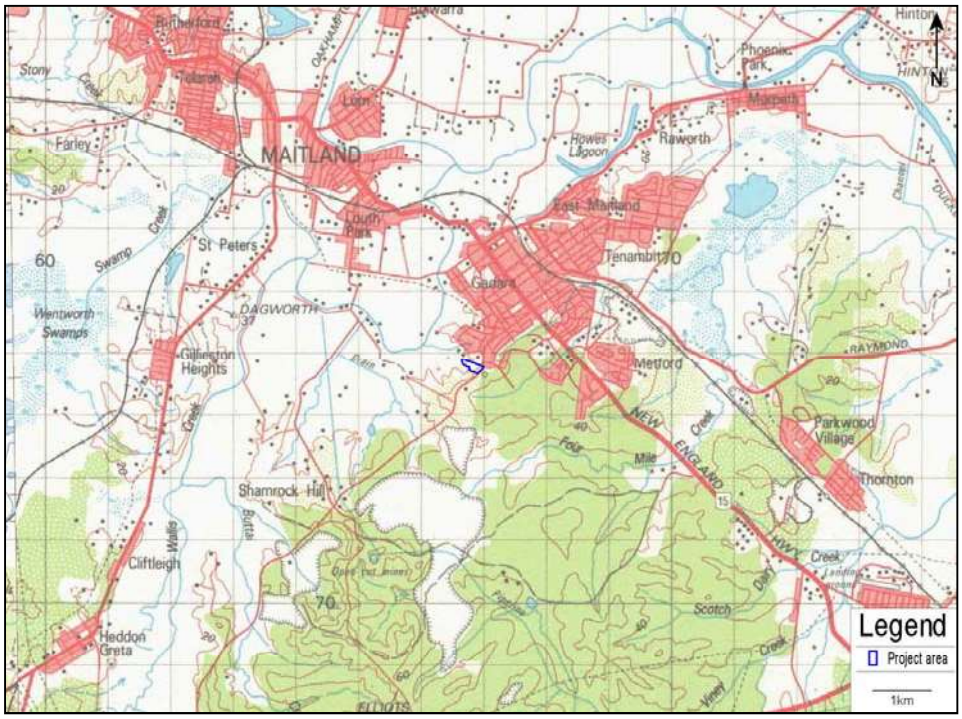

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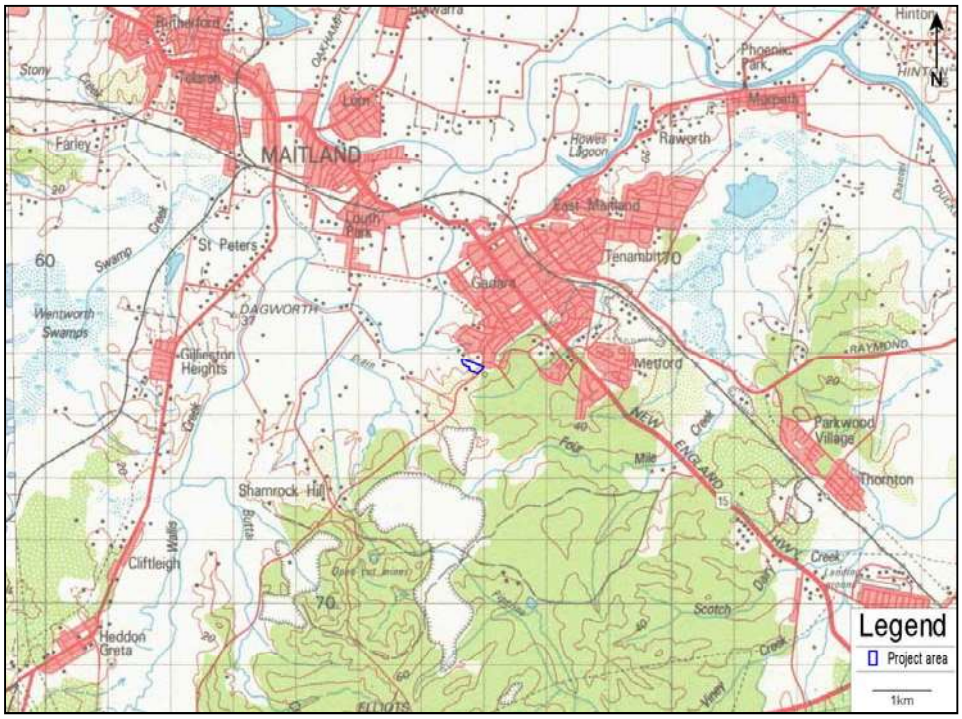

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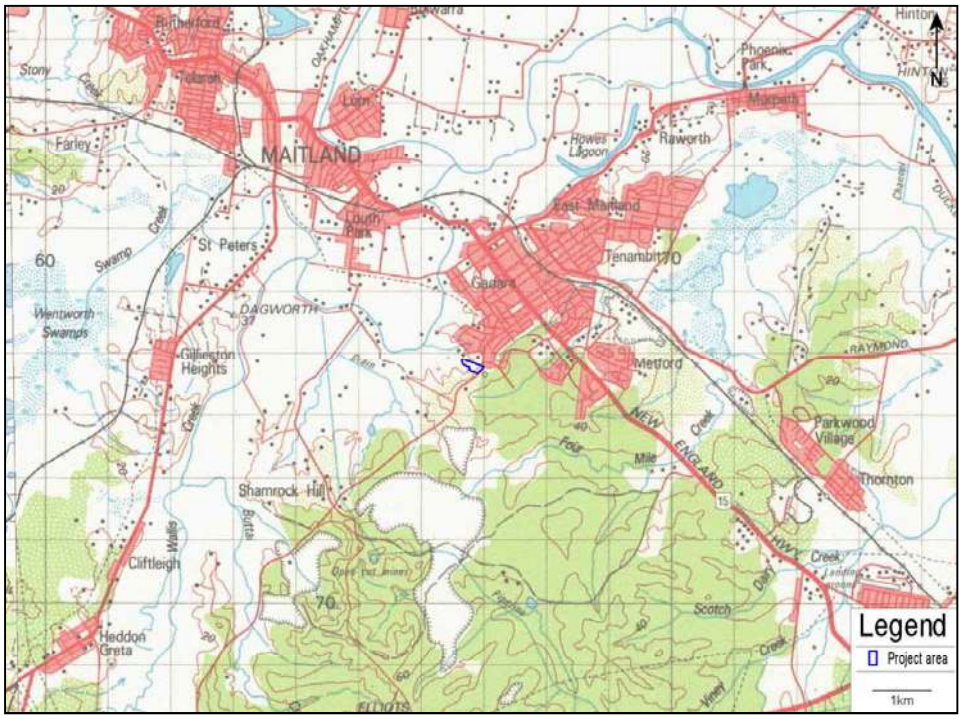

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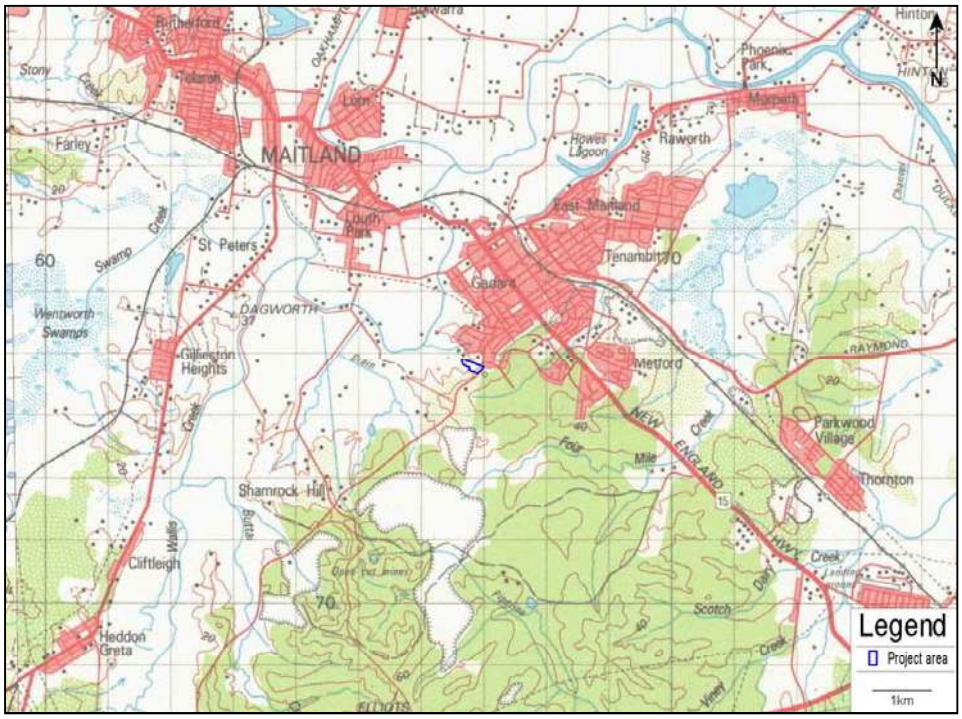

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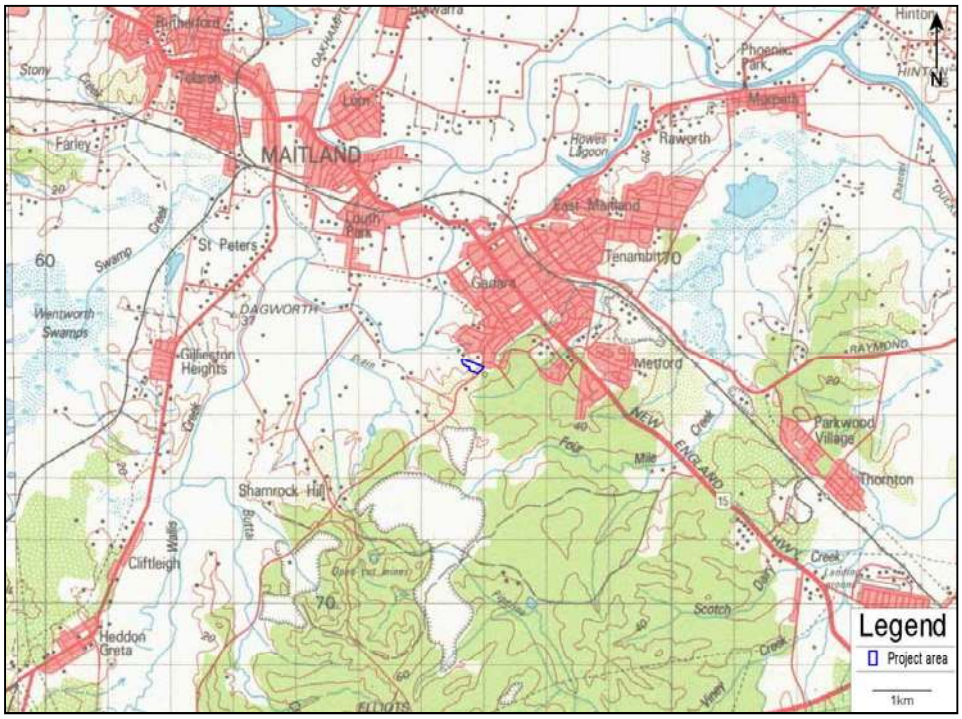

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Musswellbrook Cultural Consultants Pty Ltd
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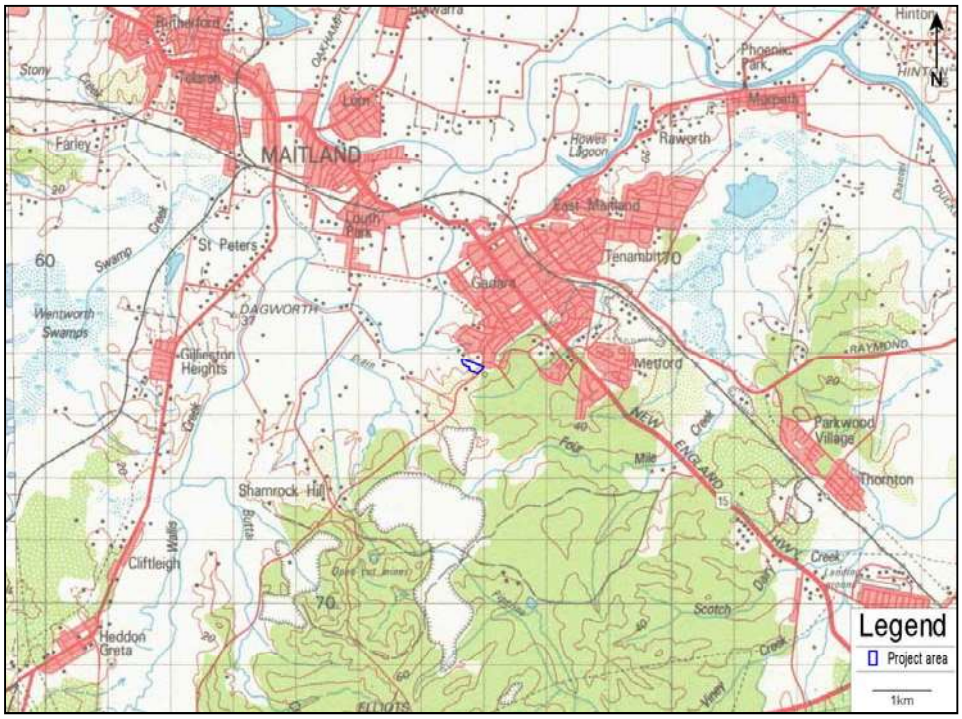

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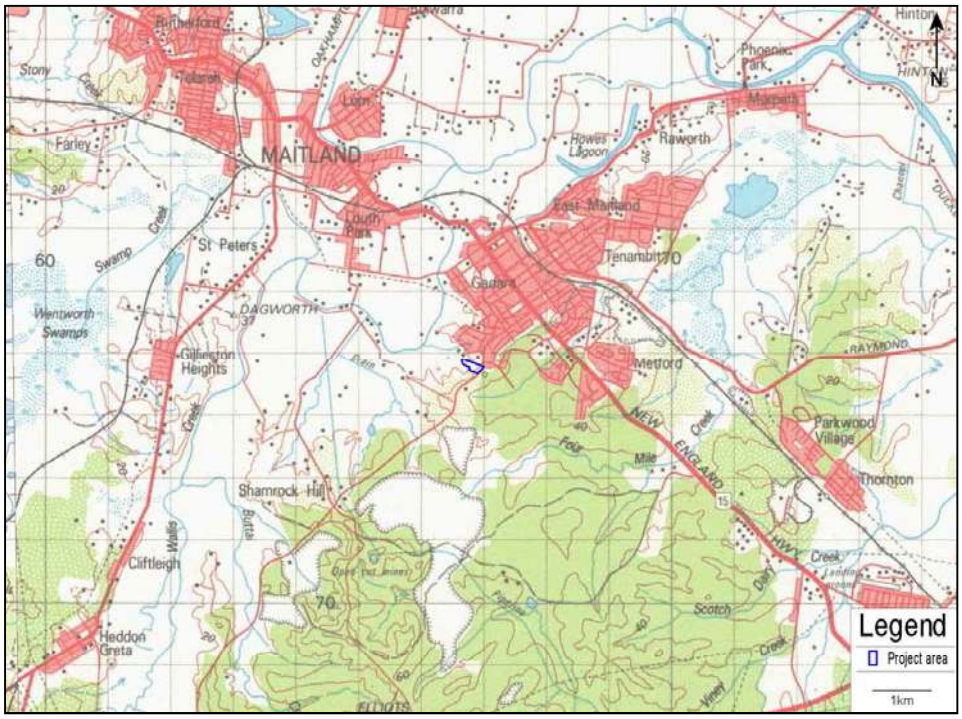

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Native Title Claimant
Scott Franks
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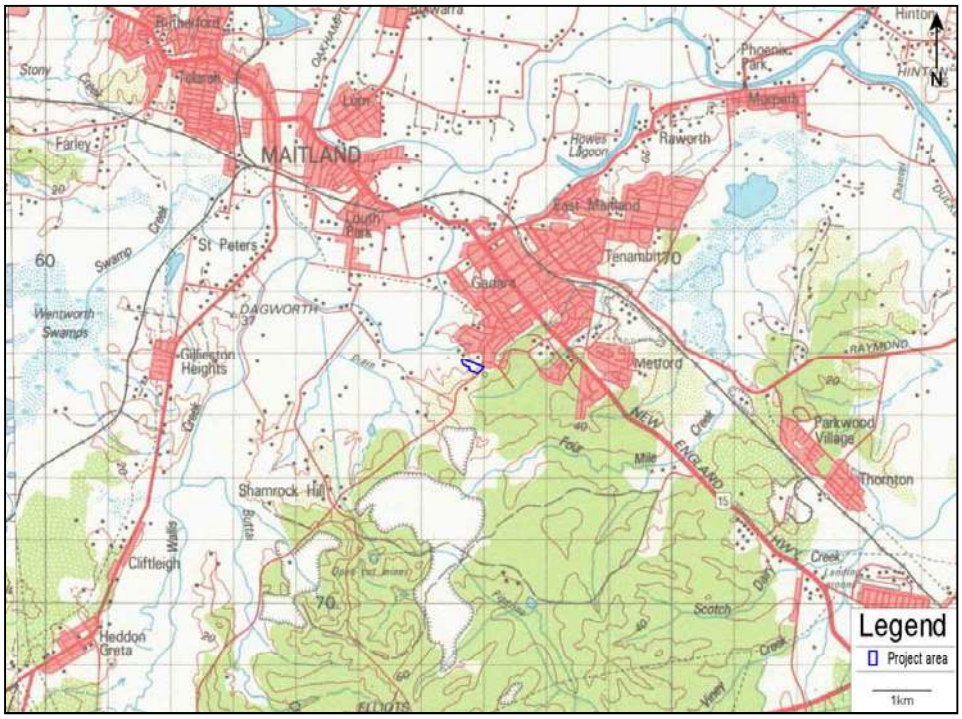

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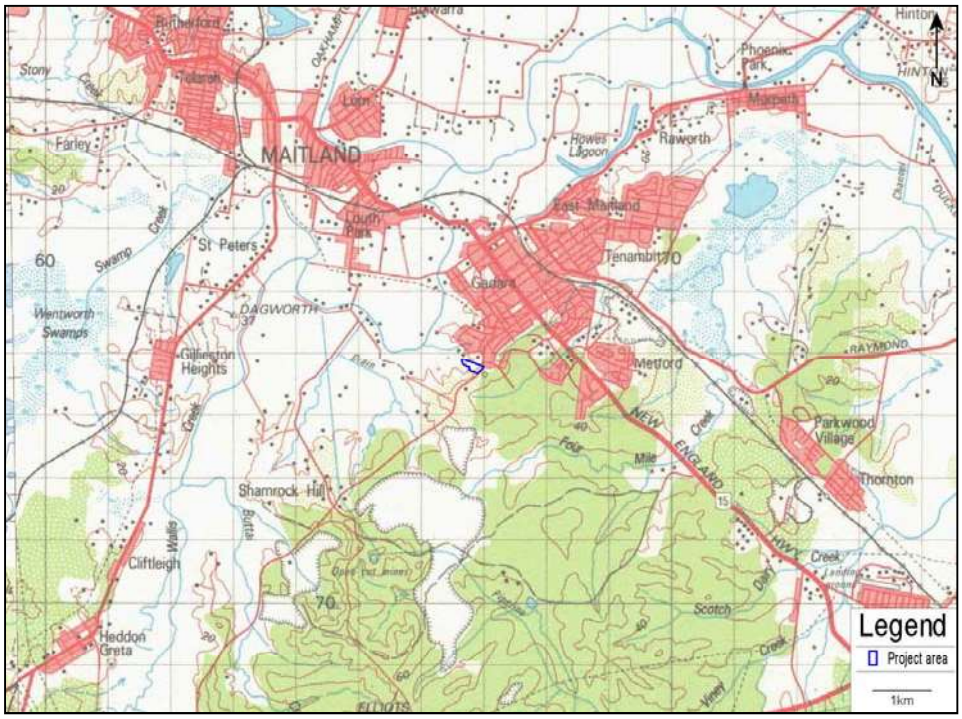

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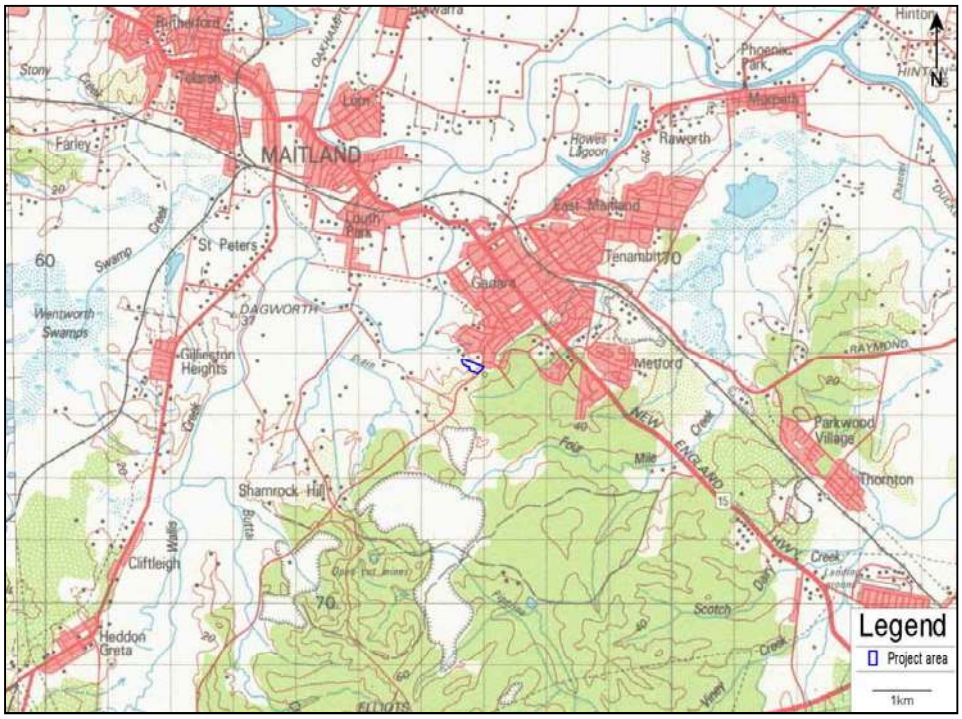

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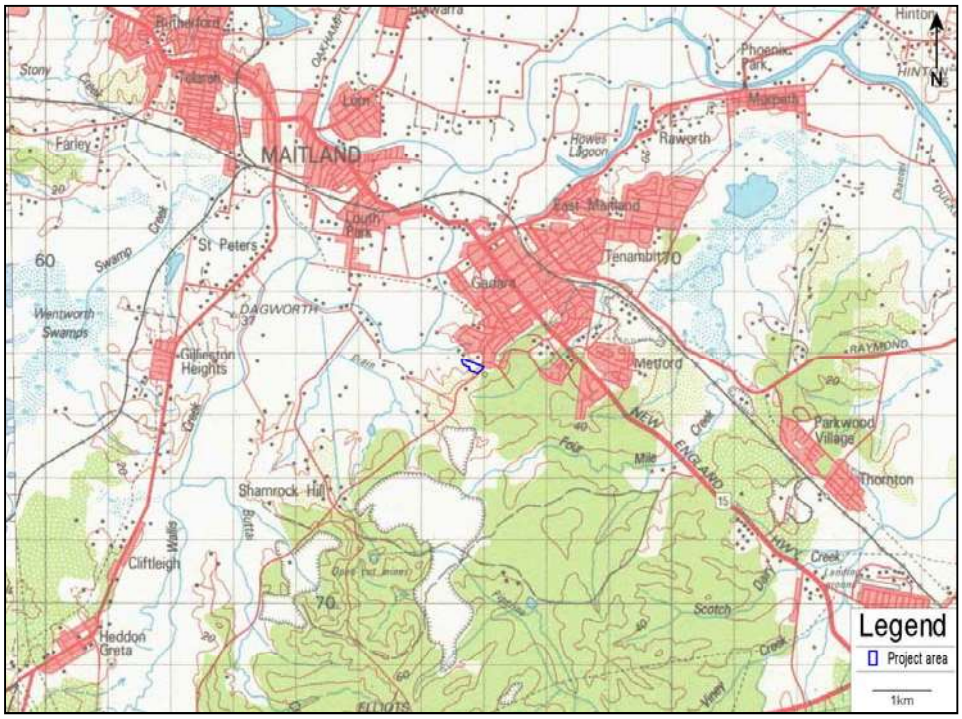

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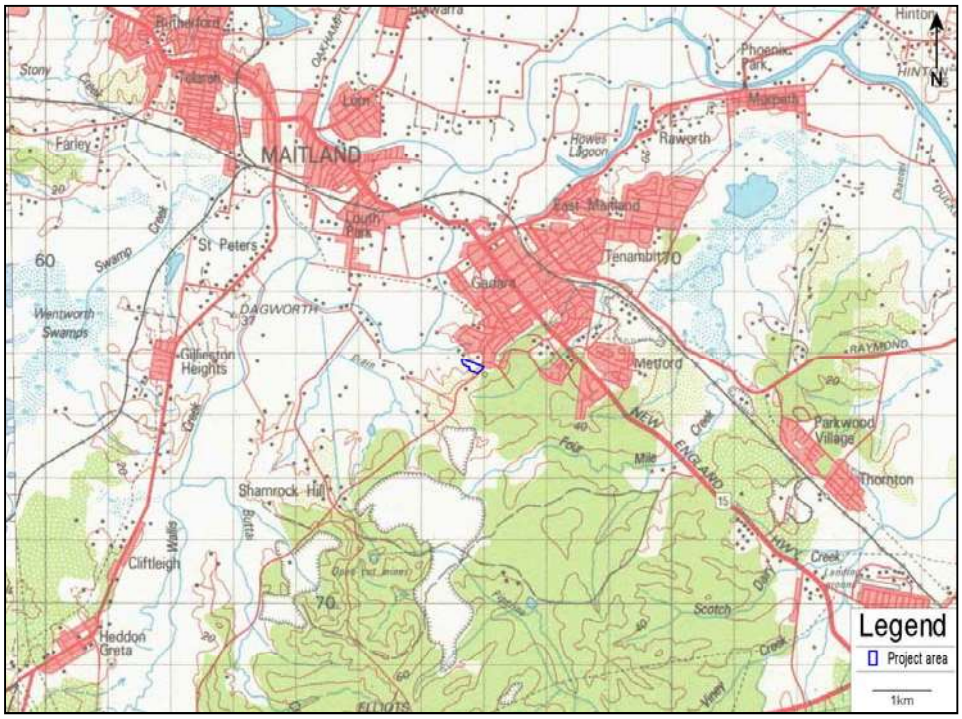

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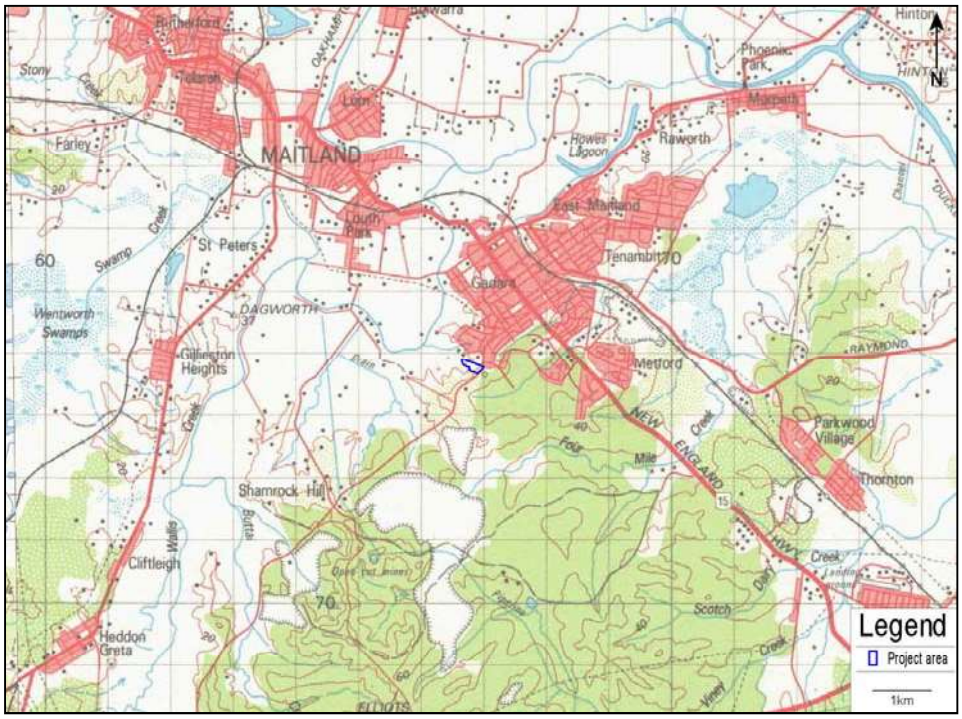

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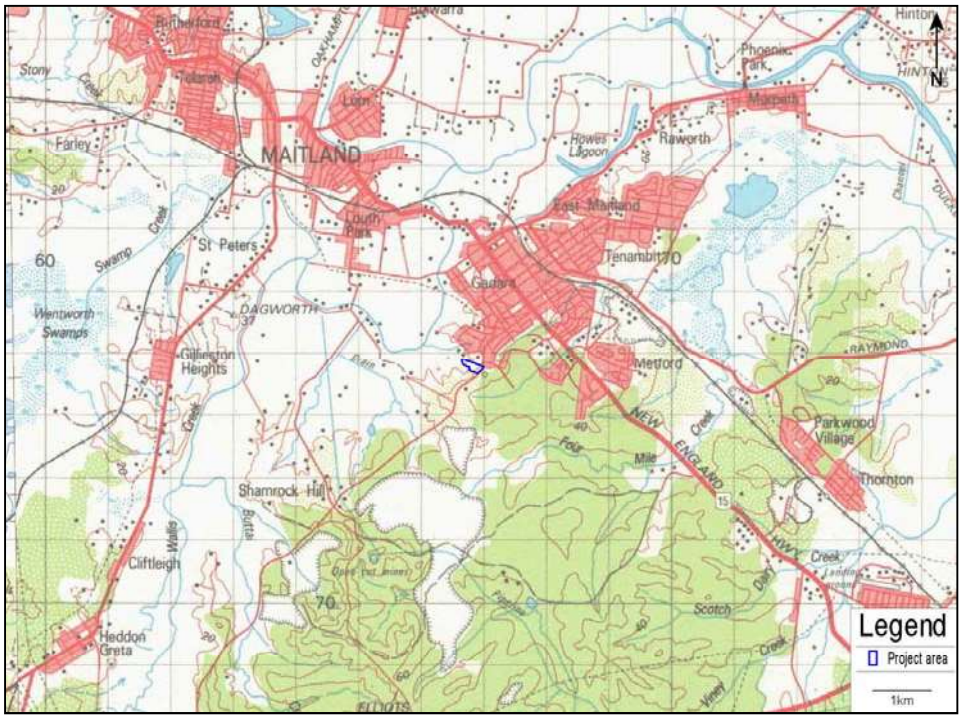

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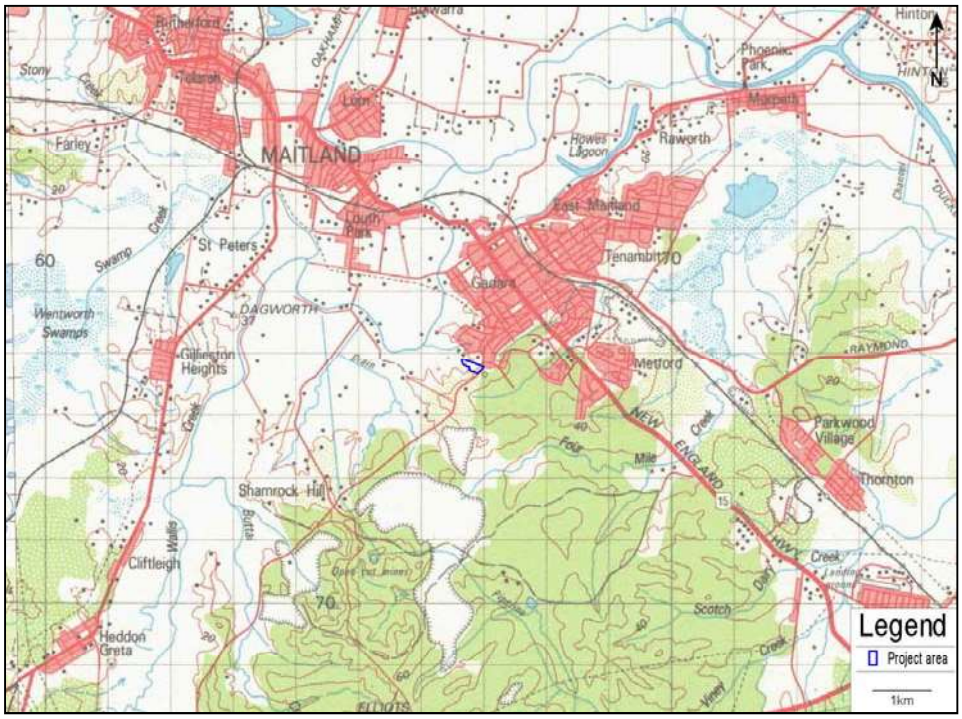

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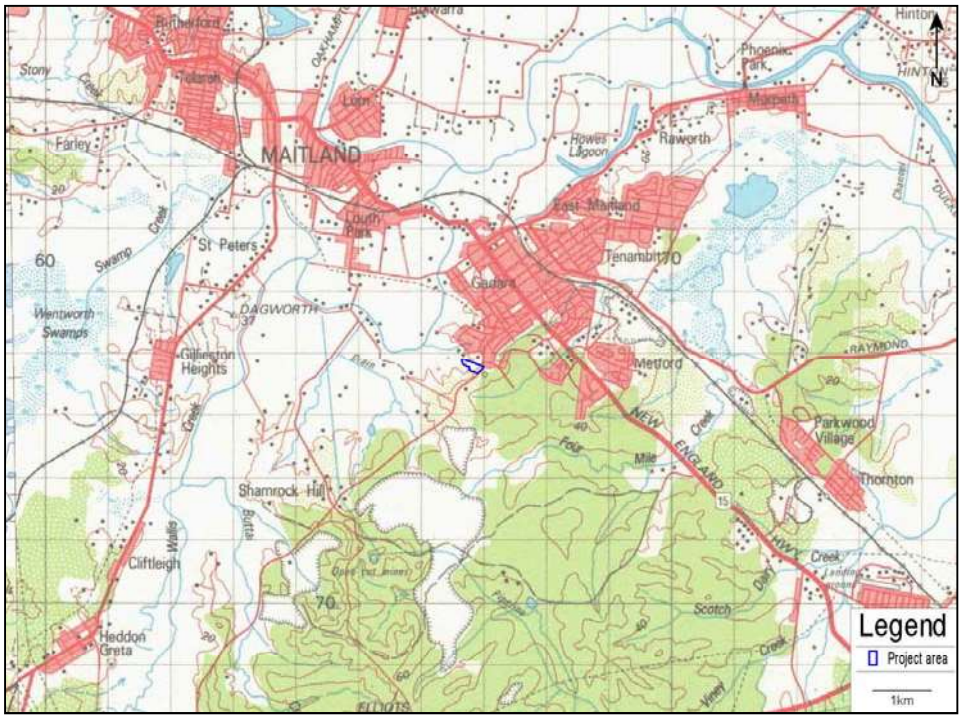

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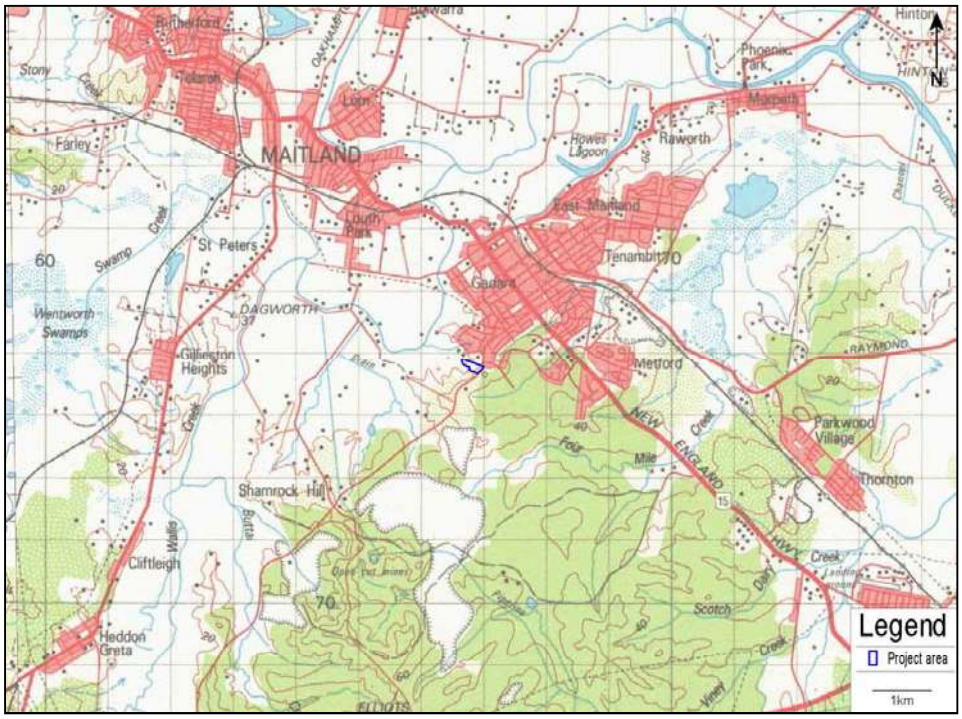

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Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation
Alan Paget
PO Box 3095
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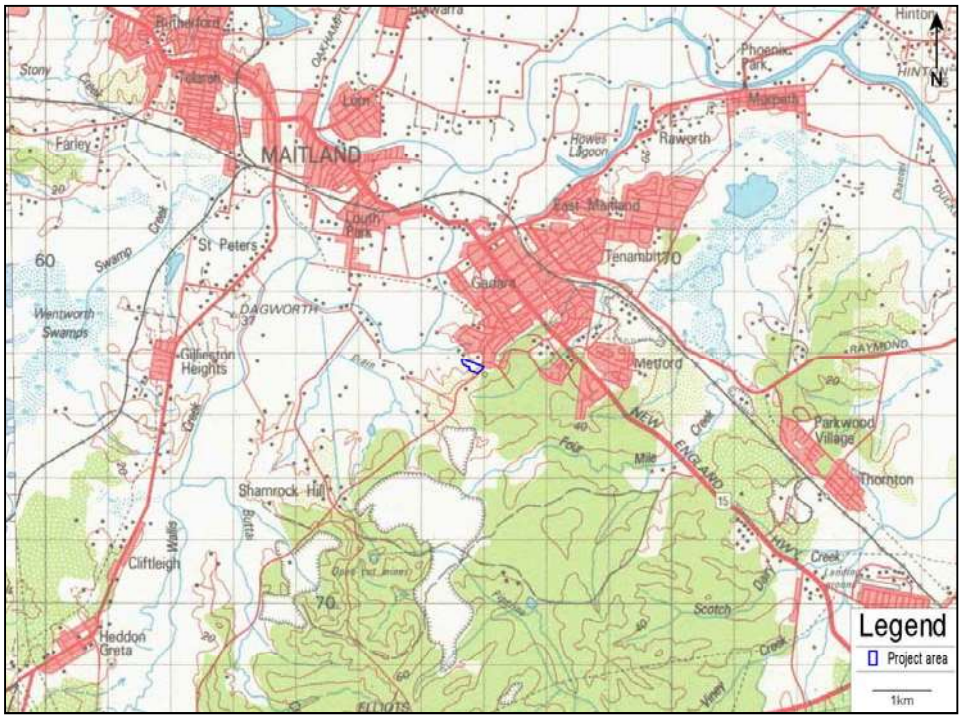

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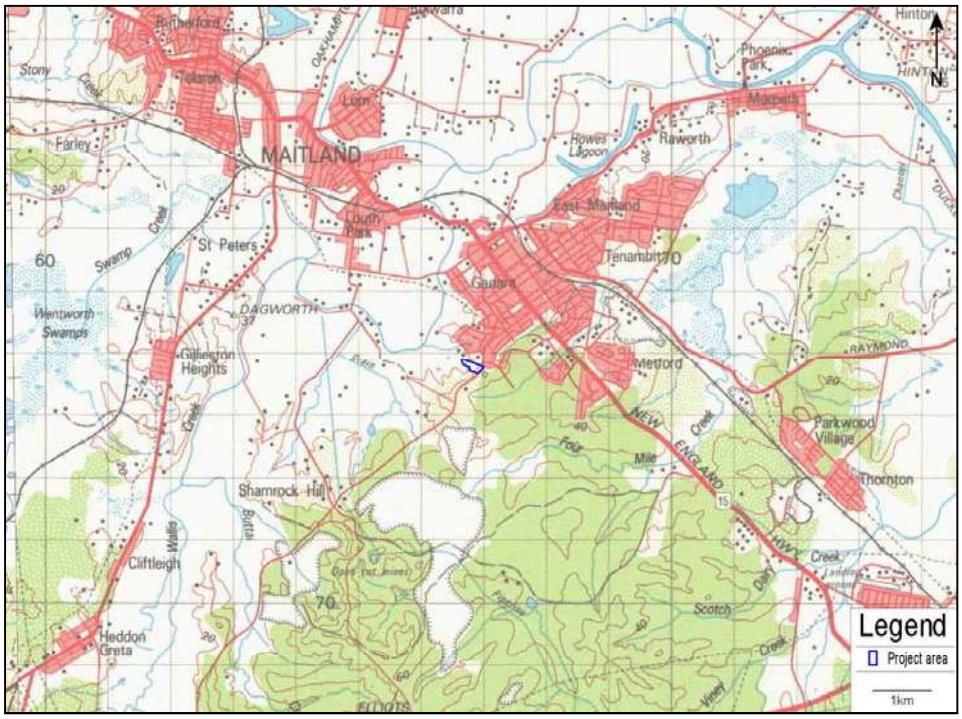

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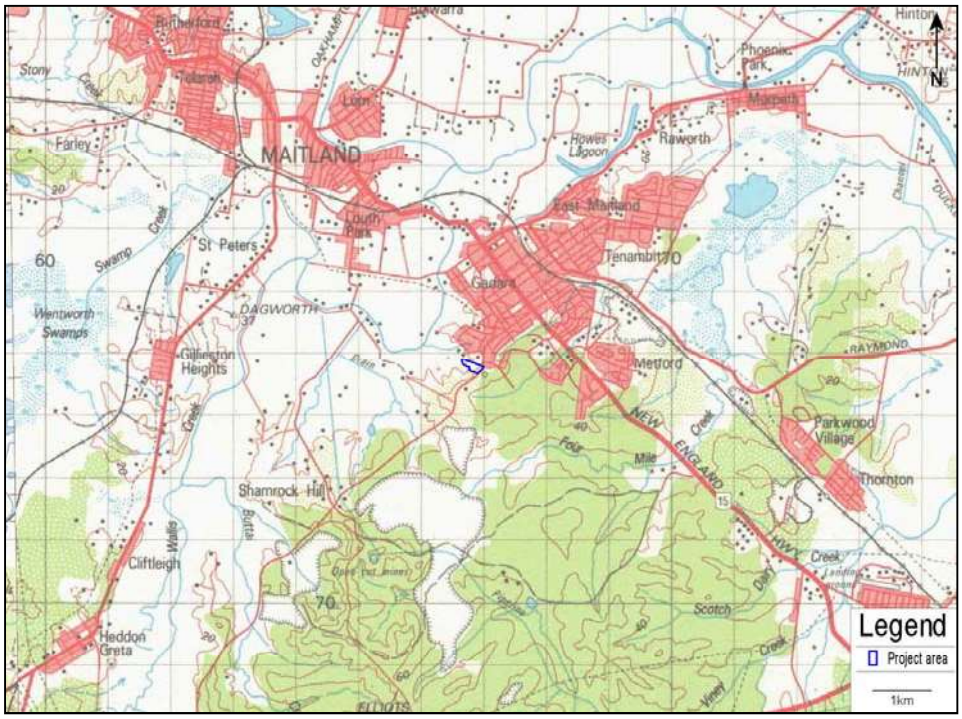

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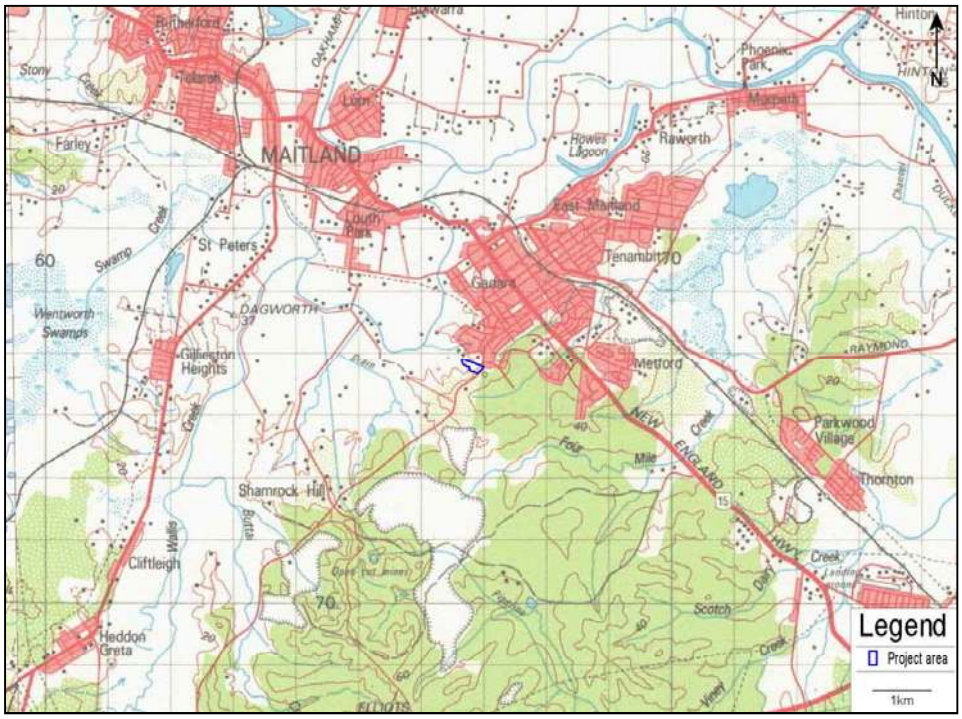

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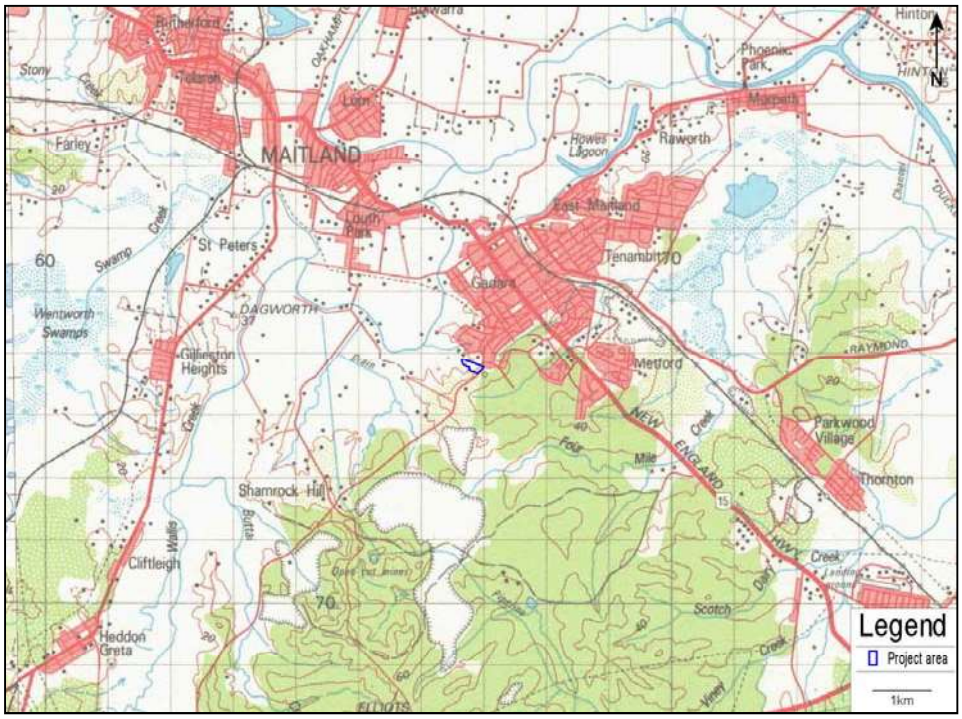

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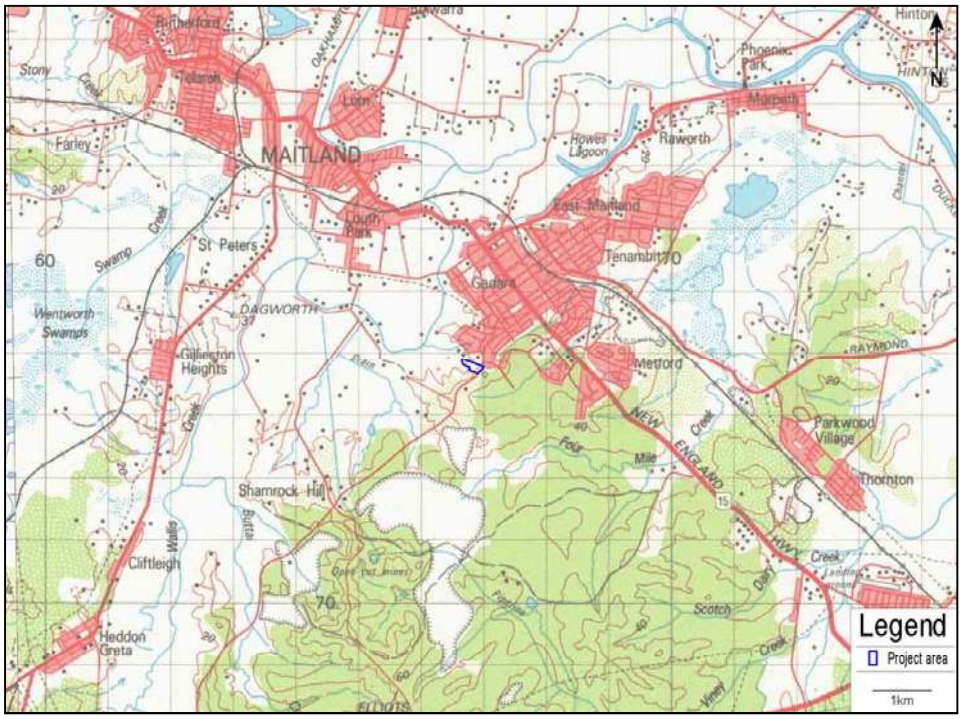

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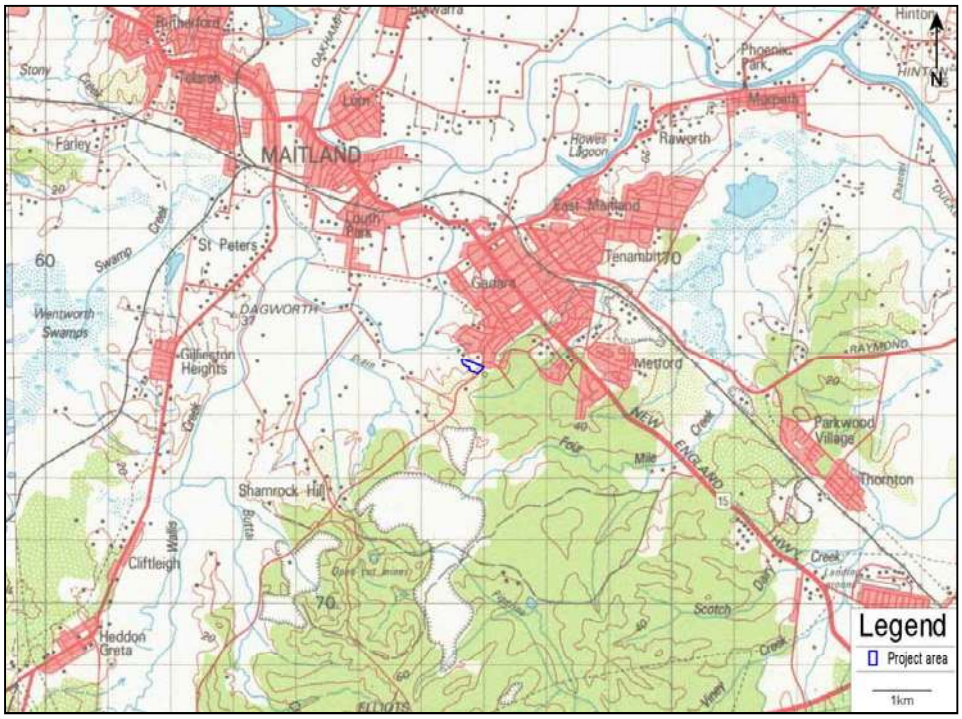

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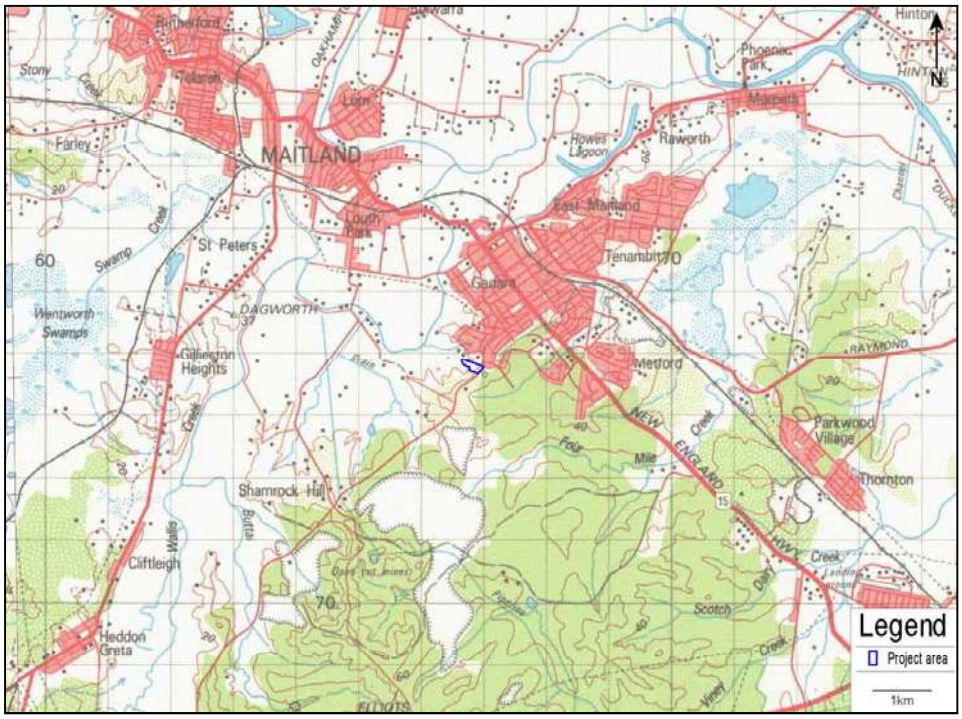

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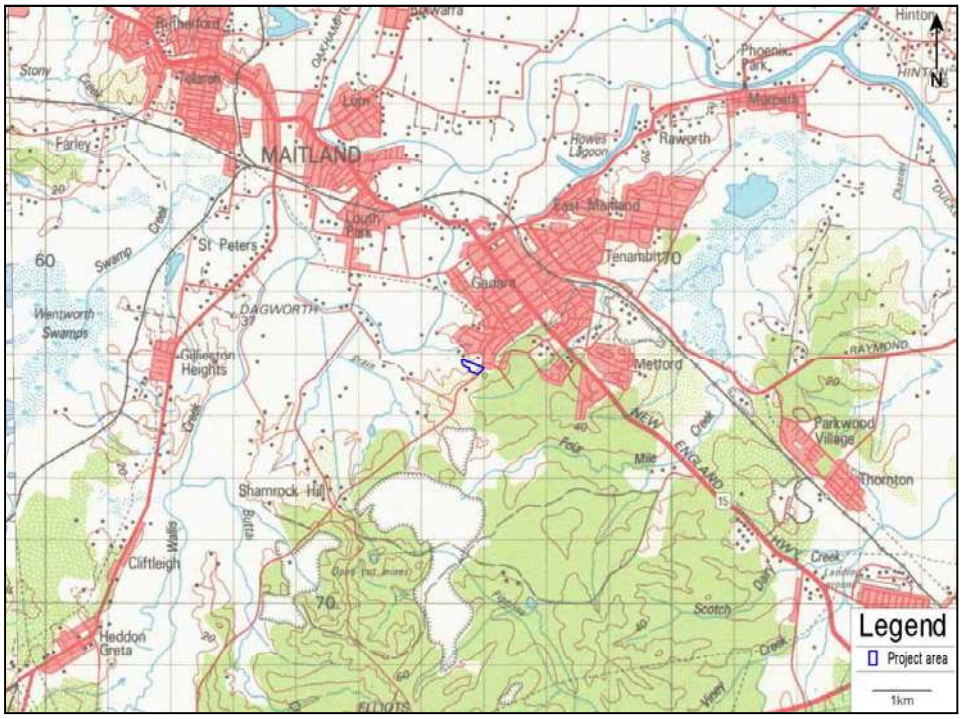

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Wanaruah Nations Aboriginal Corporation
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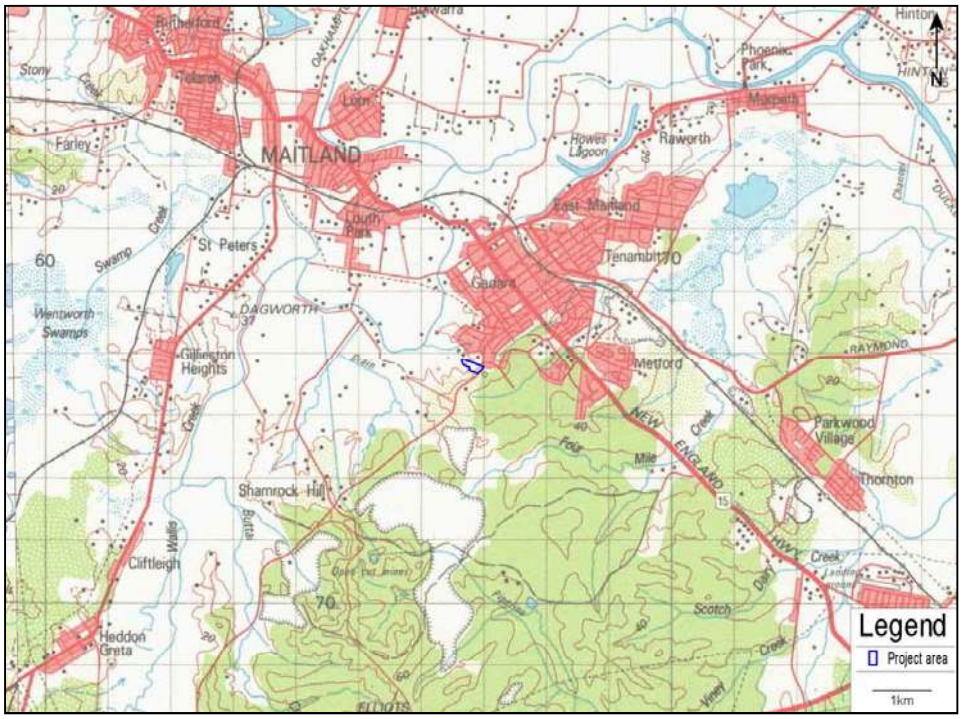

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Warragil Cultural Services
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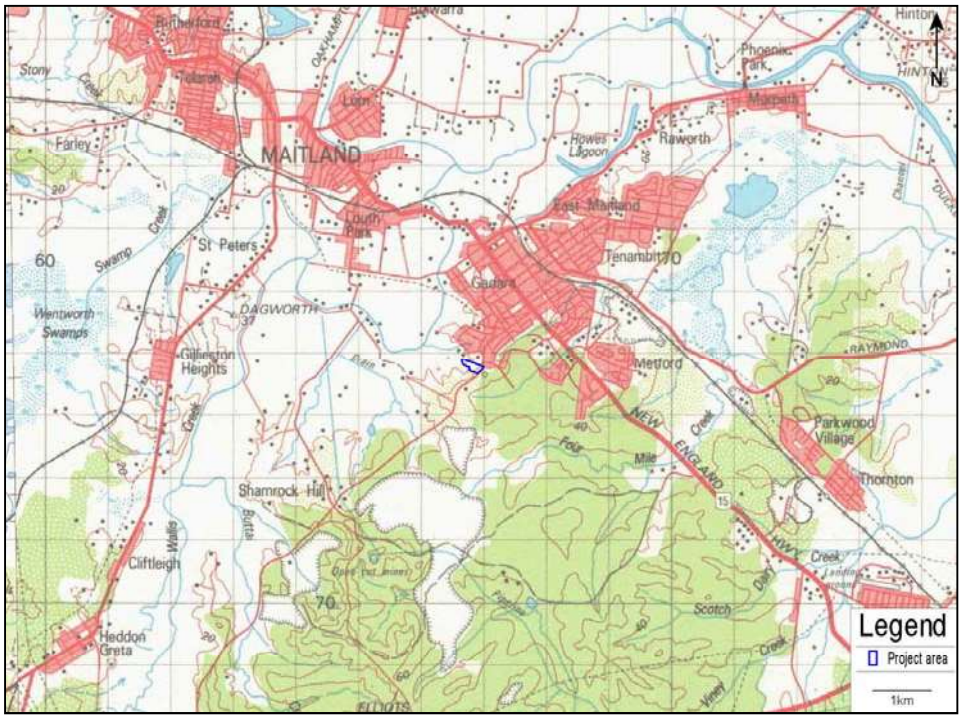

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Wattaka Wonnarua CC Services
Des Hickey
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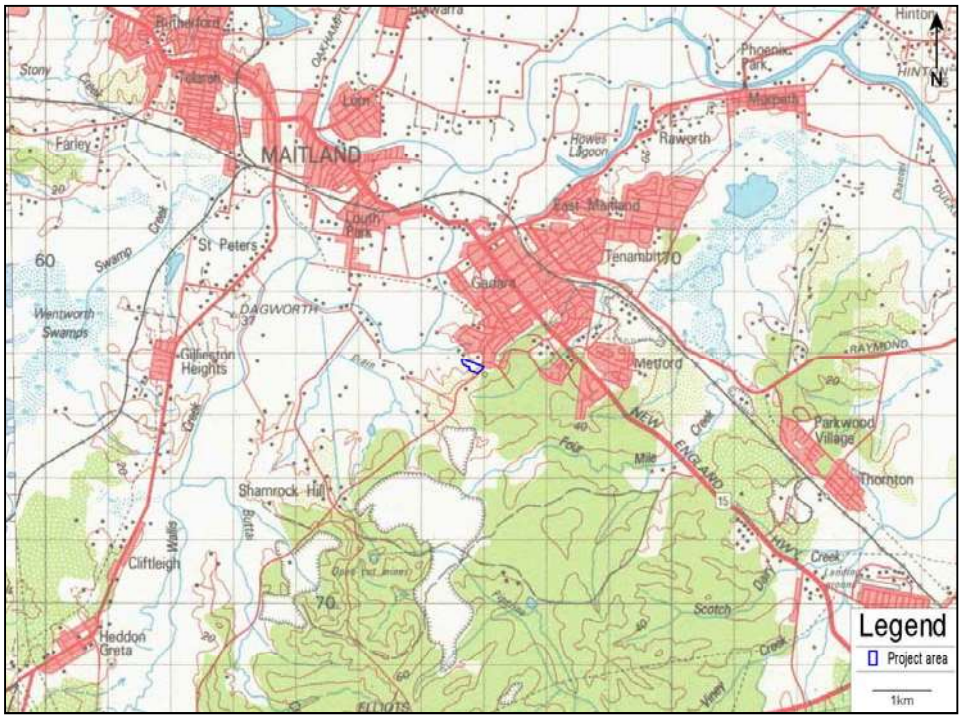

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Widescope Indigenous group Pty Ltd
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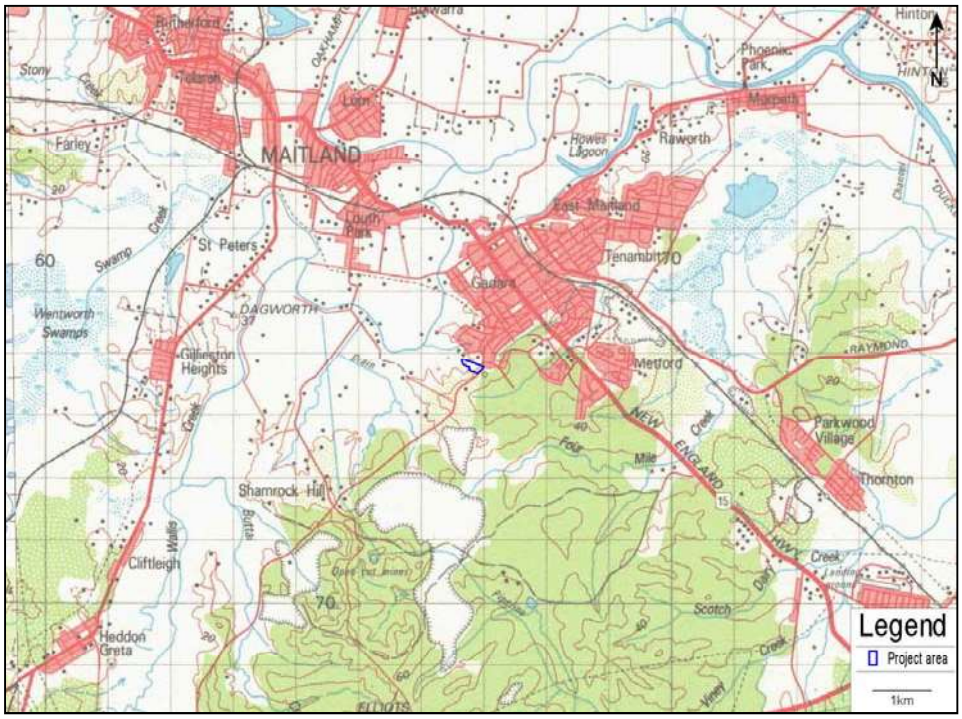

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Wonnarua Culture Heritage
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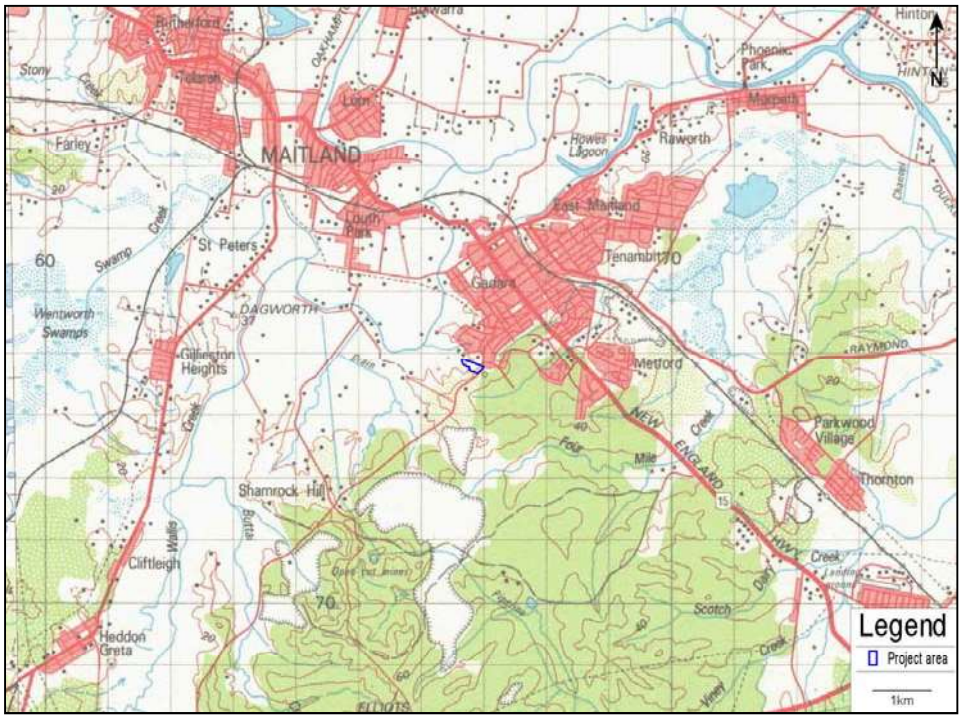

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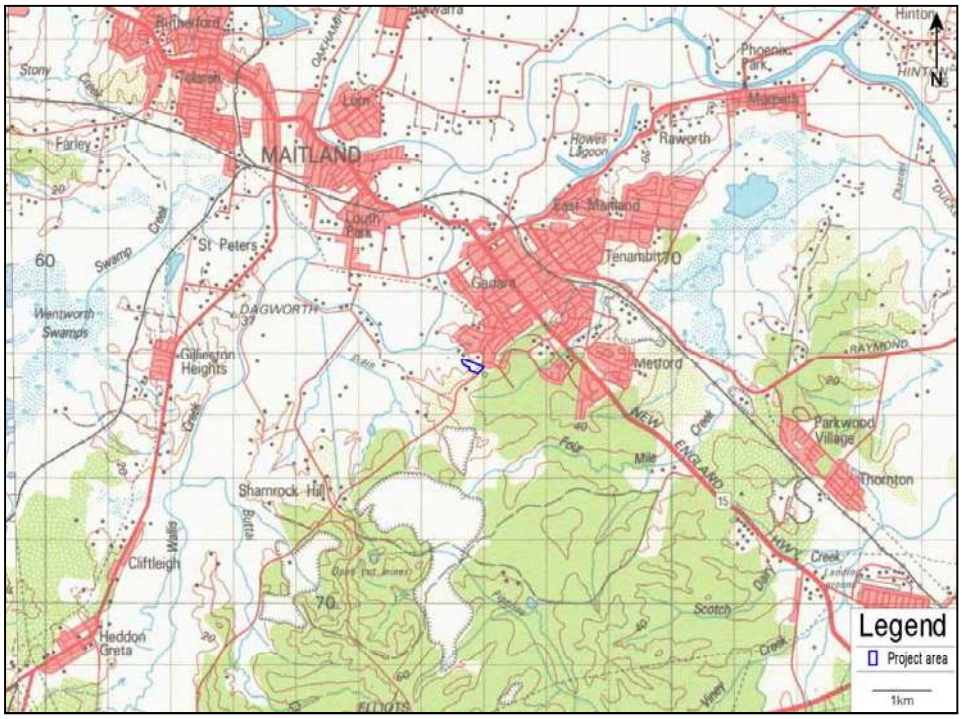

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Wonnarua Traditional Custodians NTAC
Des Hickey
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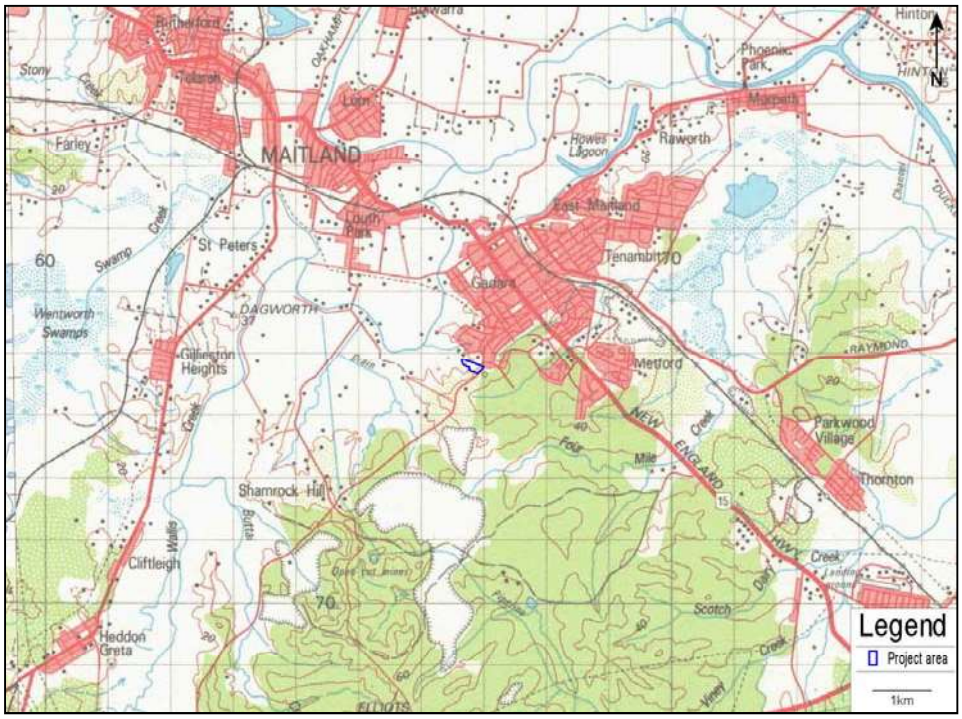

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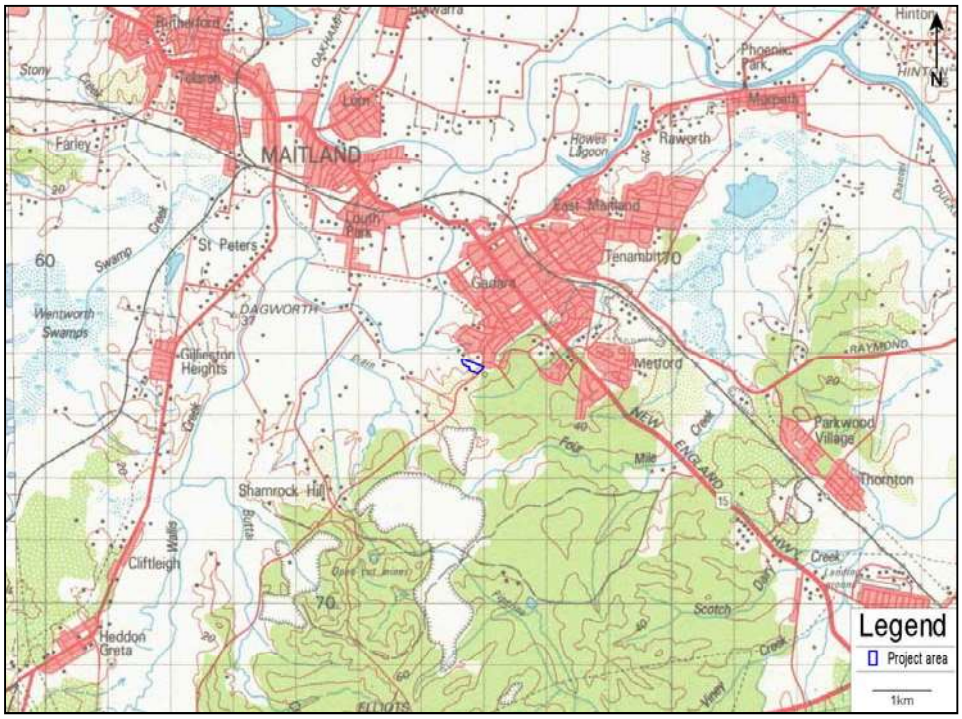

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Worimi Aboriginal community Co-operative
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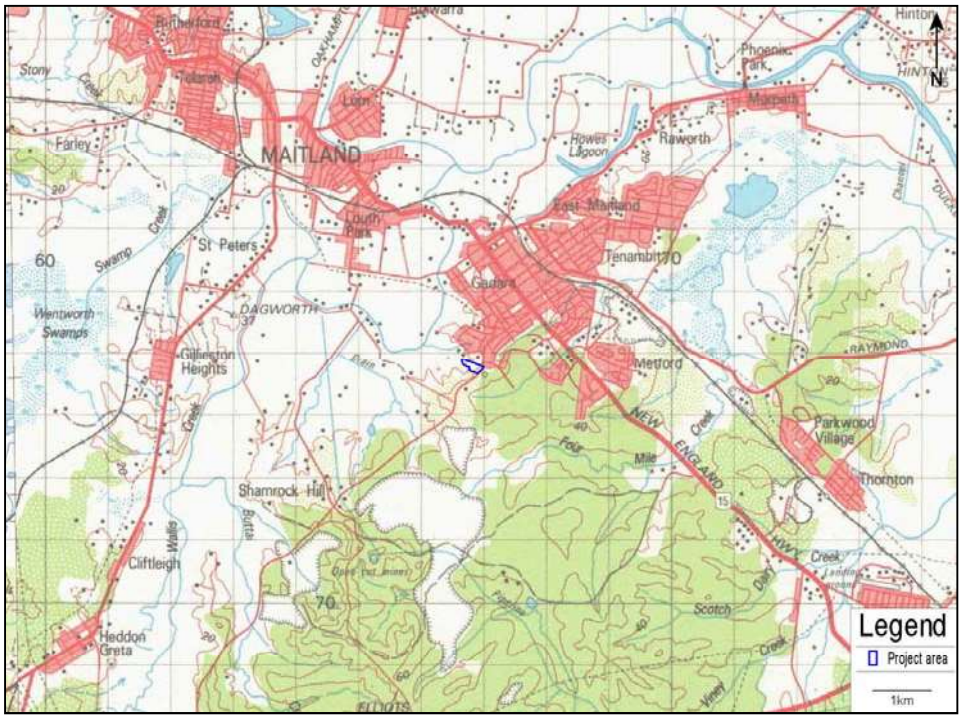

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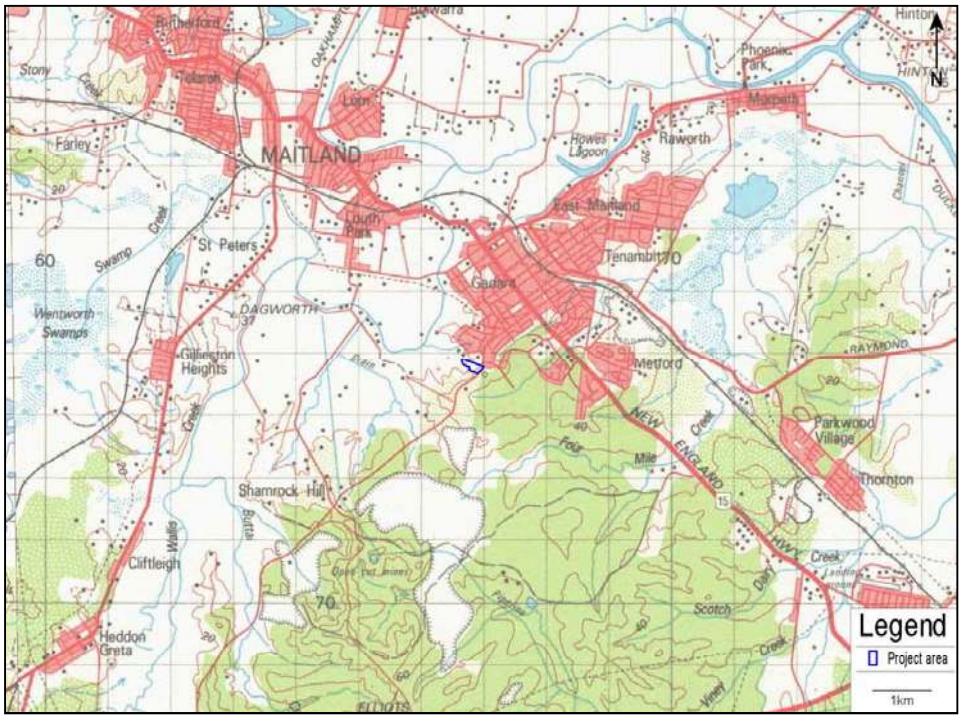

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Wurrumay Consultants
Kerrie Slater
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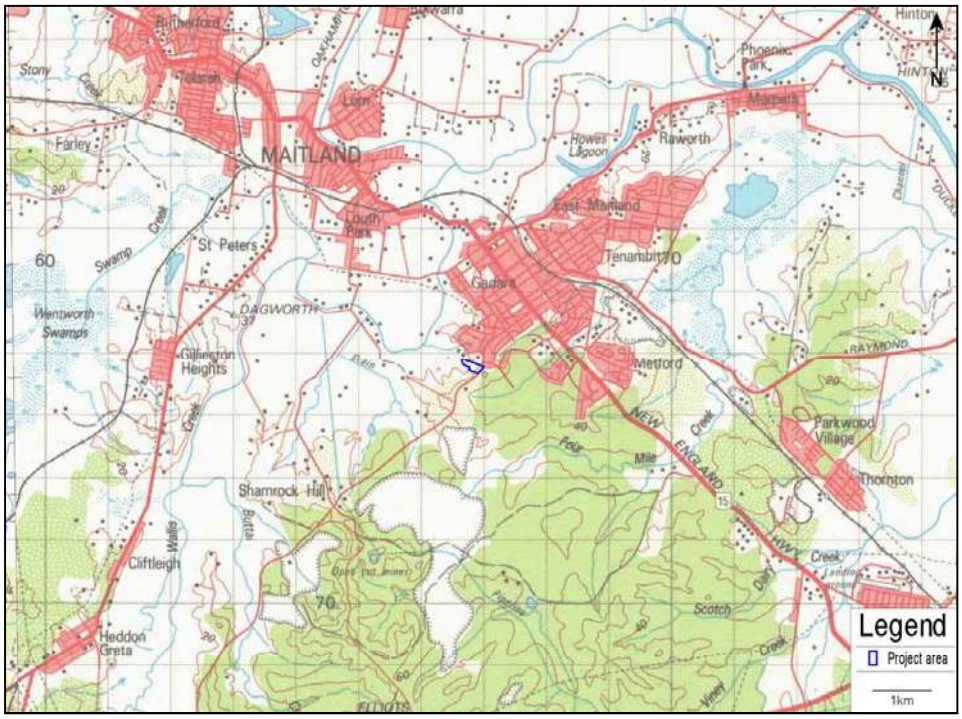

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Yamuloong Group Initiatives Ltd
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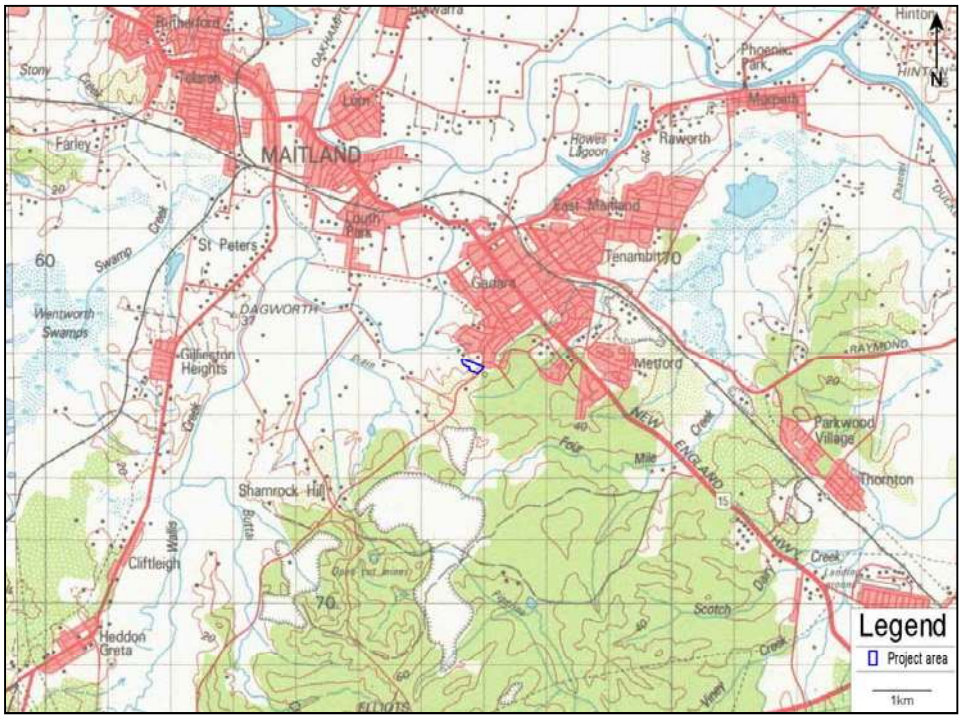

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Yarrawalk (A division of Tocomwall Pty Ltd)
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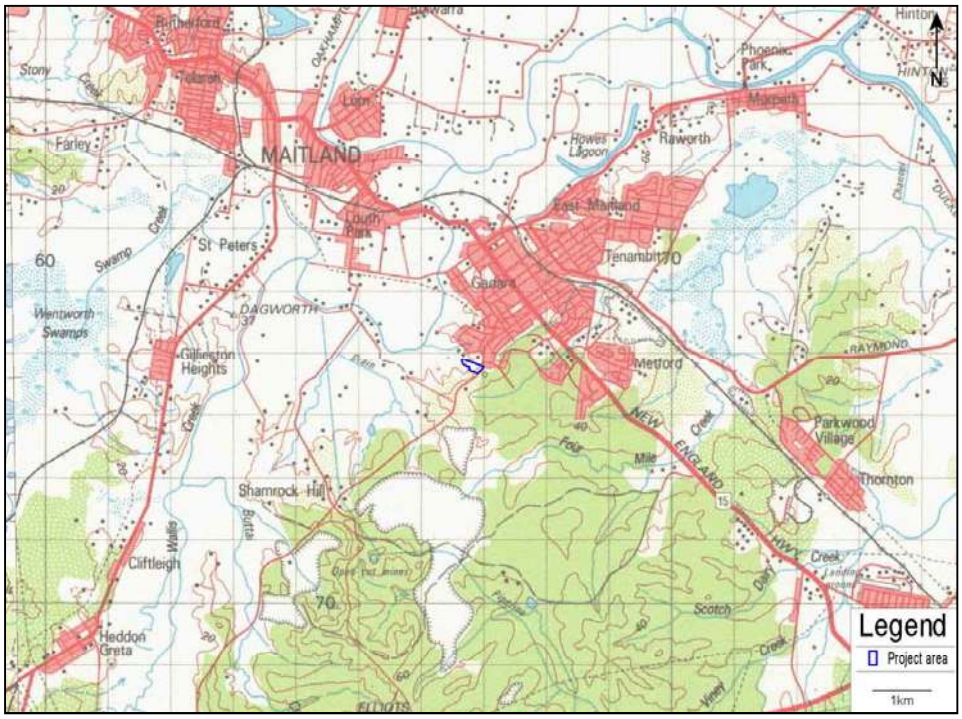

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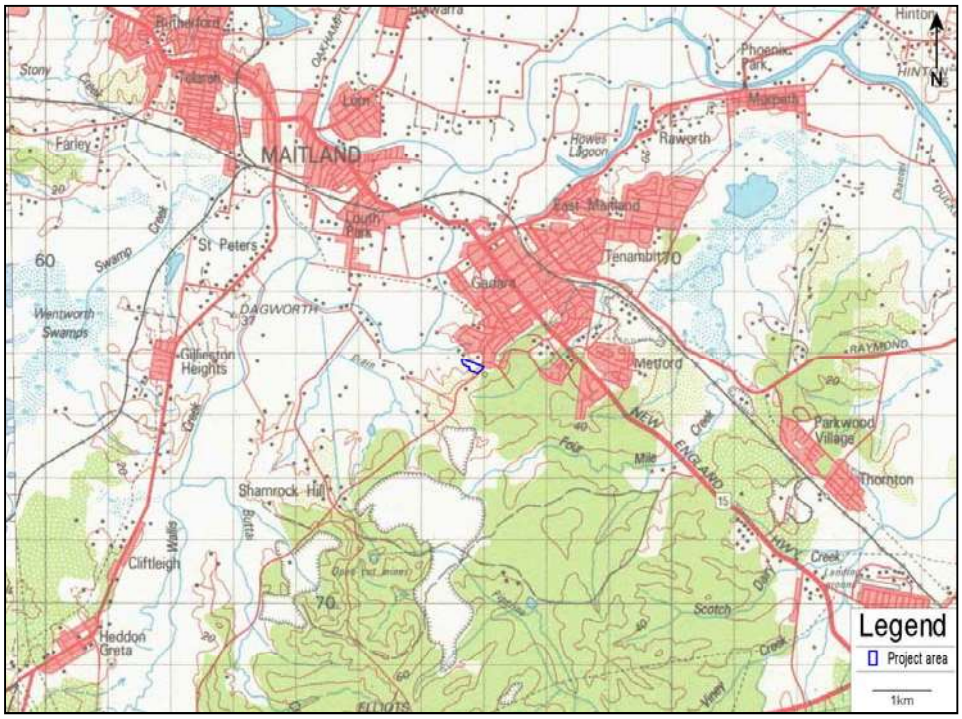

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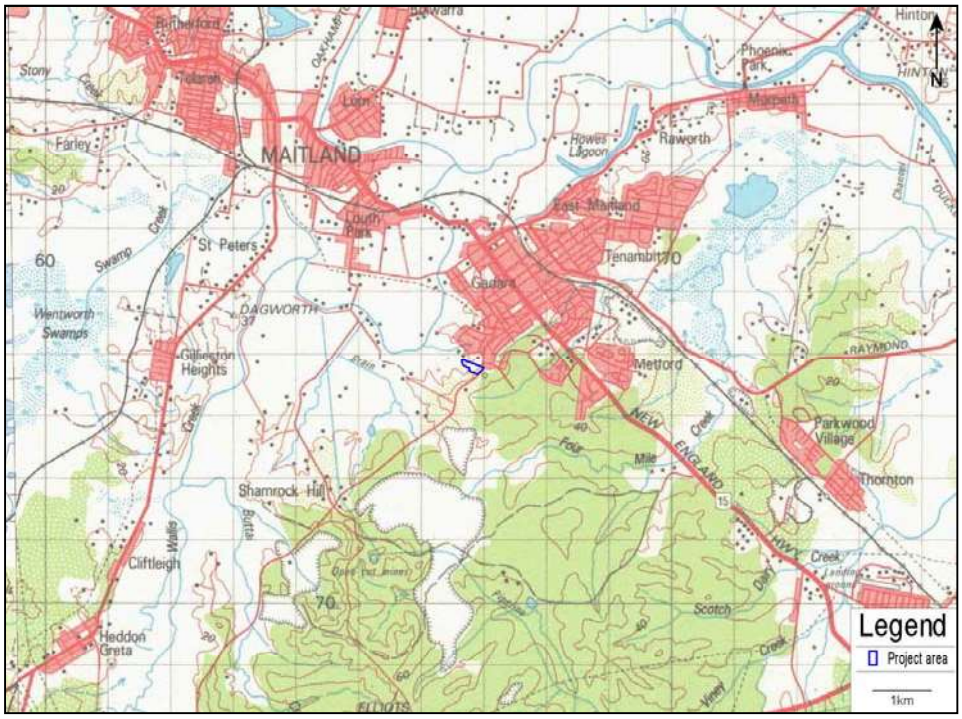

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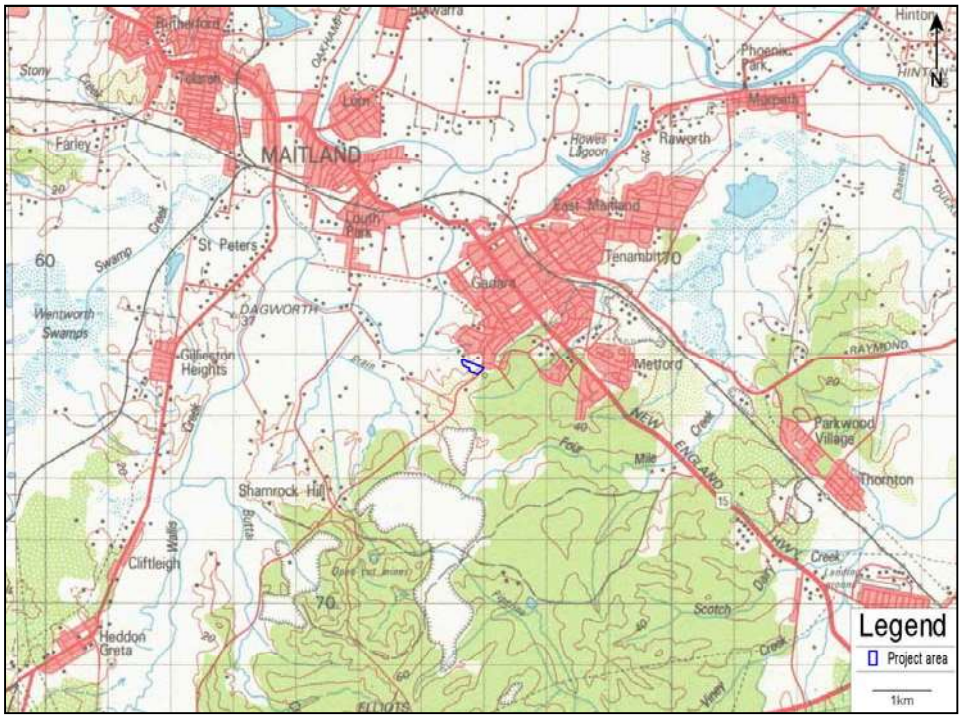

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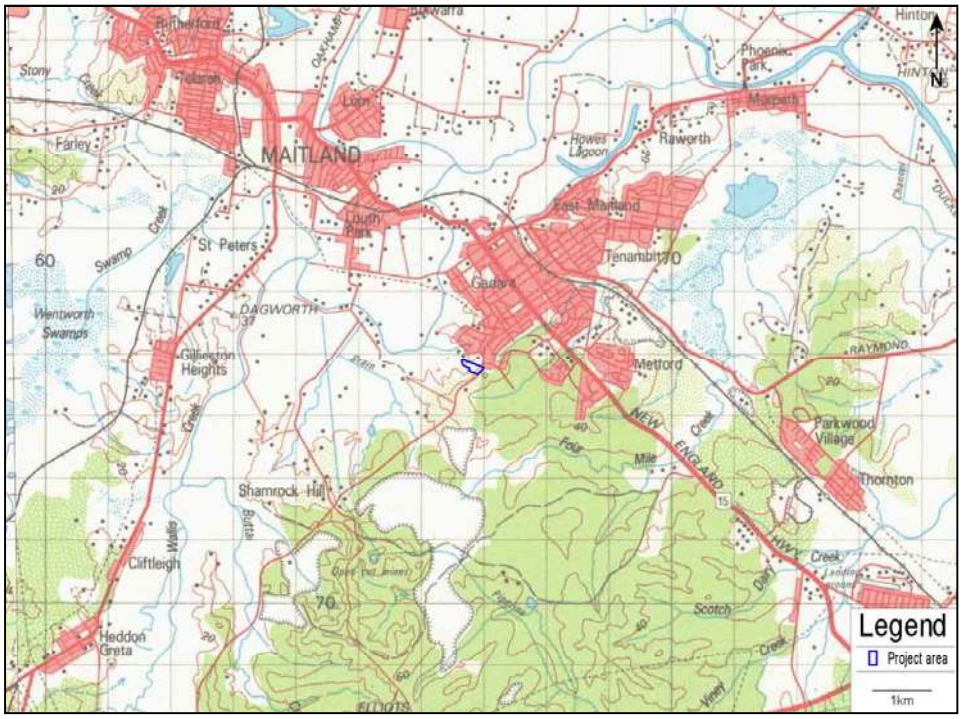

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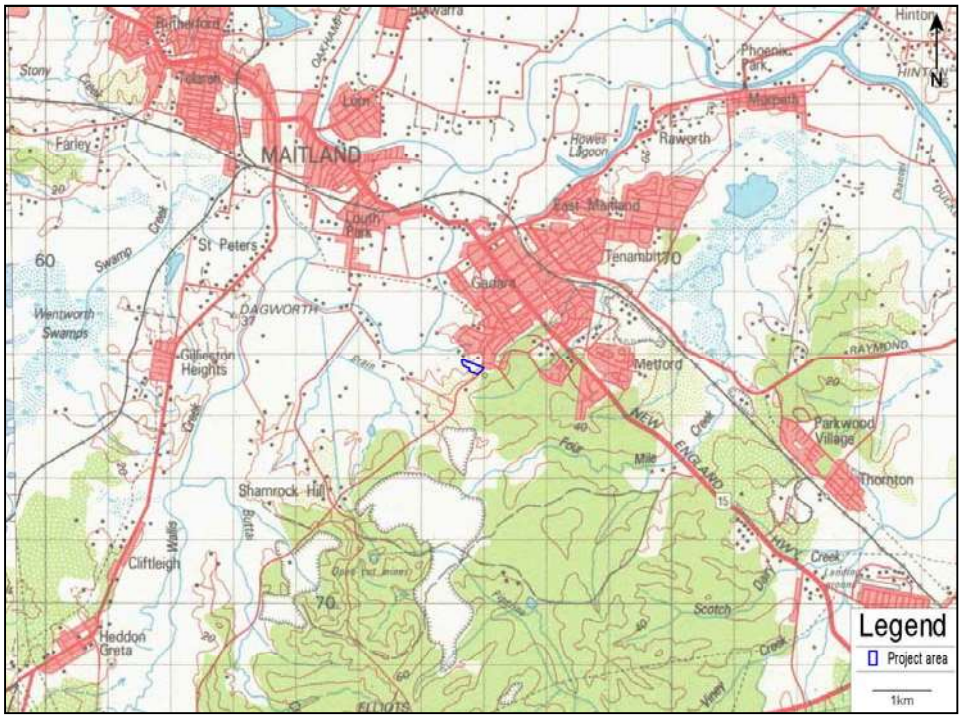

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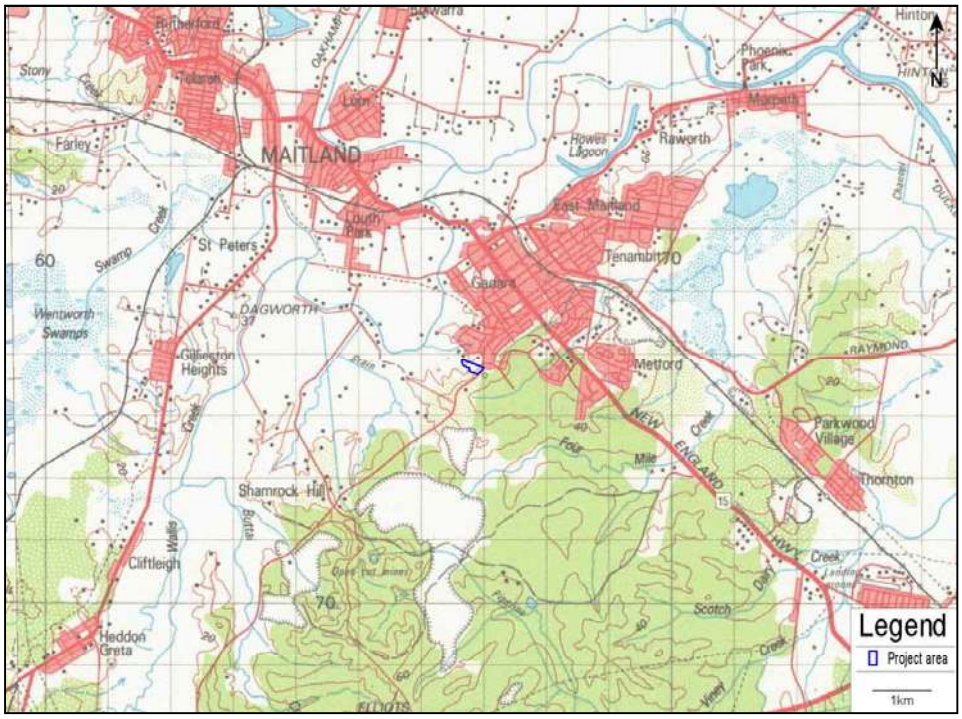

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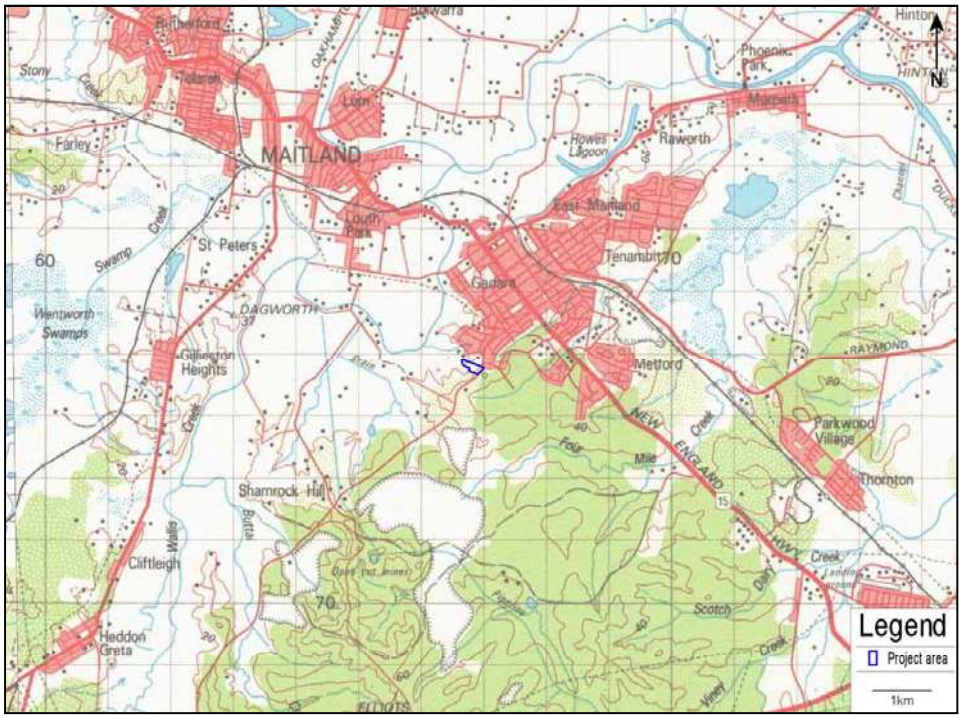

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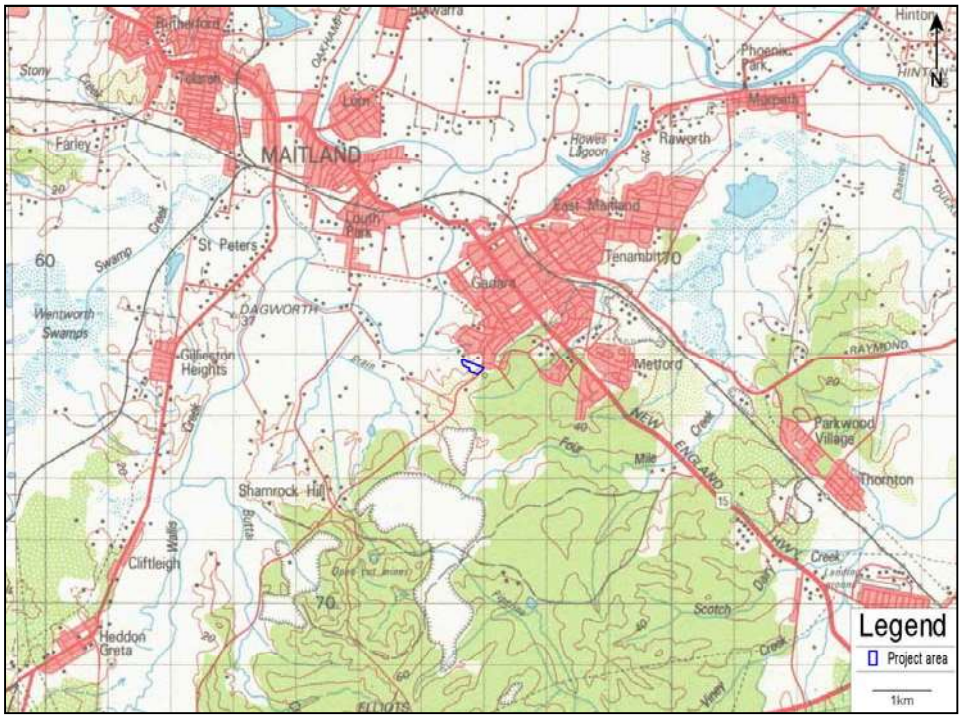

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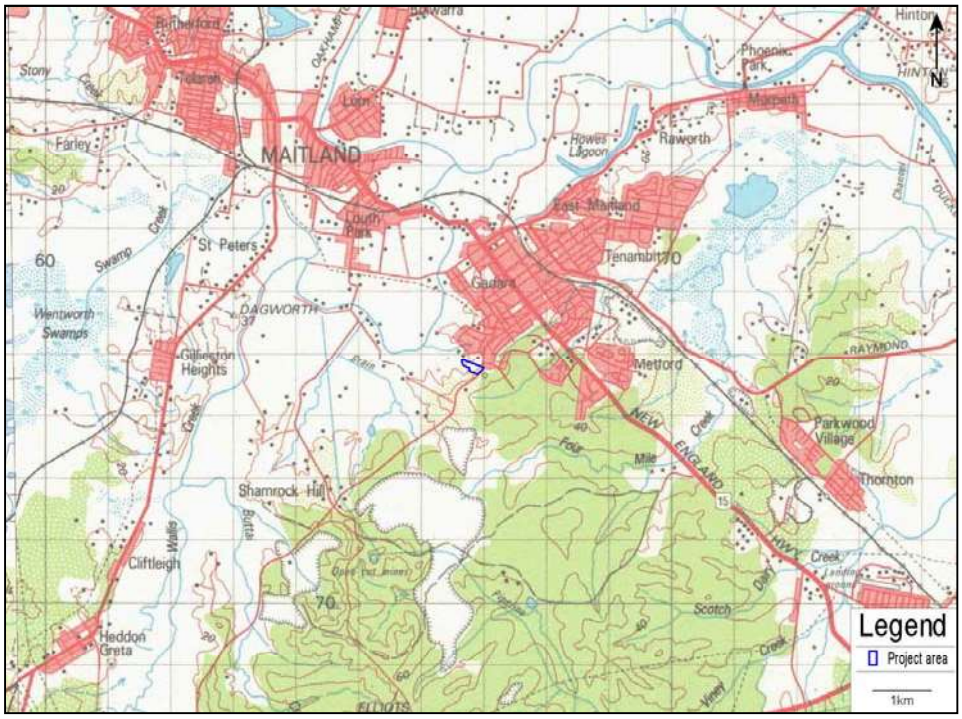

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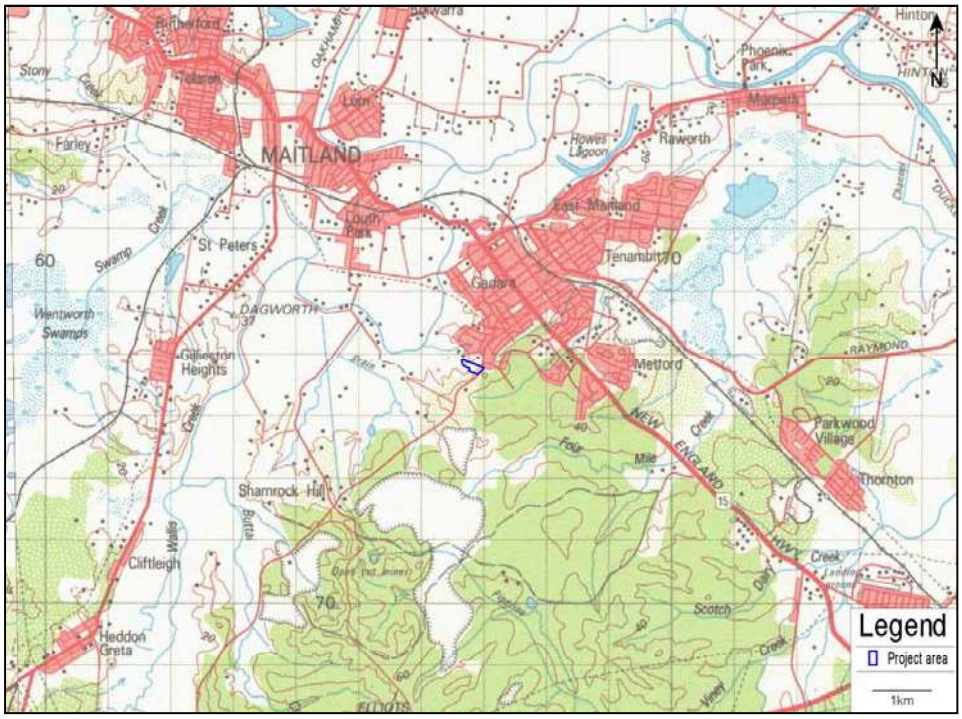

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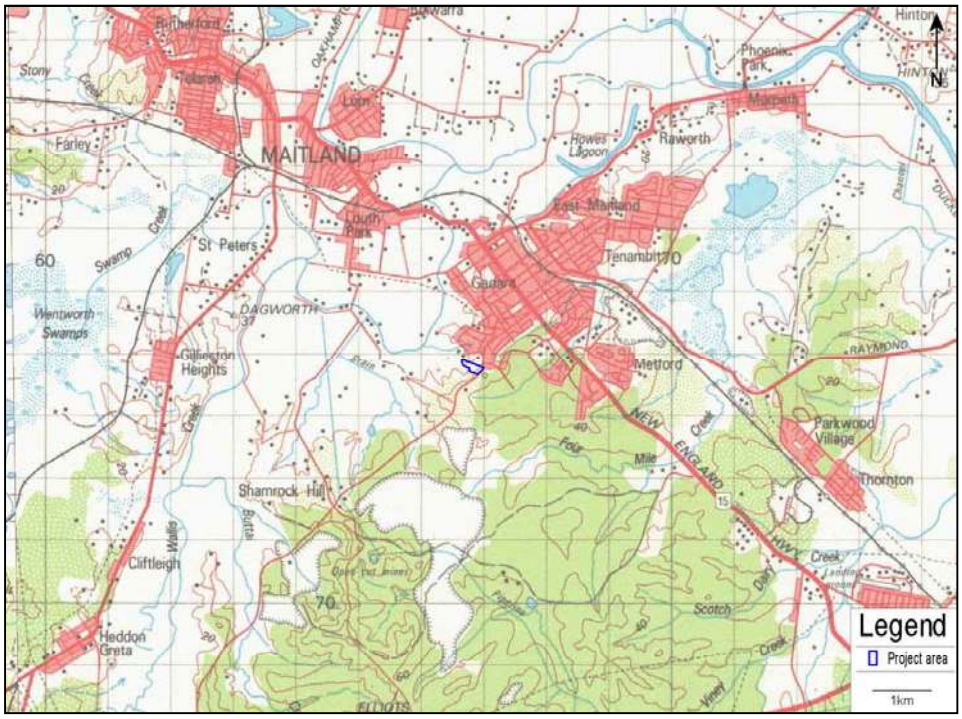

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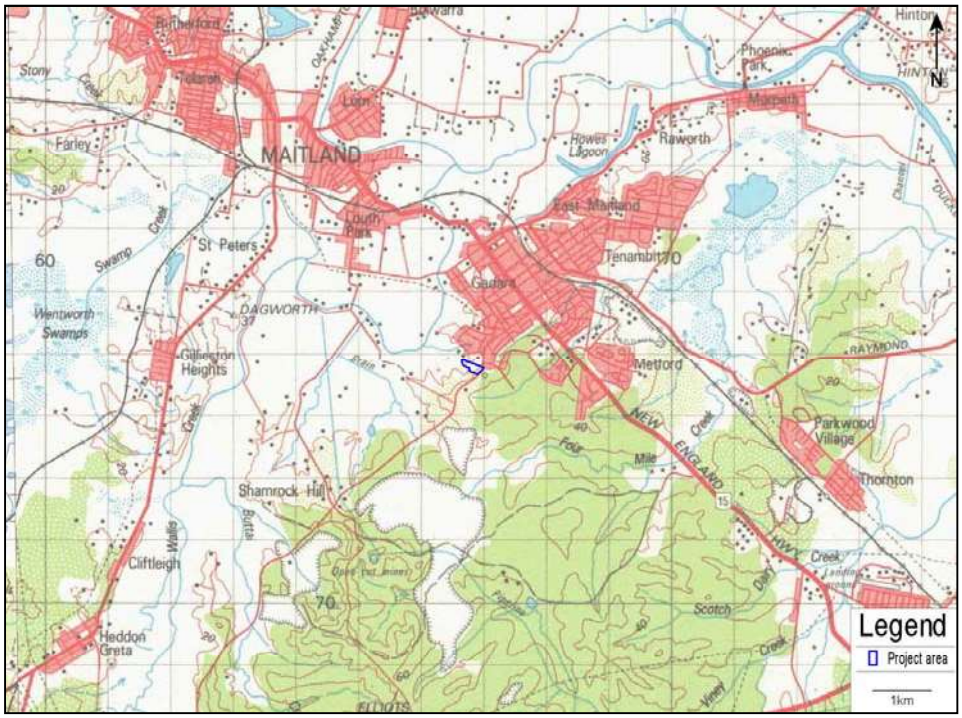

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Rosyln Sampson
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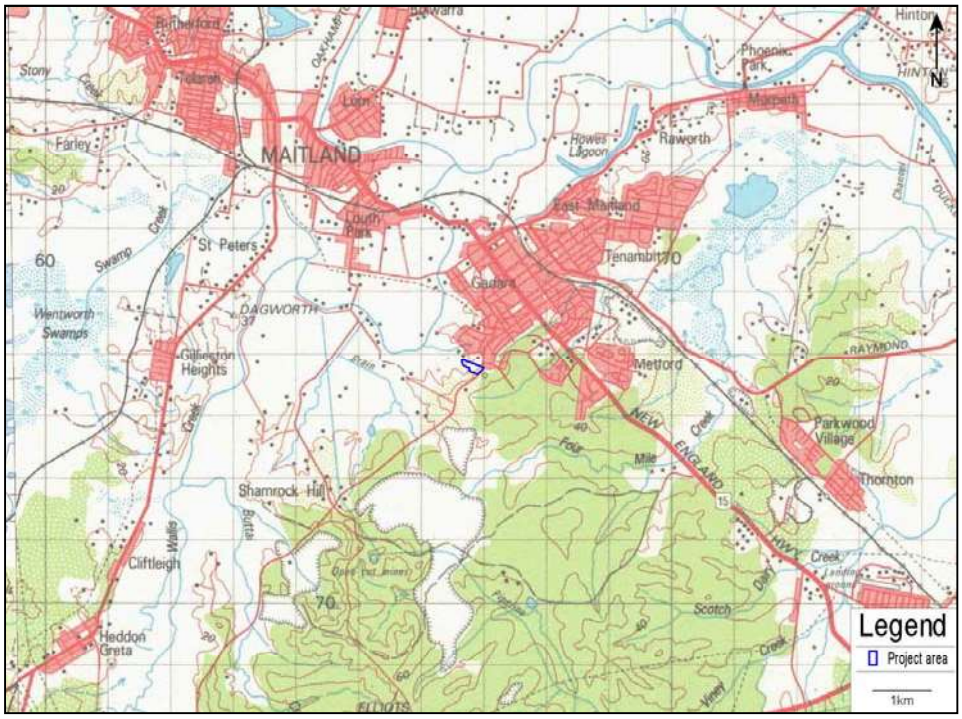

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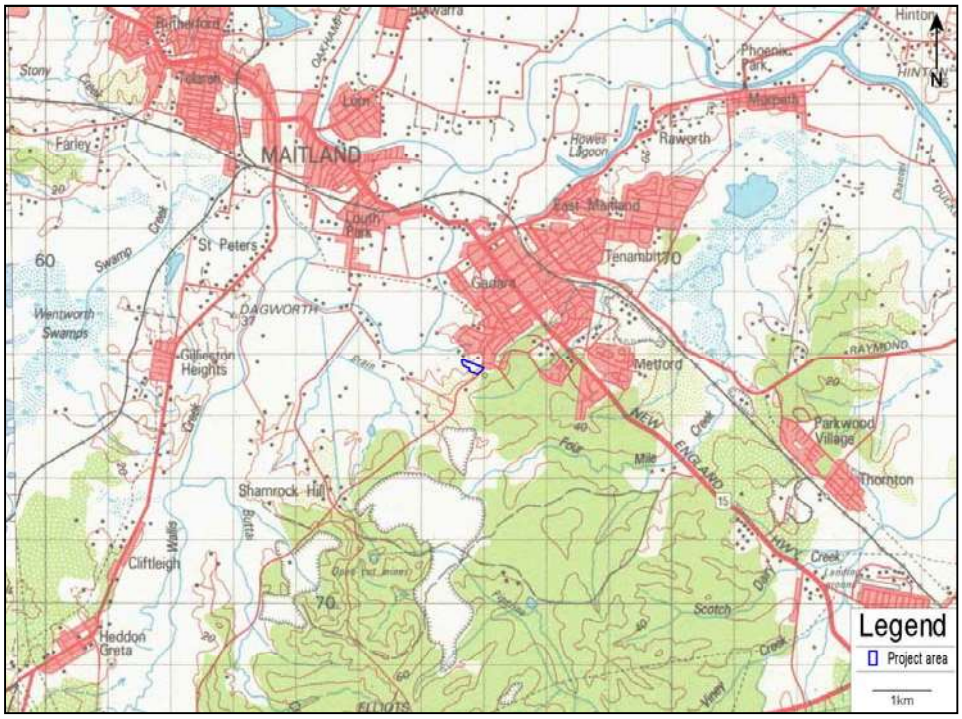

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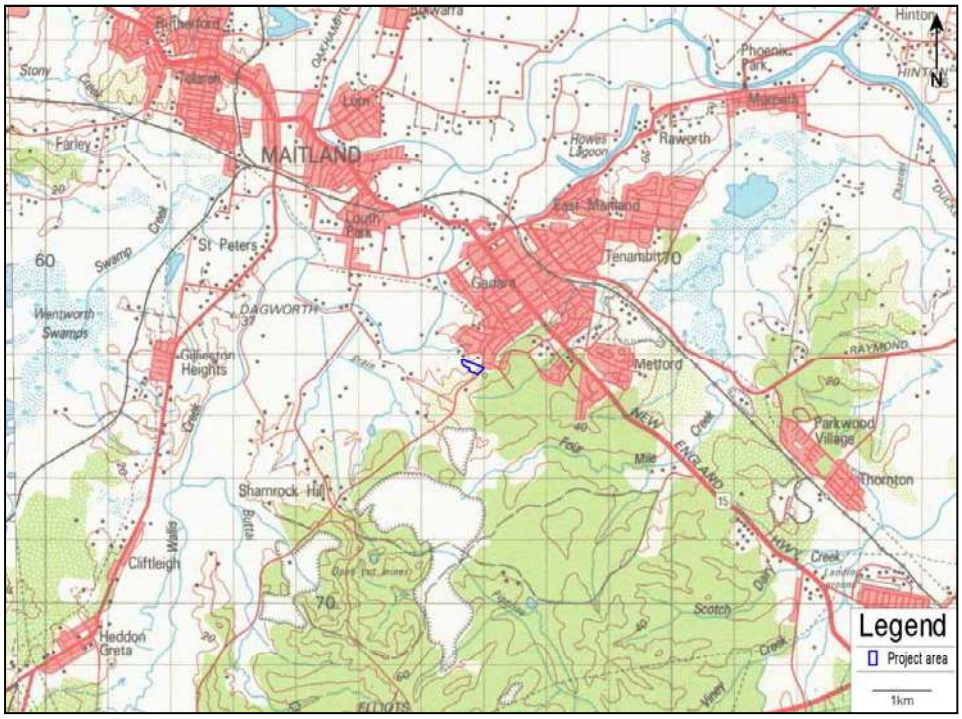

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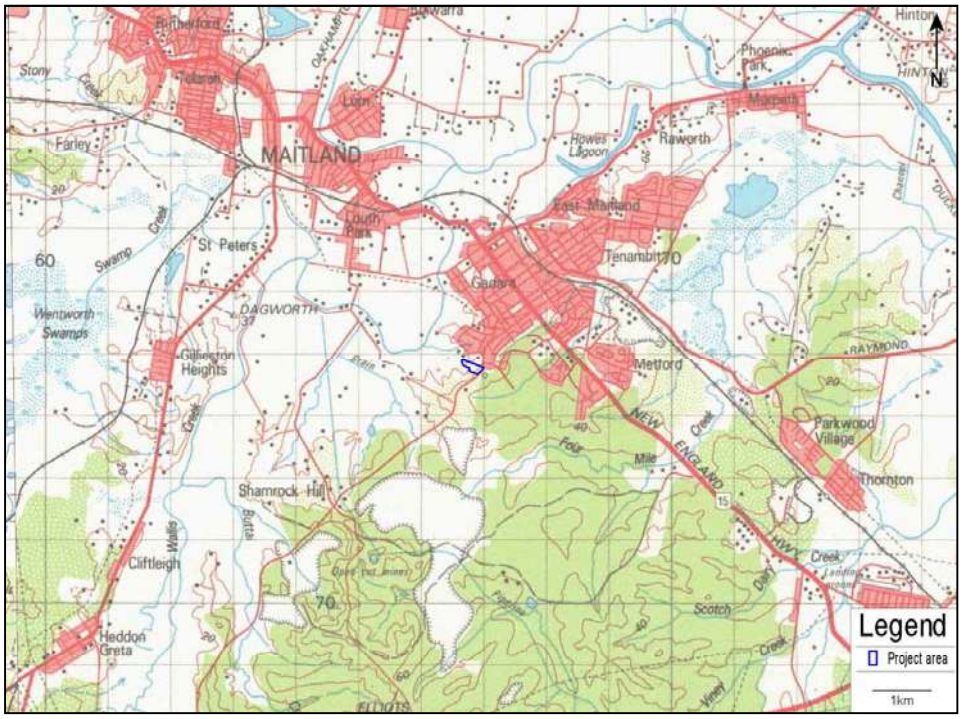

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Trevor Robinson
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Peak Hill NSW 2869

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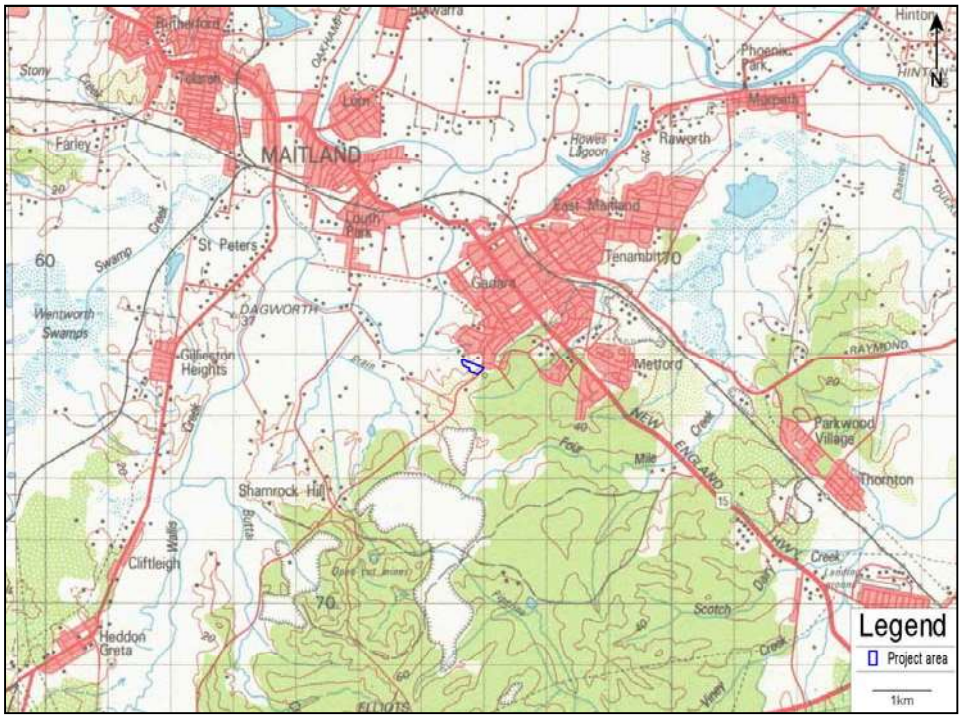

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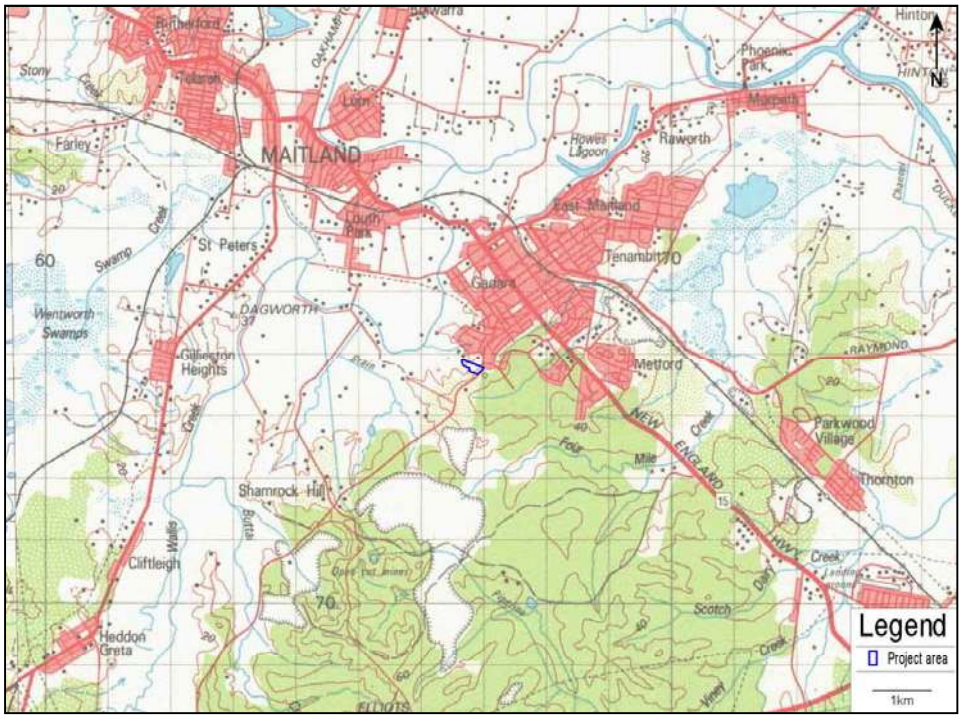

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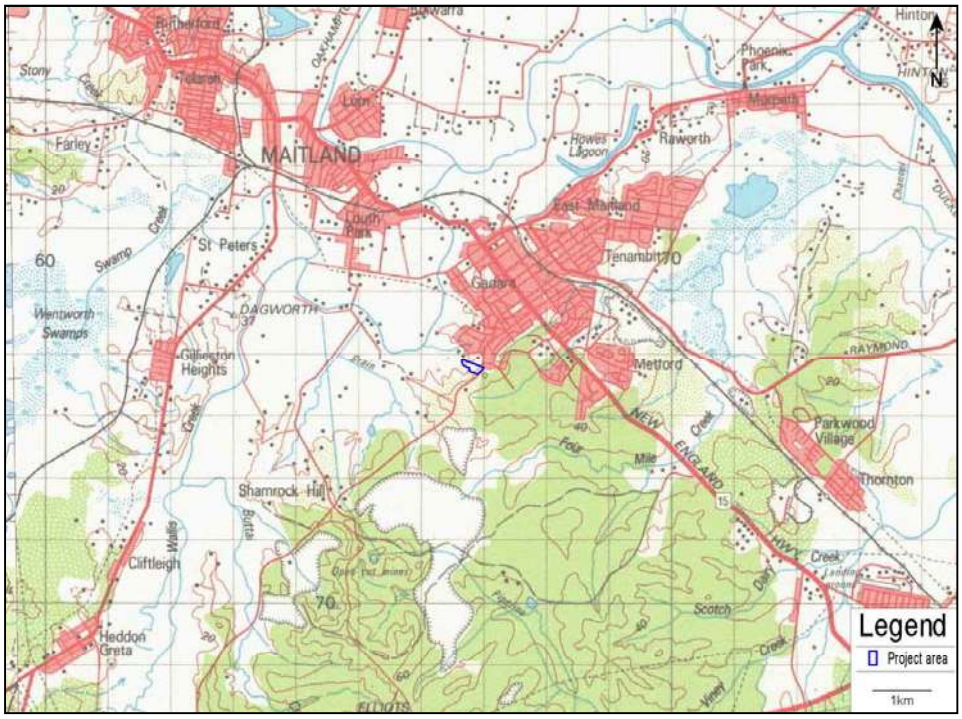

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Organisation	First name	Surname	Address 1	City	State	Post code	Landline	Mobile	Email
Worimi Local Aboriginal Land Council	CEO		2163 Nelson Bay Road	WILLIAMTOWN	NSW	2318	02 4965 1500		andrew@worimi.org.au
Yarrawalk (A division of Tocomwall Pty Ltd), Tocomwall Pty Ltd on behalf of Scott Franks and Anor on behalf of the Plains Clans of the Wonnarua People NSD1680/2013	Scott	Franks	PO Box 76	CARRINGBAH	NSW	1495		0404 171 544	scott@tocomwall.com.au
Yinarr Cultural Services	Kathleen	Steward Kinchela	Lot 5 Westwood Estate	MERRIWA	NSW	2329		0475 436 589	yinarculturalservices@bigpond.com dontminemeay@gmail.com
	Kevin	Duncan	95 Moala Parade	CHARMHAVEN	NSW	2263	02 4392 9346	0431 224 099	kevin.duncan@bigpond.com
	Steve	Talbott	73 Kiah Road	GILLIESTON HEIGHTS	NSW	2321		0429 662 911	gomeroi.namoi@outlook.com

APPENDIX B

AHIMS search results

AHIMS Web Services (AWS)
Search Result

Purchase Order/Reference : East maitland

Client Service ID : 439528

Penny Mccardle

Po Box 166
Adamstown New South Wales 2289

Attention: Penny Mccardle

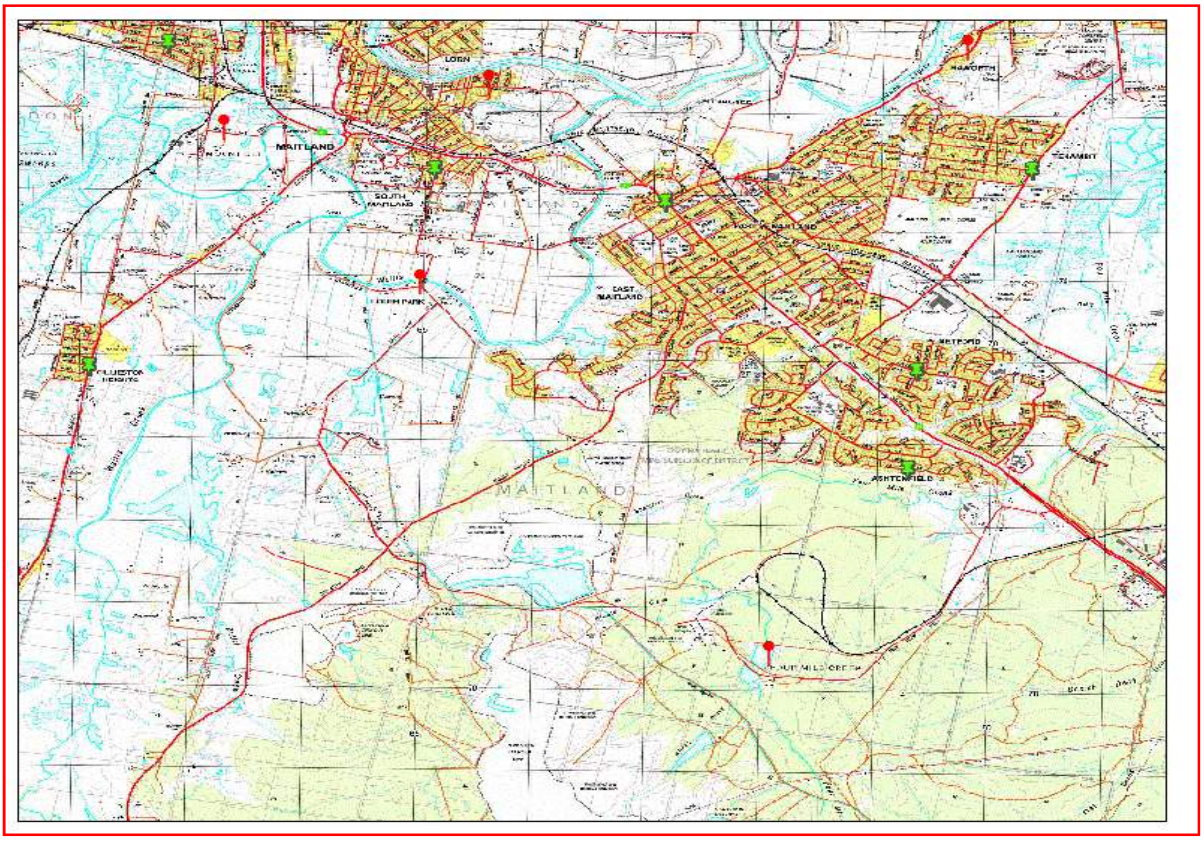
Email: mcheritage@iprimus.com.au

Date: 02 August 2019

Dear Sir or Madam:

AHIMS Web Service search for the following area at Datum :GDA, Zone : 56, Eastings : 362000 - 371000, Northings : 6368500 - 6378000 with a Buffer of 50 meters. Additional Info : assessment, conducted by Penny Mccardle on 02 August 2019.

The context area of your search is shown in the map below. Please note that the map does not accurately display the exact boundaries of the search as defined in the paragraph above. The map is to be used for general reference purposes only.



A search of the Office of the Environment and Heritage AHIMS Web Services (Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System) has shown that:

120	Aboriginal sites are recorded in or near the above location.
0	Aboriginal places have been declared in or near the above location. *

If your search shows Aboriginal sites or places what should you do?

- You must do an extensive search if AHIMS has shown that there are Aboriginal sites or places recorded in the search area.
- If you are checking AHIMS as a part of your due diligence, refer to the next steps of the Due Diligence Code of practice.
- You can get further information about Aboriginal places by looking at the gazettal notice that declared it. Aboriginal places gazetted after 2001 are available on the NSW Government Gazette (http://www.nsw.gov.au/gazette) website. Gazettal notices published prior to 2001 can be obtained from Office of Environment and Heritage's Aboriginal Heritage Information Unit upon request

Important information about your AHIMS search

- The information derived from the AHIMS search is only to be used for the purpose for which it was requested. It is not be made available to the public.
- AHIMS records information about Aboriginal sites that have been provided to Office of Environment and Heritage and Aboriginal places that have been declared by the Minister;
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- Aboriginal objects are protected under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 even if they are not recorded as a site on AHIMS.
- This search can form part of your due diligence and remains valid for 12 months.

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AHIMS Web Services (AWS)

Extensive search - Site list report

Your Ref/PO Number : East maitland

Client Service ID : 439528

SiteID	SiteName	Datum	Zone	Easting	Northing	Context	Site Status	SiteFeatures	SiteTypes	Reports
38-4-0627	Waterforde 4/PAD1/01-02	AGD	56	364904	6373132	Open site	Valid	Artefact : 1		98151,102388
Contact		Recorders	MCH - McCardle Cultural Heritage Pty Ltd					Permits	1390,1410,2120	
38-4-0628	Waterforde 4/PAD1/13	AGD	56	365044	6373071	Open site	Valid	Artefact : 1		98151,102388
Contact		Recorders	MCH - McCardle Cultural Heritage Pty Ltd					Permits	1390,1410,2120	
38-4-0629	Waterforde 4/PAD1/12	AGD	56	365156	6373033	Open site	Valid	Artefact : 1		98151,102388
Contact		Recorders	MCH - McCardle Cultural Heritage Pty Ltd					Permits	1390,1410,2120	
38-4-0632	Waterforde 4/PAD1/18	AGD	56	365045	6373141	Open site	Valid	Artefact : 1		98151,102388
Contact		Recorders	MCH - McCardle Cultural Heritage Pty Ltd					Permits	1390,1410,2120	
38-4-0665	FMC3 Donaldson Mine	AGD	56	368300	6368900	Open site	Valid	Artefact : 5, Grinding Groove : 1		98344
Contact		Recorders	Sue Effenberger					Permits		
38-4-0666	FMC4 Donaldson Mine	AGD	56	368250	6368650	Open site	Valid	Artefact : 2		98344
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38-4-0667	FMC5 Donaldson Mine	AGD	56	368500	6368700	Open site	Valid	Artefact : 3		98344
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38-4-0638	Donaldson Monitoring Site 6 (DMS6)	AGD	56	370809	6369721	Open site	Valid	Modified Tree (Carved or Scarred) : 1		
Contact		Recorders	Umwelt (Australia) Pty Limited					Permits		
38-4-0688	Metford Road PAD	AGD	56	369498	6374833	Open site	Valid	Potential Archaeological Deposit (PAD) : 1		
Contact		Recorders	Ms.Meaghan Russell					Permits	1679,1971,2004	
38-4-0779	PAD1 Four Mile Creek South	AGD	56	369900	6372125	Open site	Valid	Potential Archaeological Deposit (PAD) : -		99960
Contact		Recorders	Umwelt (Australia) Pty Limited					Permits	2022	

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38-4-0780	PAD2 Four Mile Creek Tributary	AGD	56	370350	6371935	Open site	Valid	Potential Archaeological Deposit (PAD) : -		99960
	Contact	**Recorders**	Umwelt (Australia) Pty Limited					**Permits**	2022	
38-4-0781	Four Mile Creek South	AGD	56	369863	6372082	Open site	Valid	Artefact : 2		
	Contact	**Recorders**	Umwelt (Australia) Pty Limited					**Permits**	2809,3011	
38-4-1018	GH Campsite 1	AGD	56	363166	6374506	Open site	Valid	Aboriginal Resource and Gathering : -		100898,100987,102231,102388
	Contact Searle	**Recorders**	Mary Dallas Consulting Archaeologists (MDCA)					**Permits**		
38-4-1019	GH PAD3	AGD	56	363190	6374880	Open site	Valid	Potential Archaeological Deposit (PAD) : -		100504,100898,100987,102231,102388
	Contact Searle	**Recorders**	Mary Dallas Consulting Archaeologists (MDCA)					**Permits**	2721	
38-4-1137	Metford Road 1	GDA	56	370216	6376964	Open site	Valid	Artefact : 1		
	Contact	**Recorders**	Mrs.Angela Besant					**Permits**	3018	
38-4-1010	A17/C	AGD	56	367920	6369120	Open site	Valid	Artefact : -		
	Contact T Russell	**Recorders**	South East Archaeology					**Permits**		
38-4-1011	A15/1	AGD	56	367770	6369590	Open site	Valid	Artefact : 10		102388
	Contact T Russell	**Recorders**	South East Archaeology					**Permits**		
38-4-1012	A7/A	AGD	56	366730	6370500	Open site	Valid	Artefact : 1		102388
	Contact T Russell	**Recorders**	South East Archaeology					**Permits**		
38-4-0984	A17/A	AGD	56	368090	6369580	Open site	Valid	Artefact : -, Grinding Groove : -		
	Contact T Russell	**Recorders**	Mr.Edward Clarke					**Permits**		
38-4-1005	Gillieston Heights 1	AGD	56	362380	6374055	Open site	Destroyed	Artefact : 1		100966,102231,102388
	Contact	**Recorders**	Umwelt (Australia) Pty Limited,Ms.Amanda Reynolds					**Permits**	2714,2715	
38-4-1006	Gillieston Heights 2	GDA	56	362396	6374623	Open site	Destroyed	Artefact : 1		100966,102231,102388
	Contact S Scanlon	**Recorders**	Umwelt (Australia) Pty Limited,Ms.Amanda Reynolds					**Permits**	2714,2715	
38-4-1014	A17/B	AGD	56	367690	6369200	Open site	Valid	Artefact : 2		102388
	Contact T Russell	**Recorders**	Mr.Edward Clarke					**Permits**		
38-4-1008	A21/A	AGD	56	368510	6368460	Open site	Valid	Artefact : 3		
	Contact T Russell	**Recorders**	South East Archaeology					**Permits**		
38-4-1028	Segment B PAD	AGD	56	370755	6372758	Open site	Valid	Potential Archaeological Deposit (PAD) : -		

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	Contact Searle	**Recorders**	AECOM Australia Pty Ltd (previously HLA-Enviros					**Permits**	2592,2809,2810,3011	
38-4-1036	GHS IF1	AGD	56	362116	6373707	Open site	Partially Destroyed	Artefact : 1		102231
	Contact	**Recorders**	Mary Dallas Consulting Archaeologists (MDCA),Paul Irish Consultant Archaeologist					**Permits**	3555,3592	
38-4-1037	GHS PAD 1	AGD	56	362600	6373400	Open site	Partially Destroyed	Potential Archaeological Deposit (PAD) : -		
	Contact Lower Wonnarua Tribal Counc	**Recorders**	Mary Dallas Consulting Archaeologists (MDCA),Mr.Paul Irish					**Permits**	3555,3569,3592	
38-4-1038	GHS PAD 2	AGD	56	362700	6373650	Open site	Valid	Potential Archaeological Deposit (PAD) : -		102231
	Contact Lower Wonnarua Tribal Counc	**Recorders**	Mary Dallas Consulting Archaeologists (MDCA),Paul Irish Consultant Archaeologist					**Permits**		
38-4-1207	Gullivers Lane 2	GDA	56	365393	6373415	Open site	Partially Destroyed	Artefact : 215		102760
	Contact	**Recorders**	Insite Heritage Pty Ltd,Insite Heritage Pty Ltd					**Permits**	3291,3430	
38-4-1208	Gullivers Lane 1	GDA	56	365691	6373468	Open site	Valid	Artefact : 4		102760
	Contact	**Recorders**	Insite Heritage Pty Ltd					**Permits**	3430	
38-4-1219	Restriction applied. Please contact ahims@environment.nsw.gov.au.					Open site	Valid			
	Contact Mr.Thomas Miller	**Recorders**	Brad Welsh					**Permits**		
38-4-1347	Lot 4 and 52 DP868890	GDA	56	362645	6375169	Open site	Destroyed	Aboriginal Resource and Gathering : -, Artefact : -		
	Contact Mindaribba Local Aboriginal L	**Recorders**	RPS Australia East Pty Ltd -Hamilton,Miss.Philippa Sokol					**Permits**	3412	
38-4-1735	LP3	GDA	56	363979	6372660	Open site	Valid	Modified Tree (Carved or Scarred) : -		
	Contact	**Recorders**	Ms.Viki Gordon					**Permits**		
38-4-1739	RATHLUBA FARM OUTCROP 1	GDA	56	366503	6374659	Open site	Valid	Grinding Groove : -		
	Contact	**Recorders**	Ms.Viki Gordon					**Permits**		
38-4-0774	AF 1(duplicate of 38-4-0711)	AGD	56	368760	6372860	Open site	Not a Site	Artefact : 2, Potential Archaeological Deposit (PAD) : 2		
	Contact	**Recorders**	Therin Archaeological Consulting					**Permits**	2000	
38-4-0775	AF 2(duplicate of 38-4-0712)	AGD	56	368880	6372950	Open site	Not a Site	Artefact : 2, Potential Archaeological Deposit (PAD) : -		
	Contact	**Recorders**	Therin Archaeological Consulting					**Permits**	2000	
38-4-0839	Shamrock Hill (ISF 2)	AGD	56	368237	6372467	Open site	Valid	Artefact : 1		

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	Contact T Russell	**Recorders**	Mary Dallas Consulting Archaeologists (MDCA)					**Permits**	2182	
38-4-0838	Shamrock Hill (ISF 1)	AGD	56	367744	6372244	Open site	Valid	Artefact : 1		102388
	Contact T Russell	**Recorders**	Mary Dallas Consulting Archaeologists (MDCA)					**Permits**	2182	
38-4-1059	GH PAD 2	AGD	56	363390	6374930	Open site	Valid	Potential Archaeological Deposit (PAD) : 1		100898,100987
	Contact	**Recorders**	Ms.Mary Dallas					**Permits**		
38-4-1048	Bloomfield 20	GDA	56	364780	6368530	Open site	Destroyed	Artefact : 4		
	Contact	**Recorders**	Mr.Peter Kuskie,South East Archaeology					**Permits**		
38-4-1049	Bloomfield 18	GDA	56	364580	6368530	Open site	Destroyed	Artefact : 18		
	Contact	**Recorders**	Mr.Peter Kuskie,South East Archaeology					**Permits**		
38-4-1050	Bloomfield 16	GDA	56	364750	6369020	Open site	Destroyed	Artefact : 1		
	Contact	**Recorders**	Mr.Peter Kuskie,South East Archaeology					**Permits**		
38-4-1051	Bloomfield 2	GDA	56	365140	6369510	Open site	Destroyed	Artefact : 1		
	Contact	**Recorders**	Mr.Peter Kuskie,South East Archaeology					**Permits**		
38-4-1060	Bloomfield 19	GDA	56	364630	6368460	Open site	Destroyed	Artefact : 15		
	Contact	**Recorders**	Mr.Peter Kuskie,South East Archaeology					**Permits**		
38-4-1044	GillMirv 1	AGD	56	362795	6373915	Open site	Destroyed	Artefact : 11		102388
	Contact Mindaribba Local Aboriginal L	**Recorders**	Umwelt (Australia) Pty Limited					**Permits**	2715,2954,3077	
38-4-1040	linuwel 1	GDA	56	368964	6377060	Open site	Valid	Artefact : -		
	Contact	**Recorders**	Mrs.Angela Besant					**Permits**		
38-4-0362	Tenambit;	AGD	56	369290	6375200	Open site	Valid	Artefact : -	Isolated Find	
	Contact	**Recorders**	Ms.Jill Ruig					**Permits**		
38-4-1039	GH PAD 1	AGD	56	363020	6374500	Open site	Valid	Artefact : 117, Potential Archaeological Deposit (PAD) : -		100987,101097
	Contact Mr.Stephen Talbott	**Recorders**	Mary Dallas Consulting Archaeologists (MDCA),Paul Irish Consultant Archaeologist					**Permits**	2962,3071,3604	
38-4-1066	Waterforde A3	GDA	56	364711	6372835	Open site	Valid	Artefact : -		98052
	Contact	**Recorders**	Jim Wheeler					**Permits**		
38-4-1067	Waterforde A7	GDA	56	364751	6373035	Open site	Valid	Artefact : -		98052
	Contact	**Recorders**	Jim Wheeler					**Permits**		
38-4-1068	Waterforde A10	GDA	56	364731	6373185	Open site	Valid	Artefact : -		98052
	Contact	**Recorders**	Jim Wheeler					**Permits**		

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38-4-1156	GHN 1 PAD	GDA	56	363068	6375437	Open site	Valid	Potential Archaeological Deposit (PAD) : -		102231
	Contact	**Recorders**	RPS Australia East Pty Ltd -Hamilton					**Permits**	3162	
38-4-0164	Delta 4;	AGD	56	366300	6372600	Open site	Valid	Artefact : -	Open Camp Site	1674,102388
	Contact	**Recorders**	Pam Dean-Jones					**Permits**		
38-4-1136	HLA Risk Assessment Isolated Find	AGD	56	368563	6369052	Open site	Valid	Artefact : 1		
	Contact	**Recorders**	AECOM Australia Pty Ltd (previously HLA-Envirosciences)					**Permits**	2809,3011	
38-4-1138	GH PAD 1 (Berefield)	GDA	56	363120	6374650	Open site	Valid	Potential Archaeological Deposit (PAD) : -		100898
	Contact	**Recorders**	Mr.Paul Irish,Ms.Mary Dallas					**Permits**		
38-4-1142	Louth Park PAD 1	GDA	56	364665	6373290	Open site	Valid	Potential Archaeological Deposit (PAD) : -		
	Contact	**Recorders**	Doctor.Diana Neuweger,Doctor.Diana Neuweger					**Permits**	3136,3251	
38-4-1143	Louth Park I A1	GDA	56	364562	6373094	Open site	Valid	Artefact : 1		
	Contact	**Recorders**	Doctor.Diana Neuweger					**Permits**	3136,3251	
38-4-1151	Louth Park 1(LP1)	GDA	56	364435	6371717	Open site	Destroyed	Artefact : 5		101348
	Contact	**Recorders**	MCH - McCardle Cultural Heritage Pty Ltd					**Permits**		
38-4-1152	Louth Park 2 (LP2)	GDA	56	364435	6371717	Open site	Destroyed	Artefact : 1		101348
	Contact	**Recorders**	MCH - McCardle Cultural Heritage Pty Ltd,MCH - McCardle Cultural Heritage Pty Lt					**Permits**		
38-4-1153	Louth Park PAD1 (LP PAD1)	GDA	56	363550	6372330	Open site	Valid	Potential Archaeological Deposit (PAD) : -		101348,102231
	Contact	**Recorders**	MCH - McCardle Cultural Heritage Pty Ltd					**Permits**		
38-4-1154	Louth Park PAD2 (lp pad2)	GDA	56	363670	6372800	Open site	Valid	Potential Archaeological Deposit (PAD) : -		101348,102231
	Contact	**Recorders**	MCH - McCardle Cultural Heritage Pty Ltd					**Permits**		
38-4-1155	Louth Park PAD3 (LP PAD3)	GDA	56	363800	6372400	Open site	Valid	Potential Archaeological Deposit (PAD) : -		101348,102231
	Contact	**Recorders**	MCH - McCardle Cultural Heritage Pty Ltd					**Permits**		
38-4-1539	RPS SIMPSONS LN AS1	GDA	56	362655	6377349	Open site	Valid	Artefact : 1		
	Contact	**Recorders**	RPS East Australia Pty Ltd - Echuca Victoria					**Permits**		
38-4-1589	Farley Quarry AS01	GDA	56	361956	6376969	Open site	Valid	Artefact : 1		103063
	Contact	**Recorders**	Hunter Water Corporation - Newcastle					**Permits**	3445	

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38-4-1590	Farley Quarry IA02	GDA	56	362017	6376998	Open site	Valid	Artefact : 1		103063
	Contact	**Recorders**	Hunter Water Corporation - Newcastle					**Permits**	3445	
38-4-1708	Wallis Creek PAD1	GDA	56	366495	6374539	Open site	Valid	Potential Archaeological Deposit (PAD) : -		
	Contact	**Recorders**	Ms.Penny Mccardle					**Permits**	3911	
38-4-1722	Watreforde estate 10/1	GDA	56	364234	6373332	Open site	Valid	Artefact : -		
	Contact	**Recorders**	Ms.Penny Mccardle					**Permits**	3824,3887	
38-4-1726	Waterforde Est Stock Pile	GDA	56	364232	6373189	Open site	Valid	Artefact : -		
	Contact	**Recorders**	Ms.Viki Gordon					**Permits**	3887	
38-4-1959	MET/2	GDA	56	370587	6376155	Open site	Destroyed	Artefact : -		
	Contact	**Recorders**	MCH - McCardle Cultural Heritage Pty Ltd,MCH - McCardle Cultural Heritage Pty Lt					**Permits**		
38-4-1969	East Maitland Site 01	GDA	56	365797	6373400	Open site	Valid	Artefact : -		
	Contact	**Recorders**	MCH - McCardle Cultural Heritage Pty Ltd,Ms.Penny Mccardle					**Permits**		
38-4-0153	Corroboree/Contact Site.;	AGD	56	367350	6375980	Open site	Valid	Ceremonial Ring (Stone or Earth) : -, Aboriginal Ceremony and Dreaming : -		1333
	Contact	**Recorders**	Warren Bluff					**Permits**		
38-4-0161	Delta 3;	AGD	56	366300	6372700	Open site	Valid	Artefact : -	Open Camp Site	1674,102388
	Contact	**Recorders**	Pam Dean-Jones					**Permits**		
38-4-0162	Delta Site 2;	AGD	56	366000	6372300	Open site	Valid	Artefact : -	Isolated Find	1674,102388
	Contact	**Recorders**	Pam Dean-Jones					**Permits**	416	
38-4-0163	Delta Site 1;	AGD	56	365900	6372200	Open site	Valid	Artefact : -	Open Camp Site	1674
	Contact	**Recorders**	Pam Dean-Jones					**Permits**		
38-4-0165	Delta 5;	AGD	56	365700	6372300	Open site	Valid	Artefact : -	Isolated Find	1674,102388
	Contact	**Recorders**	Pam Dean-Jones					**Permits**		
38-4-0166	Delta 6;	AGD	56	366500	6372200	Open site	Valid	Artefact : -	Open Camp Site	1674,102388
	Contact	**Recorders**	Pam Dean-Jones					**Permits**		
38-4-0342	Four Mile Creek 1;	AGD	56	370510	6372100	Open site	Valid	Artefact : -	Open Camp Site	2742,100988
	Contact	**Recorders**	Noeleen Curran					**Permits**	2592,2809,2810,3011	
38-4-0363	Tenambit_2;	AGD	56	369780	6375250	Open site	Valid	Artefact : -	Isolated Find	
	Contact	**Recorders**	Ms.Jill Ruig					**Permits**		
38-4-0364	Tenambit 3;	AGD	56	369880	6375220	Open site	Valid	Artefact : -	Isolated Find	
	Contact	**Recorders**	Ms.Jill Ruig					**Permits**		

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38-4-0426	FMC3;	AGD	56	370500	6372450	Open site	Valid	Artefact : -	Open Camp Site	100512,100988
	Contact	**Recorders**	Liam Dagg					**Permits**	2592,2809,2810,3011	
38-4-0429	ASH-1;	AGD	56	369900	6372500	Open site	Valid	Artefact : -	Isolated Find	
	Contact	**Recorders**	Ms.Claire Everett					**Permits**		
38-4-0431	FMC 2;	AGD	56	370640	6372720	Open site	Valid	Artefact : -	Open Camp Site	100512,100988
	Contact	**Recorders**	Liam Dagg					**Permits**	2592,2809,2810,3011	
38-4-0432	FMC 4;	AGD	56	370700	6372780	Open site	Valid	Artefact : -	Open Camp Site	100512,100988
	Contact	**Recorders**	Liam Dagg					**Permits**	889,2592,2809,2810,3011	
38-4-0437	FMC 9;	AGD	56	370580	6372180	Open site	Valid	Artefact : -	Isolated Find	100512
	Contact	**Recorders**	Liam Dagg					**Permits**		
38-4-0330	Delta Colliery Waterhole	AGD	56	366550	6372070	Open site	Valid	Water Hole : -	Water Hole/Well	100898,102388
	Contact	**Recorders**	Ms.Jill Ruig					**Permits**		
38-4-0338	Ironbark 1;	AGD	56	367590	6369690	Open site	Valid	Artefact : -	Isolated Find	2681,102388
	Contact	**Recorders**	Ms.Jill Ruig					**Permits**		
38-4-0396	Morpeth STW Camp Site;	AGD	56	370750	6376500	Open site	Valid	Artefact : -	Open Camp Site	3835
	Contact	**Recorders**	Mary Dallas Consulting Archaeologists (MDCA)					**Permits**		
38-4-0416	FMC 2;	AGD	56	370380	6372750	Open site	Valid	Artefact : -	Isolated Find	100512
	Contact	**Recorders**	Liam Dagg					**Permits**	859	
38-4-0004	Fishery Creek	AGD	56	366139	6373722	Open site	Valid	Fish Trap : -	Fish Trap	102388
	Contact	**Recorders**	T Callaghan					**Permits**		
38-2-0067	Two Mile Creek 4	AGD	56	367510	6373320	Open site	Valid	Artefact : -	Isolated Find	2441,102388
	Contact	**Recorders**	Mr.Matthew Barber					**Permits**		
38-2-0068	Two Mile Creek 3	AGD	56	367720	6373450	Open site	Valid	Artefact : -	Isolated Find	2421,102388
	Contact	**Recorders**	Mr.Matthew Barber					**Permits**		
38-2-0069	Two Mile Creek 2	AGD	56	367430	6373220	Open site	Valid	Artefact : -	Open Camp Site	2421,100898,102388
	Contact	**Recorders**	Mr.Matthew Barber					**Permits**	541	
38-2-0066	Two Mile Creek 1	AGD	56	367330	6373300	Open site	Valid	Artefact : -	Isolated Find	2421,100898,102388
	Contact	**Recorders**	Mr.Matthew Barber					**Permits**	540	
38-4-0558	Waterforde Stage 4 PAD	AGD	56	364900	6372850	Open site	Valid	Potential Archaeological Deposit (PAD) : 0		102388

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	Contact	**Recorders**	Ms.Jill Ruig					**Permits**	1295	
38-4-0545	EM1	AGD	56	366950	6373650	Open site	Destroyed	Artefact : 2		97570,100808, 100812,102388
	Contact	**Recorders**	Dominic Steele Archaeological Consulting					**Permits**	2815,2843	
38-4-0546	Isolated Artefact 1	AGD	56	368350	6374050	Open site	Valid	Artefact : 1		
	Contact	**Recorders**	Pam Dean-Jones					**Permits**		
38-4-0547	Isolated Artefact 2	AGD	56	368325	6374075	Open site	Valid	Artefact : 1		
	Contact	**Recorders**	Pam Dean-Jones					**Permits**		
38-4-0548	Isolated Artefact 3	AGD	56	368400	6374125	Open site	Valid	Artefact : 1		
	Contact	**Recorders**	Pam Dean-Jones					**Permits**		
38-4-0549	Isolated Artefact 4	AGD	56	368450	6374075	Open site	Valid	Modified Tree (Carved or Scarred) : 1		
	Contact	**Recorders**	Pam Dean-Jones					**Permits**		
38-4-0560	Donaldson Monitoring Program Site 1	AGD	56	369761	6369088	Open site	Valid	Artefact : 1		
	Contact	**Recorders**	Janice Wilson					**Permits**	1321,1326	
38-4-0561	ISF1	AGD	56	370500	6369100	Open site	Valid	Artefact : 1		
	Contact	**Recorders**	Prisma Consultancies					**Permits**	1342	
38-4-0562	ISF2	AGD	56	369800	6368950	Open site	Valid	Artefact : 1		
	Contact	**Recorders**	Prisma Consultancies					**Permits**	1342	
38-4-0711	AF1	AGD	56	368765	6372869	Open site	Valid	Artefact : 2		98848,99973
	Contact	**Recorders**	Michael Therin					**Permits**	2475	
38-4-0712	AF2	AGD	56	368887	6372951	Open site	Valid	Artefact : 2		98848,99973
	Contact	**Recorders**	Michael Therin					**Permits**	2475	
38-4-0849	PAD1 Four mile creek south-2	AGD	56	369900	6372125	Open site	Valid	Artefact : 2		
	Contact Searle	**Recorders**	Janice Wilson					**Permits**	2592,2809,2810,3011	
38-4-0850	PAD2 Four Mile Creek Tributary -2	AGD	56	370350	6371935	Open site	Valid	Potential Archaeological Deposit (PAD) : 1		100988
	Contact Searle	**Recorders**	Janice Wilson					**Permits**	2592,2809,2810	
38-4-0870	Waterforde 2	GDA	56	364629	6373432	Open site	Valid	Artefact : 2		98052,102388
	Contact T Russell	**Recorders**	Jim Wheeler					**Permits**	3136,3251	
38-4-0871	Waterforde 1	GDA	56	364591	6373235	Open site	Valid	Artefact : 11		98052,102388
	Contact T Russell	**Recorders**	Jim Wheeler					**Permits**		
38-4-0946	ASH2, Ashtonfield	AGD	56	369163	6372357	Open site	Valid	Artefact : 1		

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Your Ref/PO Number : East maitland

Client Service ID : 439528

SiteID	SiteName	Datum	Zone	Easting	Northing	Context	Site Status	SiteFeatures	SiteTypes	Reports
	Contact T Russell	**Recorders**	Umwelt (Australia) Pty Limited					**Permits**		
38-4-0947	ASH1, Ashtonfield	AGD	56	369390	6372350	Open site	Valid	Artefact : 1		
	Contact T Russell	**Recorders**	Umwelt (Australia) Pty Limited					**Permits**		
38-4-0954	APS, Ashtonfield PS	AGD	56	368827	6372885	Open site	Valid	Artefact : 11		
	Contact Searle	**Recorders**	Michael Therin					**Permits**	2475	
38-4-0959	A20/A	AGD	56	368570	6368450	Open site	Valid	Artefact : 1		
	Contact S Scanlon	**Recorders**	Mr.Edward Clarke					**Permits**		
38-4-1633	Bloomfield 17	GDA	56	364694	6368939	Open site	Valid	Artefact : -		
	Contact	**Recorders**	South East Archaeology					**Permits**		
38-4-1684	NMH1	GDA	56	369170	6374453	Open site	Valid	Artefact : -		
	Contact	**Recorders**	Miss.Nicola Roche					**Permits**		
38-4-1821	LOT 195 THE GLEBE PADDOCK	GDA	56	366078	6374928	Open site	Valid	Artefact : 1, Potential Archaeological Deposit (PAD) : -		
	Contact	**Recorders**	Archaeological Risk Assessment Services (ARAS),Mr.Giles Hamm,Mr.Giles Hamm,M					**Permits**		
38-4-1822	East Maitland Glebe Cemetery	AGD	56	366722	6374700	Open site	Valid	Burial : 1		
	Contact Mr.Thomas Miller	**Recorders**	Brad Welsh					**Permits**		
38-4-1844	MET/1	GDA	56	370960	6375567	Open site	Valid	Artefact : -		
	Contact	**Recorders**	MCH - McCardle Cultural Heritage Pty Ltd,Ms.Penny Mccardle					**Permits**	4389	

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APPENDIX C

Test pit and artefact data

Pit No	Strat. Unit[1]	Average depth	Soil pH	Munsell	Spit No	Average depth	Stone #	Disturbances
B1	1	14	6.5	7.5YR 2.5/1	1	5		grass, roots, insects,small to medium size rocks
					2	10		grass roots, significant increase in denisty and size of rocks
					3	14		significant increase in size of rocks and sandstone rocks present
B2	1	38	6.5	7.5YR 2.5/1	1	10		grass, roots, insects,small to medium size rocks
					2	20		grass roots, increase in density and size rocks, roots
					3	30		increase in density and size rocks, roots
					4	38		dense rocks
B3	1	27	6	7.5YR 2.5/1	1	10		grass, roots, insects,small to medium size rocks
					2	20		grass roots, increase in density and size rocks, roots
					3	27	1	increase in density and size rocks, roots
C1	1	34	6	7.5YR 2.5/1	1	10		grass roots, insects, minimal small rocks
					2	20		roots, minimal small rocks
					3	30		minmal small rocks
					4	34		minimal small rocks
C2	1	32	6	7.5YR 2.5/1	1	10		grass roots, insects, minimal small rocks
					2	20		roots,increase in denisty of minimal small rocks
					3	30		increase in density of minmal small rocks
					4	32		small rocks
C3	1	40	6	7.5YR 2.5/1	1	10		grass, roots, insects,small to medium size rocks
					2	20		grass roots, increase in size and density of rocks
					3	39		grass roots, significant increase in denisty and size of rocks
					4	40		significant increase in size of rocks and sandstone rocks present
C4	1	37	6	7.5YR 2.5/1	1	10		grass, roots, insects,small to medium size rocks
					2	20		grass roots, increase in smalln size rocks
					3	30		grass roots, significant increase in denisty and size of rocks
					4	37		significant increase in size of rocks and sandstone rocks present
C5	1	34	6	7.5YR 2.5/1	1	10		grass, roots, insects,small to medium size rocks
					2	20		grass roots, increase in smalln size rocks
					3	30		grass roots, significant increase in denisty and size of rocks
					4	34		significant increase in size of rocks
D1	1	30	6	7.5YR 2.5/1	1	10		grass roots, insects, minimal small rocks
					2	20		roots,increase in denisty of minimal small rocks
					3	30		increase in density of minmal small rocks
D2	1	28	6	7.5YR 2.5/1	1	10		grass roots, insects, minimal small rocks
					2	20		roots,increase in denisty of minimal small rocks
					3	28		increase in density of minmal small rocks
D3	1	28	6	7.5YR 2.5/1	1	10		grass, roots, insects,small to medium size rocks
					2	20		grass roots, increase in smalln size rocks
					3	30		increse in size and density of rocks
					4	28		increse in size and density of rocks
D4	1	28	6	7.5YR 2.5/1	1	10		grass, roots, insects,small to medium size rocks
					2	20		grass roots, increase in smalln size rocks
					3	30		increse in size and density of rocks
					4	28		increse in size and density of rocks
D5	1	37	6	7.5YR 2.5/1	1	10		grass, roots, insects,small to medium size rocks
					2	20		grass roots, increase in smalln size rocks
					3	30		grass roots, significant increase in denisty and size of rocks
					4	37		significant increase in size of rocks
D6	1	38	6	7.5YR 2.5/1	1	10		grass, roots, insects,small to medium size rocks
					2	20		grass roots, increase in smalln size rocks
					3	30		grass roots, significant increase in denisty and size of rocks
					4	38		significant increase in size of rocks

Pit No	Strat. Unit[1]	Average depth	Soil pH	Munsell	Spit No	Average depth	Stone #	Disturbances
D7	1	34	6	7.5YR 2.5/1	1	10		grass, roots, insects,small to medium size rocks
					2	20		grass roots, increase in smalln size rocks
					3	30		grass roots, significant increase in denisty and size of rocks
					4	34		significant increase in size of rocks and sandstone rocks present
E1	1	29	6	7.5YR 2.5/1	1	10		grass, roots, insects,small to medium size rocks
					2	20	1	grass roots, increase in smalln size rocks
					3	30	1	grass roots, significant increase in denisty and size of rocks
					4	29		significant increase in size of rocks and sandstone rocks present
E2	1	32	6	7.5YR 2.5/1	1	10		grass, roots, insects,small to medium size rocks
					2	20		grass roots, increase in smalln size rocks
					3	30		grass roots, significant increase in denisty and size of rocks
					4	32		significant increase in size of rocks and sandstone rocks present
E3	1	33	6	7.5YR 2.5/1	1	10		grass, roots, insects,small to medium size rocks
					2	20		grass roots, increase in smalln size rocks
					3	30		grass roots, significant increase in denisty and size of rocks
					4	33		significant increase in size of rocks and sandstone rocks present
E4	1	33	6	7.5YR 2.5/1	1	10		grass, roots, insects,small to medium size rocks
					2	20		grass roots, increase in smalln size rocks
					3	30		grass roots, significant increase in denisty and size of rocks
					4	33		significant increase in size of rocks and sandstone rocks present
E5	1	33	6	7.5YR 2.5/1	1	10		grass, roots, insects,small to medium size rocks
					2	20		grass roots, increase in small size rocks
					3	30		grass roots, significant increase in denisty and size of rocks
					4	33		significant increase in size of rocks
E7	1	38	6	7.5YR 2.5/1	1	10		grass roots, insects, small to medium size rocks
					2	20		roots, increse in size and density of rocks
					3	30		increse in density of rocks
					4	38		increse in density of rocks
E8	1	30	6	7.5YR 2.5/1	1	10		grass roots, insects, small to medium size rocks
					2	20		roots, increse in size and density of rocks
					3	30		increse in size and density of rocks
E9	1	33	6	7.5YR 2.5/1	1	10		grass, roots, insects,small to medium size rocks
					2	20		grass roots, increase in smalln size rocks
					3	30		grass roots, significant increase in denisty and size of rocks
					4	33		significant increase in size of rocks
F6	1	36	6	7.5YR 2.5/1	1	10		grass, roots, insects,small to medium size rocks
					2	20		grass roots, increase in denisty and size of rocks
					3	30		increase in size and density of of rocks
					4	36		increase in density of rocks
F7	1	34	6	7.5YR 2.5/1	1	10		grass, roots, insects,small to medium size rocks
					2	20		grass roots, increase in denisty and size of rocks
					3	30		increase in size and density of of rocks
					4	34		increase in density of rocks
F8	1	38	6	7.5YR 2.5/1	1	10		grass roots, insects, small to medium size rocks
					2	20		roots, increse in size and density of rocks
					3	30		increse in density of rocks
					4	38		incrse in size of rocks
F9	1	36	6	7.5YR 2.5/1	1	10		grass roots, insects, small to medium size rocks
					2	20		roots, increse in size and density of rocks
					3	30		increse in size and density of rocks
					4	36		incrse in size of rocks
F10	1	28	6	7.5YR 2.5/1	1	10		grass roots, insects, small to medium size rocks
					2	20		roots, increse in size and density of rocks
					3	28		increse in density of rocks

Pit No	Strat. Unit[1]	Average depth	Soil pH	Munsell	Spit No	Average depth	Stone #	Disturbances
G8	1	38	6	7.5YR 2.5/1	1	10		grass roots, insects, small to medium size rocks
					2	20		roots, increse in size and density of rocks
					3	30		increse in density of rocks
					4	38		incrse in size of rocks
G9	1	36	6	7.5YR 2.5/1	1	10		grass roots, insects, small to medium size rocks
					2	20		roots, increse in size and density of rocks
					3	30		increse in size and density of rocks
					4	36		incrse in size of rocks
G10	1	26	6	7.5YR 2.5/1	1	10		grass roots, insects, smalln to medium size rocks
					2	20		roots, increse in size and density of rocks
					3	26	1	increse in density of rocks
G11	1	33	6	7.5YR 2.5/1	1	10		grass, roots, insects,small to medium size rocks
					2	20		grass roots, increase in density and size rocks, roots
					3	30		increase in density and size rocks, roots
H9	1	37	6	7.5YR 2.5/1	1	10		grass, roots, insects,small to medium size rocks
					2	20		grass roots, increase in denisty and size of rocks
					3	30		increase in size and density of of rocks
					4	37		increase in density of rocks
H10	1	37	6	7.5YR 2.5/1	1	10		grass, roots, insects,small to medium size rocks
					2	20		grass roots, increase in denisty and size of rocks
					3	30		increase in size and density of of rocks
					4	37		increase in density of rocks
H11	1	36	6	7.5YR 2.5/1	1	10		grass, roots, insects,small to medium size rocks
					2	20		grass roots, increase in denisty and size of rocks
					3	30		increase in size and density of of rocks
					4	36		increase in density of rocks
H12					1	10		grass, roots, insects,small to medium size rocks
					2	20		grass roots, significant increase in denisty and size of rocks
					3	26		significant increase in size of rocks and sandstone rocks present
I9	1	33	6	7.5YR 2.5/1	1	10		grass, roots, insects,small to medium size rocks
					2	20		grass roots, increase in denisty and size of rocks
					3	30		increase in size and density of of rocks
					4	33		increase in density of rocks
I10	1	34	6	7.5YR 2.5/1	1	10		grass, roots, insects,small to medium size rocks
					2	20		grass roots, increase in denisty and size of rocks
					3	30		increase in size and density of of rocks
					4	34		increase in density of rocks
I11	1	34	6	7.5YR 2.5/1	1	10		grass, roots, insects,small to medium size rocks
					2	20		grass roots, increase in denisty and size of rocks
					3	30		increase in size and density of of rocks
					4	34		increase in density of rocks
I12	1	34	6	7.5YR 2.5/1	1	10		grass, roots, insects,small to medium size rocks
					2	20		grass roots, increase in denisty and size of rocks
					3	30		increase in size and density of of rocks
					4	34	1	increase in density of rocks
J10	1	30	6	7.5YR 2.5/1	1	10		grass, roots, insects,small to medium size rocks
					2	20		grass roots, increase in denisty and size of rocks
					3	30		increase in size and density of of rocks
J12	1	38	6	7.5YR 2.5/1	1	10		grass, roots, insects,small to medium size rocks
					2	20		grass roots, increase in denisty and size of rocks
					3	30		increase in size and density of of rocks
					4	38		increase in density of rocks
J13	1	30	6	7.5YR 2.5/1	1	10		grass, roots, insects,small to medium size rocks
					2	20		grass roots, increse in density and size of rocks
					3	30		significant increase in density of rocks

Pit No	Strat. Unit[1]	Average depth	Soil pH	Munsell	Spit No	Average depth	Stone #	Disturbances
K10	1	39	6	7.5YR 2.5/1	1	10		grass, roots, insects,small to medium size rocks
					2	20		grass roots, increase in denisty and size of rocks
					3	30		increase in size and density of of rocks
					4	39		increase in density of rocks
K11	1	47	6	7.5YR 2.5/1	1	10		grass, roots, insects,small to medium size rocks
					2	20		grass roots, increase in denisty and size of rocks
					3	30		increase in size and density of of rocks
					4	40		increase in density of rocks
					5	47	1	small, medium sized rocks
K13	1	30	6	7.5YR 2.5/1	1	10		grass, roots, insects,small to medium size rocks
					2	20		grass roots, increse in density and size of rocks
					3	30		increase in density of rocks
L10	1	24	6	7.5YR 2.5/1	1	10		grass, roots, insects,small to medium size rocks
					2	20		grass roots, significant increase in denisty and size of rocks
					3	24		significant increase in size of rocks and sandstone rocks present
L11	1	40	6	7.5YR 2.5/1	1	10		grass, roots, insects,small to medium size rocks
					2	20		grass roots, increase in denisty and size of rocks
					3	30		increase in size of rocks
					4	40		rocks
L12	1	40	6	7.5YR 2.5/1	1	10		grass, roots, insects,small to medium size rocks
					2	20		grass roots, increase in denisty and size of rocks
					3	30		increase in size of rocks
					4	40		rocks
M10	1	38	6	7.5YR 2.5/1	1	10		grass, roots, insects,small to medium size rocks
					2	20		grass roots, increase in denisty and size of rocks
					3	30		increase in size and density of of rocks
					4	38		increase in density of rocks
O12	1	38	6	7.5YR 2.5/1	1	10		grass, roots, insects,small to medium size rocks
					2	20		grass roots, increase in denisty and size of rocks
					3	30		increase in size and density of of rocks
					4	38		increase in density of rocks
O13	1	40	6	7.5YR 2.5/1	1	10		grass, roots, insects,small to medium size rocks
					2	20		grass roots, increase in denisty and size of rocks
					3	30		increase in size and density of of rocks
					4	40		increase in density of rocks
P10	1	30	6	7.5YR 2.5/1	1	10		grass, roots, insects,small to medium size rocks
					2	20		grass roots, increase in denisty and size of rocks
					3	30		increase in size and density of of rocks
P11	1	35	6	7.5YR 2.5/1	1	10		grass, roots, insects,small to medium size rocks
					2	20		grass roots, increase in denisty and size of rocks
					3	30		increase in size and density of of rocks
					4	35		increase in density of rocks
P12	1	33	6	7.5YR 2.5/1	1	10		grass, roots, insects,small to medium size rocks
					2	20		grass roots, increase in denisty and size of rocks
					3	30		increase in size and density of of rocks
					4	33		increase in density of rocks
P13	1	40	6	7.5YR 2.5/1	1	10		grass, roots, insects,small to medium size rocks
					2	20		grass roots, increase in denisty and size of rocks
					3	30		increase in size and density of of rocks
					4	40		increase in density of rocks
Q10	1	38	6	7.5YR 2.5/1	1	10		grass, roots, insects,small to medium size rocks
					2	20		grass roots, increase in denisty and size of rocks
					3	30		increase in size and density of of rocks
					4	38		increase in density of rocks
Q11	1	38	6	7.5YR 2.5/1	1	10		grass, roots, insects,small to medium size rocks
					2	20		grass roots, increase in denisty and size of rocks
					3	30		increase in size and density of of rocks
					4	38		increase in density of rocks

Pit No	Strat. Unit[1]	Average depth	Soil pH	Munsell	Spit No	Average depth	Stone #	Disturbances
Q13	1	38	6	7.5YR 2.5/1	1	10		grass, roots, insects,small to medium size rocks
					2	20		grass roots, increase in denisty and size of rocks
					3	30		increase in size and density of of rocks
					4	38		increase in density of rocks
R11	1	40	6	7.5YR 2.5/1	1	10		grass, roots, insects,small to medium size rocks
					2	20		grass roots, increase in denisty and size of rocks
					3	30		increase in size and density of of rocks
					4	40		increase in density of rocks
R12	1	40	6	7.5YR 2.5/1	1	10		grass, roots, insects,small to medium size rocks
					2	20		grass roots, increase in denisty and size of rocks
					3	30		increase in size and density of of rocks
					4	40		increase in density of rocks
R13	1	40	6	7.5YR 2.5/1	1	10		grass, roots, insects,small to medium size rocks
					2	20		grass roots, increase in denisty and size of rocks
					3	30		increase in size and density of of rocks
					4	40		increase in density of rocks
A1	not excavated as on built up access track							
E6	not excavated as on built up access track							
J11	not excavated as on built up access track							
K12	not excavated as on built up access track							

APPENDIX B

Aboriginal Stakeholder Consultation

Date	Consultation type	Heritage NSW requirement	Consult stage	RAP/Agency	Contact person	Description
17/2/25	Letter/email	4.1.2	1	MCH contacted Heritage NSW		Letter to identify Aboriginal parties. Requested response no later C.O.B. 3/3/25
17/2/25	Letter/email	4.1.2	1	MCH contacted the Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC)		Letter to identify Aboriginal parties. Requested response no later C.O.B. 3/3/25
17/2/25	Letter/email	4.1.2	1	MCH contacted Registrar of Aboriginal Owners (RAO)		Letter to identify Aboriginal parties. Requested response no later C.O.B. 3/3/25
17/2/25	Letter/email	4.1.2	1	MCH contacted Maitland Council		Letter to identify Aboriginal parties. Requested response no later C.O.B. 3/3/25
17/2/25	Letter/email	4.1.2	1	MCH contacted Native Title Tribunal (NNTT)		Letter to identify Aboriginal parties. Requested response no later C.O.B. 3/3/25
17/2/25	Letter/email	4.1.2	1	MCH contacted NTSCORP Ltd		Letter to identify Aboriginal parties. Requested response no later C.O.B. 3/3/25
17/2/25	Letter/email	4.1.2	1	MCH contacted Hunter Local Land Services (HLLS)		Letter to identify Aboriginal parties. Requested response no later C.O.B. 3/3/25
17/2/25	Letter/email	4.1.2	1	NNTT		Freehold
18/2/25	Letter/email	4.1.2	1	RAO		Identified Aboriginal parties: 2
19/2/25	Letter/email	4.1.2	1	Heritage NSW		Identified Aboriginal parties: 61
NA		4.1.2	1	LALC		No response
NA		4.1.2	1	Council		No response
NA		4.1.2	1	NTSCORP	Do not provide lists of possible stakeholders	
NA		4.1.2	1	HLLS	Do not provide lists of possible stakeholders	
3/3/2025 C.O.B. Request for groups to consult with closed						
28/2/25	Public notice	4.1.3	1	All registered Aboriginal parties (RAPs)		Public notice in Maitland Mercury and requested registration no later than 17/3/2025
4/3/25	Letter & email	4.1.3, 4.1.4, 4.1.5, 4.2.1	1	All RAPs	those provided from sources above	Formal letter to identified RAPs requesting registration of interest in the project, project outline, maps and asking for the preferred method to receive information (meeting/mail/email). Required registration by C.O.B. 18/3/2025 Note: due to safety issues MCH do not consult with Thomas Dahlstrom. MCH have requested for another individual we can consult with but Mr. Dahlstrom has not provided one. Heritage NSW are aware of this.
Date	**Consultation type**	**Heritage NSW requirement**	**Consult stage**	**RAP/Agency**	**Contact person**	**Description**
4/3/25	Email	4.1.7, 4.1.8	1	Culturally Aware	Tracey Skeen	Registered for the project

4/3/25	Email	4.1.7, 4.1.8	1	Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation	Estelle Germishuizen	Registered for the project
4/3/25	Email	4.1.7, 4.1.8	1	Mura Gadi Aboriginal Corporation	Tiarna Bird	Registered for the project
4/3/25	Email	4.1.7, 4.1.8	1	Hunter Traditional Owner	Paulette Ryan	Registered for the project
4/3/25	Email	4.1.7, 4.1.8	1	Hunter Valley Cultural Surveying	Luke Hickey	Registered for the project
4/3/25	Email	4.1.7, 4.1.8	1	Wattaka Wonnarua CC Service	Des Hickey	Registered for the project
4/3/25	Email	4.1.7, 4.1.8	1	Wallagan Cultural Services	Maree Waugh	Registered for the project
4/3/25	Email	4.1.7, 4.1.8	1	Jarban & Mugrebea	Les Atkins	Registered for the project
4/3/25	Email	4.1.7, 4.1.8	1		Cole Perry	Registered for the project
4/3/25	Email	4.1.7, 4.1.8	1	Long Gully Cultural Services	Ethan Trewlynn	Registered for the project
5/3/25	Email	4.1.7, 4.1.8	1	Jumbunna Traffic Management Group Pty Ltd	Norm Archibald	Registered for the project
5/3/25	Email	4.1.7, 4.1.8	1	Yarrawalk	Scott Franks	Registered for the project
6/3/25	Email	4.1.7, 4.1.8	1	Didge Ngunawal Clan	Paul Boyd	Registered for the project
6/3/25	Email	4.1.7, 4.1.8	1	Yinarr Cultural Services	Kathie Steward Kinchela	Registered for the project
7/3/25	Email	4.1.7, 4.1.8	1		Kevin Duncan	Registered for the project
7/3/25	Email	4.1.7, 4.1.8	1	Corroboree Aboriginal Corporation	Marilyn Carroll	Registered for the project
10/3/25	Email	4.1.7, 4.1.8	1	Widescope Indigenous Group	Steve Hickey	Registered for the project
11/3/25	Email	4.1.7, 4.1.8	1	A1 Indigenous Services	Carolyn Hickey	Registered for the project
14/3/25	Email	4.1.7, 4.1.8	1	Awabakal Descendants Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation	Peter Leven	Registered for the project
18th March 2025C.O.B. Registration for project closed						
19/3/25	Email & letter	1; s 4.1.6		Heritage NSW		Letter notifying Heritage NSW of RAPs
19/3/25	Email & letter	1; s 4.1.6		LALC		Letter notifying LALC of RAPs
19/3/25	Letter	4.2.1, 4.2.2, 4.2.3, 4.3.1, 4.3.2, 4.3.3, 4.3.4, 4.3.5, 4.3.6, 4.3.7	2 & 3	All RAPs		Formal letter and information packet sent to identified RAPs. A response the proposed methodology was required registration by C.O.B. 16/4/2025
Date	**Consultation type**	**Heritage NSW requirement**	**Consult stage**	**RAP/Agency**	**Contact person**	**Description**
20/3/25	Email	4.2.1, 4.2.2, 4.2.3, 4.3.1, 4.3.2, 4.3.3, 4.3.4, 4.3.5, 4.3.6, 4.3.7	2 & 3	Mura Gadi Aboriginal Corporation	Tiarna Bird	Responded to the information packet and supported the methods
16th April 2025 C.O.B. Response to information packet closed						

16/4/25	Letter/email		3	All RAPs		All RAPs sent a letter of invitation to the survey
29th April 2025 2025 Survey						
1/5/25	Email	4.3.5; 4.3.6; 4.3.7 4.4.1; 4.4.2; 4.4.3	3 & 4	All RAPs		Draft report sent to all RAPs for review
1/5/25	Email	4.3.5; 4.3.6; 4.3.7 4.4.1; 4.4.2; 4.4.3	3 & 4	Yarrawalk	Scott Franks	Rejected the ACHA and refused to support the AHIP. Accused MCH of not following the consultation process.
1/5/25	Email	4.3.5; 4.3.6; 4.3.7 4.4.1; 4.4.2; 4.4.3	3 & 4	MCH response to Yarrawalk		Stated that all consultation was undertaken as required and that it was Yarrawalks choice not to engage in consultation.
29 May 2025 C.O.B. Response to Draft Report Closed						
29/5/25	Email	4..4.4; 4.4.5	4	All RAPs		Final report, final ACHMP and final AHIP sent to all RAPs
29th May 2025 C.O.B. Assessment Complete						

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Subject: List of RAPs

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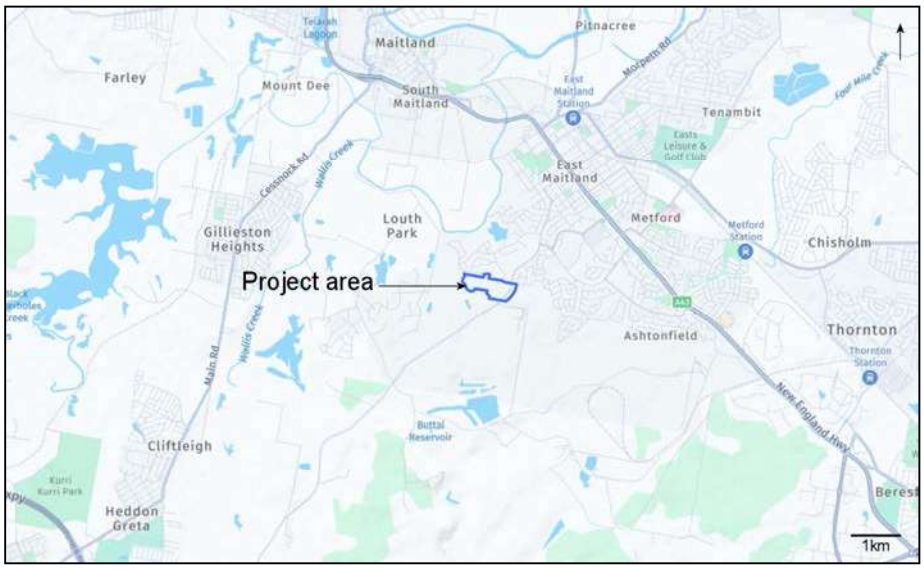

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Kind regards,

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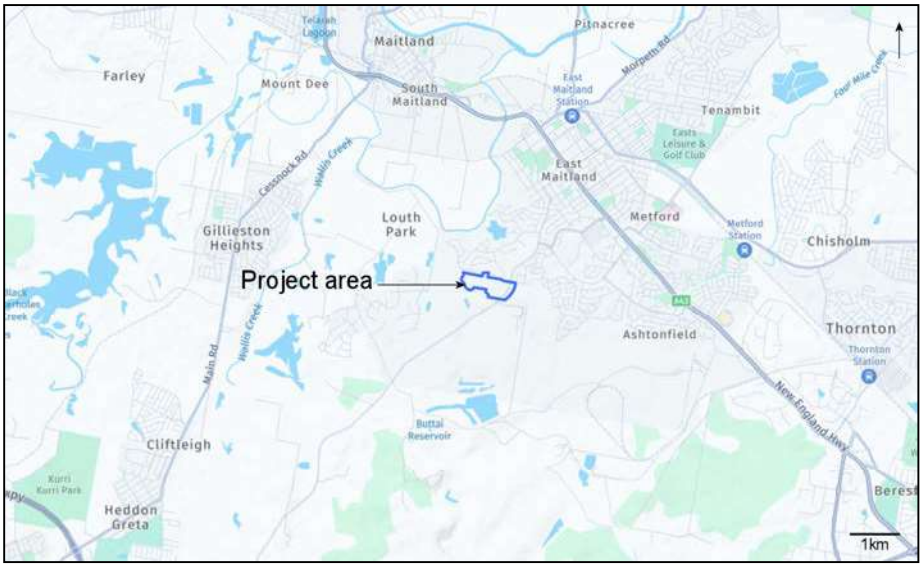

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National Native Title Tribunal

1: Your details

Your name:	Penny McCadle		
Your company:	McCadle Cultural Heritage Pty Ltd		
E-mail address:	penny@mcheritage.com.au	Phone:	0412 702 396
Your reference:	East Maitland	Your state:	NSW
☑	*I have read and acknowledge the terms and conditions on the previous page.*		

2: Areas to be searched

Jurisdiction to be searched:	NSW	Tenure to be searched:	Land parcel

Parcel or tenement identifiers (add up to 20 separate identifiers). **Please see previous page for parcel identifiers.**

Parcel 1:	Lot 8 DP855275	Parcel 2:	
Parcel 3:	Lot 141 DP1225076	Parcel 4:	
Parcel 5:	Part Lot 142 DP1225076	Parcel 6:	
Parcel 7:	Part Lot 142 DP1225076	Parcel 8:	
Parcel 9:		Parcel 10:	
Parcel 11:		Parcel 12:	
Parcel 13:		Parcel 14:	
Parcel 15:		Parcel 16:	
Parcel 17:		Parcel 18:	
Parcel 19:		Parcel 20:	

If your search area is not a parcel or mining or petroleum tenement, you can enter other tenure or administrative regions here (e.g. local government area, townsite or county). Please provide as much detail as you can.

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Dear Penny

Thank you for your search request, please find your results below.

Note: '*Part Lot 142 DP1225076*' appears twice in your search request, please confirm if you meant to search for a different parcel.

Search Results
The results provided are based on the information you supplied and are derived from a search of the following Tribunal databases:

0. Schedule of Native Title Determination Applications
1. Register of Native Title Claims
2. Native Title Determinations
3. Indigenous Land Use Agreements (Registered and notified)

Results for overlapping native title matters in NSW:

Feature ID	Tenure	Cadastre Data As At	Feature Area SqKm	Overlapping Native Title Feature				
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				No overlap			-	0.00%
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8//DP855275	FREEHOLD	16/01/2025	0.0062	**NNTT File Number**	**Name**	**Category**	**Overlap Area SqKm**	**% Selected Feature**
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For more information about the Tribunal's registers or to search the registers yourself and obtain copies of relevant register extracts, please visit our website.

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Please note: There may be a delay between a native title determination application being lodged in the Federal Court and its transfer to the Tribunal. As a result, some native title determination applications recently filed with the Federal Court may not appear on the Tribunal's databases.

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Search results and the existence of native title
Please note that the enclosed information from the Register of Native Title Claims and/or the Schedule of Applications is **not** confirmation of the existence of native title in this area. This cannot be confirmed until the Federal Court makes a determination that native title does or does not exist in relation to the area. Such determinations are registered on the National Native Title Register.

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Regards,

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OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR
ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS ACT 1983 (NSW)

18 February 2025

By email: penny@mcheritage.com.au

Penny McCardle
McCardle Cultural Heritage
PO Box 166
ADAMSTOWN NSW 2289

Dear Penny

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment – (Stage 1)– Proposed residential subdvision at East Maitland

We refer to your letter to this Office dated 17 February 2025 requesting contact information for Aboriginal organisations, stakeholders and/or people who may have cultural knowledge relevant to the proposed residential development located along Mount Vincent Road and Wilton Drive, East Maitland NSW.

Under Section 170 of the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act* 1983 (NSW), the Office of the Registrar is required to maintain the Register of Aboriginal Owners (RAO) for New South Wales. The works you are proposing, and location are in proximity to an area for which there are Registered Aboriginal Owners: Worimi Conservation Lands.

We suggest you contact the Joint Management Coordinator for the Worimi Conservation Lands Nadine Wood on 02 4984 8208 or nadine.wood@environment.nsw.gov.au to ascertain whether the Board of Management are interested in the project.

We also suggest you contact the Mindaribba Local Aboriginal Land Council on (02) 4015 7000 or via email ceo@mindaribbalalc.org as they may wish to participate or contribute.

Yours sincerely

Rachel Rewiri
Project Officer
Office of the Registrar, Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983

Address: Level 1, 6PSQ, PARRAMATTA NSW 2150
Post: P.O Box 787 PARRAMATTA NSW 2124
Phone: 02 8575 1160

List of Aboriginal Stakeholders held by the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water for the purposes of the Aboriginal Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010.

The purpose of this letter is to assist you as the proposed applicant in undertaking Aboriginal community consultation in accordance with the relevant legislation and guidelines.

The consultation process involves getting the views of, and information from, Aboriginal people and reporting on these. It is not to be confused with other field assessment processes involved in preparing a proposal and an application. Consultation does not include the employment of Aboriginal people to assist in field assessment and/or site monitoring. Aboriginal people may provide services to proponents through a contractual arrangement however, this is separate from consultation. The proponent is not obliged to employ those Aboriginal people registered for consultation. Consultation as per these requirements will continue irrespective of potential or actual employment opportunities for Aboriginal people.

In accordance with Clause 60 (10) of the National Parks and Wildlife Regulation 2019, where an agreement of the kind listed below specifies or identifies a modified or alternative consultation process for the purposes of Part 6 of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974, the applicant is to undertake consultation in accordance with the modified or alternative process. The applicable agreements are:

a) a registered Indigenous Land Use Agreement under the Native Title Act 1993 of the Commonwealth entered into between an Aboriginal community and the State,
b) a lease entered into under Part 4A of the Act,
c) an agreement entered into by the Secretary and a board of management reserved under Part4A of the Act that has the consent of Aboriginal owner board members for the land concerned,
d) an agreement entered into between an Aboriginal community and the Department of Planning, Industry and the Environment.

Where you believe your application is wholly or partially located within an area subject to any of the above agreements, please provide further correspondence (including mapping, if required) detailing the applicable agreement and its relationship to the application area to heritagemailbox@environment.nsw.gov.au. Heritage NSW will respond with further advice.

Where the above does not apply, please proceed with consultation in accordance with the Clause 60 (1-9) of the National Parks and Wildlife Regulation 2019 and Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010 (the “Consultation Requirements”). A copy of the Consultation Requirements can be found on the OEH website at: http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/resources/cultureheritage/commconsultation/09781ACHconsultreq.pdf.

Under the Consultation Requirements, a proponent is required to provide Aboriginal people who may hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the cultural significance of Aboriginal objects and/or places as relevant to the proposed project area, with an opportunity to be involved in consultation. Section 3.3.1 of the Consultation Requirements states that Aboriginal people who can provide this information are, based on Aboriginal lore and custom, the traditional owners or custodians of the land that is the subject o the proposed project.

The Consultation Requirements also state that:

Traditional owners or custodians with appropriate cultural heritage knowledge to inform decision making who seek to register their interest as an Aboriginal party are those people who:

- continue to maintain a deep respect for their ancestral belief system, traditional lore and custom
- recognise their responsibilities and obligations to protect and conserve their culture and heritage and care for their traditional lands or Country
- have the trust of their community, knowledge and understanding of their culture, and permission to speak about it.

This list is provided to proponents in accordance with Clause 60(2)(a)(i) of the National Parks and Wildlife Regulation 2019 and section 4.1.2 of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010.

The stakeholders identified on this list may have an interest in the proposed project area and may hold knowledge relevant to determining the cultural significance of Aboriginal objects and/or places.

How to use this list

- Contact the organisations/individuals who have indicated an interest in the relevant LGA/s and invite them to register an interest in your project.
- Do not reproduce the attached list in publicly available reports and other documents. Your report should only contain the names of the organisations and individuals who you have invited to register an interest in your project and those who have registered as stakeholders for your project.
- Note that the provision of this Aboriginal stakeholder list does not override a proponent's requirement to also advertise in the local newspaper and to seek from other sources the names of any other Aboriginal people who may hold cultural knowledge as required under clause 60 (2) of the National Parks and Wildlife Regulation 2019.
- Please refer to Clause 60 of the National Parks and Wildlife Regulation 2019 and the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010 for further information on the requirements of the consultation process.
- If contact details of stakeholders are found to be incorrect or outdated, please contact heritagemailbox@environment.nsw.gov.au

Last updated January 2025

Heritage NSW reference: D0C25/128026

Mount Vincent Road and Wilton Drive, East Maitland (Lot 8 DP855275, Lot 141 and Part Lots 142 and 143 DP1225076), Maitland

Aboriginal Stakeholder List Maitland Local Government Area

Organisation/ Individual	Contact Name	Email Address	Phone	Mobile	Fax	Postal Address	Additional information
A1 Indigenous Services	Carolyn Hickey	cazadirect@live.com	-	0411 650 057	-	10 Marie Pitt Place, Glenmore Park, NSW, 2745	-
Aboriginal Native Title Consultants	Christine Paul	christinepaul737@gmail.com	-	0484 327 664	-	68 Tindale Street Muswellbrook NSW 2333	-
AGA Services	Ashley, Gregory & Adam Sampson	aga.services@hotmail.com	-	AS: 0401 958 050 Donna Sampson 0403 765 018	-	22 Ibis Parade WOODBERRY NSW 2322	-
Aliera French Trading	Aliera French	alierafrenchtrading@outlook.com	-	0421 299 963	-	17 Kalinda St BLACKSMITHS NSW 2281	-
Arwarbukarl Cultural Resource Association, Miromaa Aboriginal Language and Technology Centre	Darren McKenny	contact@acra.org.au	(02) 4940 9100	-	-	840 Hunter St NEWCASTLE WEST NSW 2302	-
Wannangini Pty.Ltd	Tracey Howie & Kerrie Brauer	tracey@guringai.com.au kerrie@awabakal.com.au	-	KB: 0412 866 357 TH: 0404 182 049	-	PO Box 122 RUTHERFORD NSW 2320 NSW 2259	-
Awabakal Descendants Traditional Owners	Peter Leven	peterleven@y7mail.com	-	0405 149 684	-	PO Box 137 BUDGEWOI NSW 2262	-

Awabakal Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation	Kerrie Brauer	Kerrie@awabakal.com.au	-	0412 866 357	-	PO Box 122 RUTHERFORD NSW 2320	-
Cacatua Culture Consultants	Donna & George Sampson	cacatua4service@tpg.com.au	-	0403 765 019 0434 877 016	-	22 Ibis Parade WOODBERRY NSW 2322	-
Corroboree Aboriginal Corporation	Marilyn Carroll-Johnson	corroboreecorp@outlook.com	(02) 8824 324	0415 911 159	-	PO BOX 344 LITHGOW NSW 2790	-
Crimson-Rosie	Jeffery Matthews	-	(02) 6543 4791	-	-	6 Eucalypt Avenue, Muswellbrook NSW 2333	-
Culturally Aware	Tracey Skene	tracey@marrung-pa.com.au	-	0474 106 537	#NAME ?	7 Crawford Place MILFIELD NSW 2325	
D F T V Enterprises	Derrick Vale	deckavale@hotmail.com	-	0401 162 998 0422 876 047 0438 812 197	-	5 Mountbatten Close RUTHERFORD NSW 2320	-
Deslee Talbott Consultants	Deslee Matthews	m-desley@hotmail.com	-	0431 205 336	-	Unit 2 / 19 South Street GUNNEDAH NSW 2380	-
Didge Ngunawal Clan	Lillie Carroll ; Paul Boyd	didgengunawalclan@yahoo.com.au	-	0426 823 944 ; 0450 616 404	-	33 Carlyle Crescent Cambridge Gardens NSW 2747	-
Gidawaa Walang & Barkuma Neighbourhood Centre Inc.	Craig Horne Debbie Dacey-Sullivan	gidawaa.walang@hotmail.com	(02) 4937 1094	0432 336 163	-	76 Lang Street, Kurri Kurri NSW 2327	-
Glen Morris	-	mischelle.morris@outlook.com	(02) 6543 3008	-	-	12 Bell Street Muswellbrook NSW 2333	-

Gomery Cultural Consultants	David Horton	daveyhorton69@gmail.com	-	0458 532 707	-	22 Cabernet Street Muswellbrook 2333 NSW	-
Hunter Traditional Owner	Paulette Ryan	hto.paulette@gmail.com	-	0431 109 001	-	165 Susan Street SCONE NSW 2337	-
Hunter Valley Cultural Surveying	Luke Hickey	Microlith99@gmail.com	-	0435 911 820	-	165 Susan Street SCONE NSW 2337	-
Hunters & Collectors	Tania Matthews	Tamatthews10@hotmail.com	-	0407 348 384	-	Unit 1/19 South Street Gunnedah NSW 2320	-
Indigenous Learning	Craig Archibald	indiglearning@gmail.com	-	0467 229 507 0455 550 549	-	2 Victoria Street BELLBIRD HEIGHTS NSW 2325	-
Jarban & Mugrebea	Les Atkinson	Les.atkinson@hotmail.com	-	0466 316 069	-	65/ 601Fishery Point Road Bonnells Bay NSW 2264	-
Jumbunna Traffic Management Group Pty Ltd	Norm Archibald	normarch60@gmail.com	-	0413 718 149	-	44 Billabong Dr Cameron Park 2285	-
Kauma Pondee Inc.	Jill Green	kaumapondee@live.com.au	-	0434 210 190	-	Unit 6/1 Central Street LAMBTON NSW 2305	-
Kawul Pty Ltd trading as Wonn1 Sites	Arthur Fletcher	Wonn1sites@gmail.com	(02) 4954 7751	0402 146 193	-	619 Main Road GLENDALE NSW 2285	-
Kevin Duncan	Kevin Duncan	kevin.duncan@bigpond.com	(02) 4392 9346	0431 224 099	-	95 Moala Parade HARMHAVEN NSW 2263	-
Lower Hunter Aboriginal Incorporated	David Ahoy	lowerhunterai@gmail.com	-	0421 329 520	-	5 Killara Drive CARDIFF SOUTH NSW 2285	-
Lower Hunter Wonnarua Cultural Services	Lea-Anne Ball	lhwcs.lea@gmail.com	-	0472 698 659	-	712 Maitland Street KURRI KURRI NSW 2327	-

Lower Wonnaruah Tribal Consultancy Pty Ltd	Barry Anderson	-	(02) 6574 5303	0417 403 153	-	156 The Inlet Road BULGA NSW 2330	-
Mayaroo	Tracey White	rara02@bigpond.com	-	0438 909 797	-	PO Box 168 KURRI KURRI NSW 2327	-
Mindaribba Local Aboriginal Land Council	CEO	ceo@mindaribbalalc.org	(02) 4934 8511	-	-	1A Chelmsford Drive METFORD NSW 2323	-
Murra Bidgee Mullangari Aboriginal Corporation	Darleen Johnson ; Ryan Johnson	murrabidgeemullangari@yahoo.com.au	-	0490 051 102 0475 565 517 0497 983 332	-	PO Box 3035 Rouse Hill NSW 2155	-
Myland Cultural & Heritage Group	Warren Schillings	warren@yarnteen.com.au	-	0431 392 554	-	30 Taurus Street ELERMORE VALE NSW 2287	-
Renee Sales	Renee Sales	darkinoong@gmail.com	-	0413 608 477	-	858 Lower Kangaroo Creek Coutts Crossing NSW 2460	-
Steve Talbott	Steve Talbott	talbo.minda@hotmail.com	-	0456 664 883	-	73 Kiah Road GILLIESTON HEIGHTS NSW 2321	-
The Men's Shack Indigenous Corporations	Rod Hickey	rod.hickey@hotmail.com	-	0403 655 284	-	33 Gardner Circuit Singleton Heights NSW 2330	-

Thomas Dahlstrom	Thomas Dahlstrom	gamila_roi@yahoo.com.au	-	0403 529 119	-	1-122 Glebe Point Road Glebe NSW 2037	Offers ACH value by using 3D Laser and Drone technology
Scott Franks on the behalf od the Wonnarua PBC Yarrawalk Pty Ltd	Scott Franks	scott@tocomwall.com.au scott@yarrawalk.com.au	-	0404 171 544	-	Po box 145, Miranda NSW 1490	-
Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation	Alan Paget	admin@ungooroo.com.au	(02) 6571 5111	-	-	PO Box 3095 SINGLETON NSW 2330	-
Wallagan Cultural Services	Maree Waugh	wallangan@outlook.com	-	0439 813 078	-	PO Box 40 CESSNOCK NSW 2325	-
Warragil Cultural Services	Aaron Slater (Manager)	Warragil_c.s@hotmail.com	-	0481 280 067 0422231989	-	33 Gardner Circuit Singleton NSW 2566.	-
WATTAKA Pty Ltd	Des Hickey	deshickey@bigpond.com	(02) 6573 3786	0432 977 178	-	4 Kennedy Street SINGLETON NSW 2330	-
Widescope Indigenous Group	Steven Hickey;	Widescope.group@live.com	-	SH: 0425 230 693	-	73 Russell Street, Emu Plains, NSW 2750	-

	Donna Hickey			DH: 0425 232 056			
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Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment – Invitation to Register Interest – HN238-C

Heritage Now, on behalf of a Proponent (name provided on registration), is requesting the names of Aboriginal people who hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal cultural heritage within the Project Area. The Project Area is approximately 709ha in size and located 16 kilometres north of Cessnock, just to the south of Greta and North Rothbury. Rezoning of approximately 550ha of this Project Area for mixed use development is proposed (further project details provided on registration). The purpose of community consultation with Aboriginal people is to assist the proposed applicant in the preparation of an application for an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment.

In accordance with the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements 2010, please send your registration to: Dan Hounsell, 1/48 Kalaroo Road, Redhead, NSW 2290, hello@heritagenow.com.au, by 26 March 2025. Please be advised that your details will be forwarded to Heritage NSW and the Local Aboriginal Land Council, unless you inform us that you do not want your details released.

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In compliance with the Heritage NSW policy - Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010, MCH would like to extend an invitation to Aboriginal people who hold cultural knowledge relevant to the proposed project area and who can determine the significance of Aboriginal object(s) and/or place(s) in the area of the proposed project to register an interest in the consultation process for this project.

Written registrations must be forward to MCH (P.O. Box 166 Adamstown, NSW. 2289; penny@mcheritage.com.au no later than C.O.B. 17/03/2025.

All registered parties will then be contacted to discuss the project in compliance with Heritage NSW policy. If you register your interest in this project, please also nominate your preferred option to receive the initial information. You may wish to attend a non-paid meeting and receive an information pack, or receive an information packet through the mail or e-mail.

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4 March 2025

Crimson-Rosie
Jeffery Matthews
6 Eucalypt Avenue,
Muswellbrook NSW 2333

Dear Jeffery,

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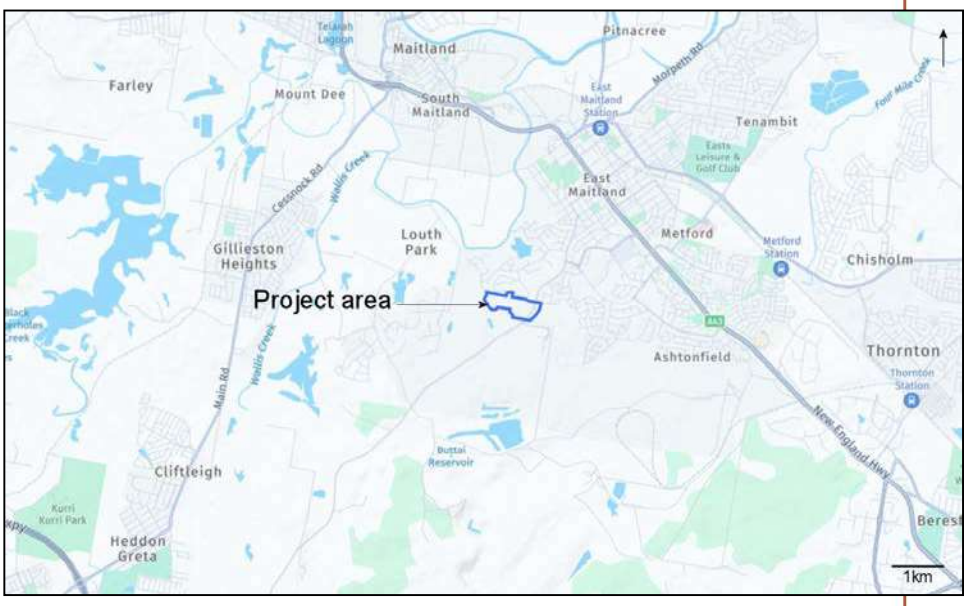

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Lower Wonnaruah Tribal Consultancy Pty Ltd
Barry Anderson
156 The Inlet Road
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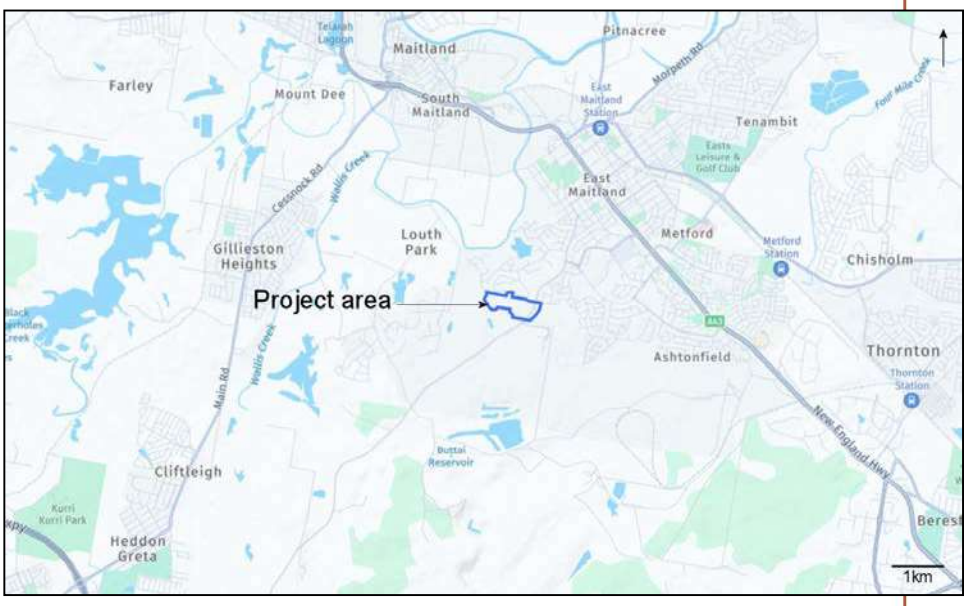

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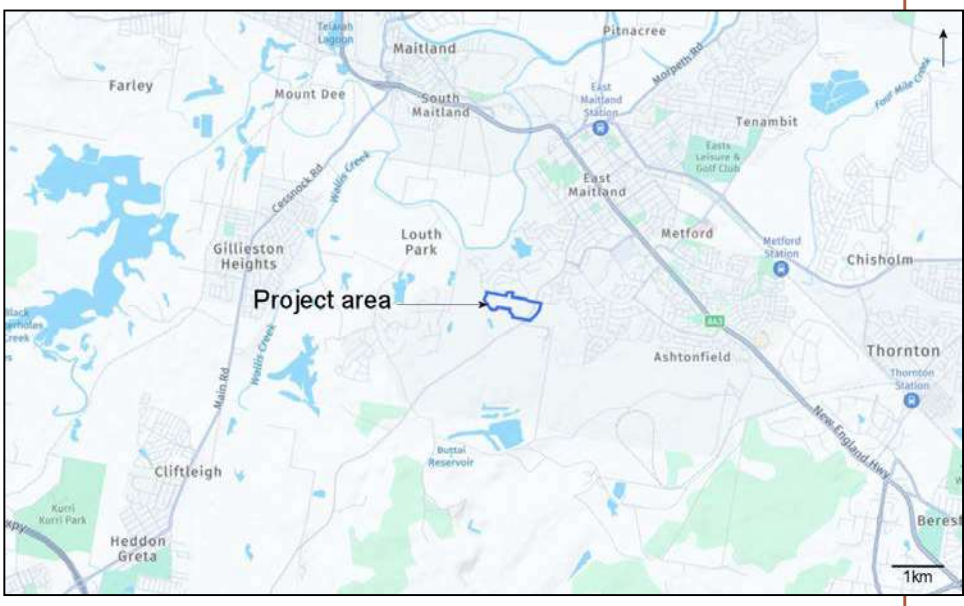

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To: penny@mcheritage.com.au
Subject: Re: Proposed residential subdivision at East Maitland
Date: Tuesday, 4 March 2025 8:33:44 AM
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Good morning Penny
Culturally Aware would like to put there Expression of interest in for this Assessment.
Tracey Skene
Culturally Aware

Kind regards
Tracey Skene
7 Crawford Place,Millfield NSW 2325
Mobile 0474106537

On Tue, 4 Mar 2025 at 8:31 am, <penny@mcheritage.com.au> wrote:

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Good morning Penny,

We would like to register our interest in this project.

Kind regards,
Estelle Germishuizen

Kind Regards,

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From: penny@mcheritage.com.au <penny@mcheritage.com.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 4 March 2025 8:31 AM
To: Cazadirect@live.com; christinepaul737@gmail.com; aga.services@hotmail.com; alierafrenchtrading@outlook.com; contact@acra.org.au; tracey@guringai.com.au; kerrie@awabakal.com.au; awabakal.to@gmail.com; Kerrie@awabakal.com.au; cacatua4service@tpg.com.au; corroboreecorp@bigpond.com; tracey@marrung-pa.com.au; deckavale@hotmail.com; m-desley@hotmail.com; didgengunawalclan@yahoo.com.au; gidawaa.walang@hotmail.com; mischelle.morris@outlook.com; leannekirkman1964@gmail.com; hto.paulette@gmail.com; Microlith99@gmail.com; Tamatthews10@hotmail.com; indiglearning@gmail.com; Les.atkinson@hotmail.com; normarch60@gmail.com; kaumapondee@live.com.au; Wonn1sites@gmail.com; kevin.duncan@bigpond.com; lowerhunterai@gmail.com; lhwcs.lea@gmail.com; rara02@bigpond.com; Tara Dever <Ceo@mindaribbalalc.org>; murrabidgeemullangari@yahoo.com.au; warren@yarnteen.com.au; darkinoong@gmail.com; gomeroi.namoi@outlook.com; rod.hickey@hotmail.com; scott@yarrawalk.com.au; Ungooroo Admin <admin@ungooroo.com.au>; wallangan@outlook.com; warragil_c.s@hotmail.com; deshickey@bigpond.com; Widescope.group@live.com; gordon.griffithsbra@yahoo.com.au; l.perry@optusnet.com.au; andrew@worimi.org.au; Wurrumay@hotmail.com; yinarculturalservices@bigpond.com; dontminemeay@gmail.com; bariyan.culturalconnections@gmail.com; girragirramurun@yahoo.com; wingarrawilay@yahoo.com; Helens27@outlook.com; Ethan3trewlynn@gmail.com; guthersic@gmail.com; Nadine.russell@environment.nsw.gov.au; pathwaysforsearching@gmail.com; c-perry_93@outlook.com
Subject: Proposed residential subdivision at East Maitland

RE: Written notification of project proposal and registration of interest as required under Heritage NSW

From: Tiarna Bird
To: penny@mcheritage.com.au
Subject: Re: Proposed residential subdivision at East Maitland
Date: Tuesday, 4 March 2025 9:50:58 AM
Attachments: image003.png

Goodmorning, I would like to register interest.
Thank you

Tiarna Bird
Director
Mura Gadi Aboriginal Corporation

On Tue, 4 Mar 2025 at 08:31, <penny@mcheritage.com.au> wrote:

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From:	Paulette Ryan
To:	penny@mcheritage.com.au
Cc:	Carolyn .H; C. Paul; aqa.services@hotmail.com; alierafrenchtrading@outlook.com; contact@acra.org.au; tracey@guringai.com.au; Kerrie Brauer; awabakal.to@gmail.com; cacatua4service@tpg.com.au; corroboreecorp@bigpond.com; Tracey Skene; deckavale@hotmail.com; m-desley@hotmail.com; didgengunawalclan@yahoo.com.au; gidawaa.walang@hotmail.om; mischelle.morris@outlook.com; leannekirkman1964@gmail.com; luke hickey; Tamatthews10@hotmail.com; indiglearning@gmail.com; Leslie Atkinson; normarch60@gmail.com; kaumapondee@live.com.au; Arthur Fletcher; kevin.duncan@bigpond.com; lowerhunterai@gmail.com; lhwcs.lea@gmail.com; rara02@bigpond.com; Tara Dever; murrabidgeemullangari@yahoo.com.au; warren@yarnteen.com.au; darkinoong@gmail.com; gomeroi.namoi@outlook.com; Rod Hickey; scott@yarrawalk.com.au; Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation (admin@ungooroo.com.au); Maree Waugh; warragil_c.s@hotmail.com; Des Hickey; WIDESCOPE .; gordon.griffithsbra@yahoo.com.au; Laurie Perry; andrew@worimi.org.au; Wurrumay@hotmail.com; yinarculturalservices@bigpond.com; dontminemeay@gmail.com; bariyan.culturalconnections@gmail.com; girragirramurun@yahoo.com; wingarrawilay@yahoo.com; Helens27@outlook.com; Ethan3trewlynn@gmail.com; guthersic@gmail.com; Nadine.russell@environment.nsw.gov.au; pathwaysforsearching@gmail.com; c-perry_93@outlook.com
Subject:	Re: Proposed residential subdivision at East Maitland
Date:	Tuesday, 4 March 2025 10:05:07 AM
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Thank you penny
I would love to put in a expression of interest
Kind regards
Paulette Ryan HTO
Luke hickey
Des hickey
0476911293

On Tue, 4 Mar 2025, 7:31 am , <penny@mcheritage.com.au> wrote:

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From:	Maree Waugh
To:	Paulette Ryan; penny@mcheritage.com.au
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Subject:	Re: Proposed residential subdivision at East Maitland
Date:	Tuesday, 4 March 2025 11:43:11 AM
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Hi Penny,
Wallangan cultural services would like to register my interest in the project.

Thank you
Maree Waugh
0439813078

Sent from Outlook for Android

From: Paulette Ryan <hto.paulette@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 4, 2025 10:04:50 AM
To: penny@mcheritage.com.au <penny@mcheritage.com.au>
Cc: Carolyn .H <Cazadirect@live.com>; C. Paul <christinepaul737@gmail.com>; aga.services@hotmail.com <aga.services@hotmail.com>; alierafrenchtrading@outlook.com <alierafrenchtrading@outlook.com>; contact@acra.org.au <contact@acra.org.au>; tracey@guringai.com.au <tracey@guringai.com.au>; Kerrie Brauer <kerrie@awabakal.com.au>; awabakal.to@gmail.com <awabakal.to@gmail.com>; cacatua4service@tpg.com.au <cacatua4service@tpg.com.au>; corroboreecorp@bigpond.com <corroboreecorp@bigpond.com>; Tracey Skene <tracey@marrung-pa.com.au>; deckavale@hotmail.com <deckavale@hotmail.com>; m-desley@hotmail.com <m-desley@hotmail.com>; didgengunawalclan@yahoo.com.au <didgengunawalclan@yahoo.com.au>; gidawaa.walang@hotmail.om <gidawaa.walang@hotmail.com>; mischelle.morris@outlook.com <mischelle.morris@outlook.com>; leannekirkman1964@gmail.com <leannekirkman1964@gmail.com>; luke hickey <Microlith99@gmail.com>; Tamatthews10@hotmail.com <Tamatthews10@hotmail.com>; indiglearning@gmail.com <indiglearning@gmail.com>; Leslie Atkinson <Les.atkinson@hotmail.com>; normarch60@gmail.com <normarch60@gmail.com>; kaumapondee@live.com.au <kaumapondee@live.com.au>; Arthur Fletcher <Wonn1sites@gmail.com>; kevin.duncan@bigpond.com <kevin.duncan@bigpond.com>; lowerhunterai@gmail.com <lowerhunterai@gmail.com>; lhwcs.lea@gmail.com <lhwcs.lea@gmail.com>; rara02@bigpond.com <rara02@bigpond.com>; Tara Dever <ceo@mindaribbalalc.org>; murrabidgeemullangari@yahoo.com.au <murrabidgeemullangari@yahoo.com.au>; warren@yarnteen.com.au <warren@yarnteen.com.au>; darkinoong@gmail.com <darkinoong@gmail.com>; gomeroi.namoi@outlook.com <gomeroi.namoi@outlook.com>; Rod

From: Leslie Atkinson
To: penny@mcheritage.com.au
Subject: Re: Proposed residential subdivision at East Maitland
Date: Tuesday, 4 March 2025 12:24:01 PM
Attachments: image003.png

Afternoon Penny
Les Atkinson here from jarban & mugrebea
I wish to put an EOI in this project ,, may i also be considered for all aspects of field work .
Surveying test pit excavations and salvage of artifacts
I have all relevant COS of insurances copies may be forwarded on request
If you wish to discuss anything further please call 0n 0466 016 369
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From: penny@mcheritage.com.au <penny@mcheritage.com.au>
Sent: Tuesday, March 4, 2025 8:30 AM
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From:	Cole Perry
To:	Paulette Ryan; penny@mcheritage.com.au
Cc:	Carolyn .H; C. Paul; aqa.services@hotmail.com; alierafrenchtrading@outlook.com; contact@acra.org.au; tracey@guringai.com.au; Kerrie Brauer; awabakal.to@gmail.com; cacatua4service@tpg.com.au; corroboreecorp@bigpond.com; Tracey Skene; deckavale@hotmail.com; m-desley@hotmail.com; didgengunawalclan@yahoo.com.au; gidawaa.walang@hotmail.om; mischelle.morris@outlook.com; leannekirkman1964@gmail.com; luke hickey; Tamatthews10@hotmail.com; indiglearning@gmail.com; Leslie Atkinson; normarch60@gmail.com; kaumapondee@live.com.au; Arthur Fletcher; kevin.duncan@bigpond.com; lowerhunterai@gmail.com; lhwcs.lea@gmail.com; rara02@bigpond.com; Tara Dever; murrabidgeemullangari@yahoo.com.au; warren@yarnteen.com.au; darkinoong@gmail.com; gomeroi.namoi@outlook.com; Rod Hickey; scott@yarrawalk.com.au; Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation (admin@ungooroo.com.au); Maree Waugh; warragil_c.s@hotmail.com; Des Hickey; WIDESCOPE .; gordon.griffithsbra@yahoo.com.au; Laurie Perry; andrew@worimi.org.au; Wurrumay@hotmail.com; yinarculturalservices@bigpond.com; dontminemeay@gmail.com; bariyan.culturalconnections@gmail.com; girragirramurun@yahoo.com; wingarrawilay@yahoo.com; Helens27@outlook.com; Ethan3trewlynn@gmail.com; guthersic@gmail.com; Nadine.russell@environment.nsw.gov.au; pathwaysforsearching@gmail.com
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Hey Penny,

I would like to register my interest in the proposed project.

Thank you,

From:	Ethan Trewlynn
To:	Cole Perry
Cc:	Paulette Ryan; penny@mcheritage.com.au; Carolyn .H; C. Paul; aga.services@hotmail.com; alierafrenchtrading@outlook.com; contact@acra.org.au; tracey@guringai.com.au; Kerrie Brauer; awabakal.to@gmail.com; cacatua4service@tpg.com.au; corroboreecorp@bigpond.com; Tracey Skene; deckavale@hotmail.com; m-desley@hotmail.com; didgengunawalclan@yahoo.com.au; gidawaa.walang@hotmail.om; mischelle.morris@outlook.com; leannekirkman1964@gmail.com; luke hickey; Tamatthews10@hotmail.com; indiglearning@gmail.com; Leslie Atkinson; normarch60@gmail.com; kaumapondee@live.com.au; Arthur Fletcher; kevin.duncan@bigpond.com; lowerhunterai@gmail.com; lhwcs.lea@gmail.com; rara02@bigpond.com; Tara Dever; murrabidgeemullangari@yahoo.com.au; warren@yarnteen.com.au; darkinoong@gmail.com; gomeroi.namoi@outlook.com; Rod Hickey; scott@yarrawalk.com.au; Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation (admin@ungooroo.com.au); Maree Waugh; warragil_c.s@hotmail.com; Des Hickey; WIDESCOPE .; gordon.griffithsbra@yahoo.com.au; Laurie Perry; andrew@worimi.org.au; Wurrumay@hotmail.com; yinarculturalservices@bigpond.com; dontminemeay@gmail.com; bariyan.culturalconnections@gmail.com; girragirramurun@yahoo.com; wingarrawilay@yahoo.com; Helens27@outlook.com; guthersic@gmail.com; Nadine.russell@environment.nsw.gov.au; pathwaysforsearching@gmail.com
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Hi Penny,

I would like to register Long Gully Cultural Services for this project.

Kind regards,

Ethan

On Tue, 4 Mar 2025, 5:54 pm Cole Perry, <C-perry_93@outlook.com> wrote:

> Hey Penny,
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From:	Norman Archibald
To:	Ethan Trewlynn
Cc:	Cole Perry; Paulette Ryan; penny@mcheritage.com.au; Carolyn .H; C. Paul; aga.services@hotmail.com; alierafrenchtrading@outlook.com; contact@acra.org.au; tracey@guringai.com.au; Kerrie Brauer; awabakal.to@gmail.com; cacatua4service@tpg.com.au; corroboreecorp@bigpond.com; Tracey Skene; deckavale@hotmail.com; m-desley@hotmail.com; didgengunawalclan@yahoo.com.au; gidawaa.walang@hotmail.om; mischelle.morris@outlook.com; leannekirkman1964@gmail.com; luke hickey; Tamatthews10@hotmail.com; indiglearning@gmail.com; Leslie Atkinson; kaumapondee@live.com.au; Arthur Fletcher; kevin.duncan@bigpond.com; lowerhunterai@gmail.com; lhwcs.lea@gmail.com; rara02@bigpond.com; Tara Dever; murrabidgeemullangari@yahoo.com.au; warren@yarnteen.com.au; darkinoong@gmail.com; gomeroi.namoi@outlook.com; Rod Hickey; scott@yarrawalk.com.au; Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation (admin@ungooroo.com.au); Maree Waugh; warragil_c.s@hotmail.com; Des Hickey; WIDESCOPE .; gordon.griffithsbra@yahoo.com.au; Laurie Perry; andrew@worimi.org.au; Wurrumay@hotmail.com; yinarculturalservices@bigpond.com; dontminemeay@gmail.com; bariyan.culturalconnections@gmail.com; girragirramurun@yahoo.com; wingarrawilay@yahoo.com; Helens27@outlook.com; guthersic@gmail.com; Nadine.russell@environment.nsw.gov.au; pathwaysforsearching@gmail.com
Subject:	Re: Proposed residential subdivision at East Maitland
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Yarma Penny
Please include my expression of interest for the proposed project residential subdivision at East Maitland

In Cultural Unity
Norm Archibald
JT management
0413718149

On Tue, 4 Mar 2025, 5:56 pm Ethan Trewlynn, <ethan3trewlynn@gmail.com> wrote:

> Hi Penny,
>
> I would like to register Long Gully Cultural Services for this project.
>
> Kind regards,
>
> Ethan

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> Hey Penny,
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> Thank you,

From: Scott Franks
To: penny@mcheritage.com.au
Subject: Re: Proposed residential subdivision at East Maitland
Date: Wednesday, 5 March 2025 11:13:24 AM
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Could you please register our interest in this project

Regards
Scott Franks
CEO
Native Title & Environmental Services Consultant
Native title applicant for the PCWP

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To: Cazadirect@live.com <Cazadirect@live.com>, christinepaul737@gmail.com <christinepaul737@gmail.com>, aga.services@hotmail.com <aga.services@hotmail.com>, alierafrenchtrading@outlook.com

From: lilly carroll
To: Penny
Subject: EOI
Date: Wednesday, 5 March 2025 2:58:45 PM

Hi Penny

DNC would like to register an interest into East Maitland

Thanks heaps Paul

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

From:	Wolf
To:	penny@mcheritage.com.au; Kathie Phone; Wolf
Subject:	Re: Proposed residential subdivision at East Maitland
Date:	Wednesday, 5 March 2025 11:17:23 PM

Dear Penny,

I am writing on behalf of Yinarr Cultural Services to formally express our interest in the proposed project.

Thank you for considering our organisation in this matter.

Yours sincerely,
Kathie Steward Kinchela
0426585110

From: kevin.duncan@bigpond.com
To: penny@mcheritage.com.au
Subject: Re Registration of Cultural Interests
Date: Friday, 7 March 2025 12:10:08 PM

Yaama, Penny , how are you and thanks you for invitation to register for the Proposed residential submission at East Maitland as a registered Aboriginal Party I would like to confirm my registration for the project please , Thank you , Kevin Duncan

From: Corroboree Aboriginal Corporation
To: penny@mcheritage.com.au
Subject: Re: Proposed residential subdivision at East Maitland
Date: Friday, 7 March 2025 8:39:20 PM
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Hi Penny

Corroboree Aboriginal Corporation Registration of interest as required under Heritage NSW Aboriginal Cultural heritage.

We at Corroboree Aboriginal Corporation are identified First Nations people who hold cultural knowledge relevant to this project area and we wish to register an interest in the process of community consultation. We employ numerous clans for the betterments of our people. As such we send the relevant clan members to the relevant project areas. Baring in mind that as per legislation as long as we are Aboriginal and hold our culture connections and knowledge, etc, to the areas, as such we are stakeholders. We support participation of our stakeholders/members by providing employment in this field of employ on these projects that we have connections to and knowledge. As part of our registering we look forward to the opportunity to provide culturally appropriate information and to comment on the cultural heritage significance of Aboriginal Culture and heritage We are registering Corroboree Aboriginal Corporation in a full capacity. We have worked on a vast number of projects as Cultural Heritage Officers in the project area. We are currently involved on many projects in the subject area. My family and other family members have lived in the area and family currently reside in the surrounding areas.

We are registering in a full capacity. We are Aboriginal people who are culturally & heritage aware. We have the necessary ability, experience, skills, insight and the knowledge to identify artefacts on field work. And as Aboriginal People we connect thru the land, thru our Ancestors and our Heritage. Therefore we are able participate on all levels. We have worked with many archaeologists across a broad landscape. We have consulted with most archeological companies over many years on projects. We have all the relevant insurances and safety gear. We are all fit, capable and adapt to a vast landscape.

Contact is preferred via email: corroboreecorp@outlook.com The contact number, email and contact person is also listed in the signature.

Please do not disclose any of our details to LALC. We have responded for inclusion, to participate on all levels. Thanks.

Kind regards
Marilyn Carroll
Director
Corroboree Aboriginal Corporation
Mob: 0415911159
E: corroboreecorp@outlook.com

We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the lands upon which we work and pay our deep respect to Elders past, present and emerging

> On 5 Mar 2025, at 9:20 am, Norman Archibald <normarch60@gmail.com> wrote:
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> Yarma Penny
> Please include my expression of interest for the proposed project residential subdivision at East Maitland
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> In Cultural Unity
> Norm Archibald
> JT management
> 0413718149
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> On Tue, 4 Mar 2025, 5:56 pm Ethan Trewlynn, <ethan3trewlynn@gmail.com> wrote:
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> > Hi Penny,
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> > I would like to register Long Gully Cultural Services for this project.
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> > Kind regards,
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> > Ethan
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> > On Tue, 4 Mar 2025, 5:54 pm Cole Perry, <C_perry_93@outlook.com> wrote:
> > Hey Penny,
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> > I would like to register my interest in the proposed project.
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> > **Sent:** Tuesday, March 4, 2025 10:04:50 AM
> > **To:** penny@mcheritage.com.au <penny@mcheritage.com.au>
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> > Thank you penny
> > I would love to put in a expression of interest
> > Kind regards
> > Paulette Ryan HTO
> > Luke hickey
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> > 0476911293
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> > On Tue, 4 Mar 2025, 7:31 am , <penny@mcheritage.com.au> wrote:
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> > > RE: **Written notification of project proposal and registration of interest as required under Heritage NSW Aboriginal Cultural heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010 (Stage 1)– Proposed residential subdivision at East Maitland**
> > >
> > > McCardle Cultural Heritage (MCH) have been engaged by Hunter Land on behalf of the Proponent (East Maitland Land 62 Pty Ltd, PO Box 3042Thornton NSW 2322) to undertake an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) and prepare an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) application if required for a proposed residential development located along Mount Vincent Road and Wilton Drive, East Maitland (Lot 8 DP855275, Lot 141 and Part Lots 142 and 143 DP1225076), Maitland Local Government Area (LGA).
> > >
> > > As per the Heritage NSW policy - Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010, Stage 1 (s1.3 to 4.1.8), MCH and the proponent are seeking community consultation with Indigenous knowledge holders relevant to the project area who can determine the cultural significance of Aboriginal objects and/or places in the area of the proposed project.
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From: WIDESCOPE .
To: penny@mcheritage.com.au
Subject: Re: Proposed residential subdivision at East Maitland
Date: Monday, 10 March 2025 4:02:39 PM
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Good afternoon Penny,

Thank you very much for the detailed project information and for giving us the opportunity to register our interest. Steven Hickey would like to register his interest in the upcoming project.

Looking forward to further communications.

Kind regards,

Widescope Indigenous Group
Contact : Donna Hickey
Address H/O: 73 Russell St, Emu Plains NSW 2750
E-mail : **Widescope.group@live.com**
Mobile : 0425 232 056

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To:	penny@mcheritage.com.au
Subject:	Re: Proposed residential subdivision at East Maitland
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Contact: Carolyn Hickey
Mobile: 0411650057
Email: Cazadirect@live.com
Address: 73 Russell St, Emu Plains, NSW 2750
ABN: 20 616 970 327

Hi,
Thank you for your email. I would like to formally register my interest in being involved in all levels of consultation for this project. This includes attending meetings, preparing reports, sharing cultural information and participating in available fieldwork.

About Carolyn Hickey
I am a Traditional Owner with over 25 years of experience in preserving Aboriginal cultural heritage. My extensive cultural knowledge is essential in determining the significance of Aboriginal objects and values within the project area.

I have attached A1 Indigenous Services Insurances.

A1 INDIGENOUS SERVICES, Represents over 100 Indigenous Locals

I agree to my details being shared with OEH and the LALC. Please feel free to contact me using the details provided above.

Kind regards,
Carolyn Hickey

A1 Indigenous Services is a 100% Indigenous-owned Australian company offering a range of services to the construction industry. Our mission is to commit to an innovative approach for a better future for Indigenous employment and community, while improving ways to close the gap in Aboriginal participation in the construction industry. We are dedicated to building strength in Aboriginal communities and our Indigenous labour force.

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PO BOX 137
BUDGEWOI
NSW 2262

Date: 14th March 2025

Attention: Dr. Penny McCardle

Principal & Forensic Archaeologist
Forensic Anthropologist

ALLA Penny,

We are writing to you to register our interest regarding **Proposed residential subdivision at East Maitland**
It is our desire to be consulted in regard to any Aboriginal archaeological management or involved in any scheduled field work that is to take place for this project and any other area located within our Traditional Country.

We are a registered Aboriginal Corporation under the Federal Governments ***Aboriginal Corporations Act*** to carry out business within Australia in regard to the representation of our people through this corporation known as the ***Awabakal Descendants Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation (ADTOAC)***.

Being the direct Descendants of the Traditional Awabakal People of the Lake Macquarie/Newcastle area we take this opportunity in a few sentences to quickly formalise our position with you.

Our great great great Grandmother was one of the first Aboriginal People to be recorded in the Lake Macquarie and Newcastle area in 1828 when the Reverend L.E.Threlkeld made the first list of the Aboriginal People of the Lake Macquarie and Newcastle districts from his mission station at Belmont. At Warner's Bay our great great great Grandmother and her daughter, our great great Grandmother, were recorded by Jonathon Warner in 1833 and then again at Toronto in 1836 by L.E.Threlkeld at his mission there. Our People still live and maintain our Cultural ties with our Traditional Country and are concerned with the overall welfare of our Cultural Heritage and desire to be involved in all the affairs that may affect that Cultural Heritage which is vital to our People in maintaining connection to our Traditional Country.

Given the opportunity to take part in this project, either myself or Tori Davis will be ADTOAC's selected representatives. We would make representation on behalf of our People and provide the necessary qualifications which are vital in delivering all aspects of the ***Cultural Knowledge*** of the proposed project area (as required by the OEH Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010)[1]. We are physically capable to undertake any required tasks to do with the project due to spending many hours walking our Awabakal Country and carrying out assessments/surveys for Cultural Heritage and educational purposes, as well as participating in numerous site excavations.

As far as field identification or assessment/survey techniques are concerned, Both Tori and I have undergone instruction and training by Respected Traditional Awabakal Elders in regard to our places, stories, tools/weapons and foods, including how to acquire/make and use them. We have also been actively involved with Aboriginal archaeological heritage, consultation and assessments/surveys conducted within our Awabakal Country. As an Aboriginal Sites officers, we have extensive field (Bush) experience around Newcastle, Lake Macquarie and the mountains.

Our corporation has successfully worked with and accompanied many archaeological consultants from well known companies, (located from within and outside our area) into the field and have taken part in many projects which required a detailed consultation process and where monitoring was necessary or excavation was required and carried out to locate artefacts or to gather information which aimed to

provide a greater understanding of our People both now and in the future and also add to the research potential by identifying primarily the use of certain artefacts, the type used and the utilisation and significance of place along with the underlying connection that exists between each site.

A list of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultants/Companies we are presently involved with or have worked with on many occasions (but not limited to) include:

- *AECOM*
- *AHMS*
- *CNC Project Management*
- *EMGA*
- *ENSR*
- *ERM*
- *Insite Heritage*
- *Navin Officer Heritage Consultants Pty Ltd*
- *Niche Environment and Heritage*
- *Oz Ark*
- *Peter Kuskie-South East Archaeology*
- *RPS Australia Pty Ltd*
- *Streat Archaeological Services*
- *Umwelt Australia*

We have worked with these and many other consultants on major and minor projects located within our Traditional Country providing assistance and advice for a diverse range of proponents/developers from large mining companies and government departments through to small private developers. We are presently involved with many ongoing long term projects, working with proponents/organisations to see favourable outcomes for all those involved and through these processes endeavouring to secure long term preservation and protection in relation to all issues pertaining to Awabakal Cultural Heritage.

It is imperative that we be involved with this Project and any consultation process because of our People's connection to this area for thousands of years and as a consequence the ***Cultural Knowledge*** held by us regarding our Traditional Country.

As far as communicating the results of any consultation or assessment process back to stakeholder community and returning advice on the response, I as Managing Director and Tori as Director of our corporation, have the capacity and occasion to contact our members for any comments and information that may be pertinent to this project and also have the necessary experience in production and reporting of any information required in written format in relation to any draft report that is produced.

We also hold all relevant insurances needed to participate in the event of possible fieldwork/assessments taking place and any representative selected by our corporation is covered by public liability and workers compensation insurance. These certificates of currency are supplied separately to this letter due to confidentiality.

We look forward to your reply and hope this addresses any queries you may have. We would be happy to meet with you if you wish to discuss the matter further. If you required further information from us, please don't hesitate to contact us at your earliest convenience. Our contact details are set out below.

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Peter Leven-Managing Director: Awabakal Descendants Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation
Email: peterleven@y7mail.com Phone: 0243903740 Mobile: 0405149684

Tori Davis – Director: Awabakal Descendants Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation
Email: Tori.Leven1@gmail.com Mobile: 0423057820

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19 March 2025

Heritage NSW, Department of Premier & Cabinet
heritagemailbox@environment.nsw.gov.au

Dear Sir/madam,

RE: Written notification of project proposal and registration of interest as required under Heritage NSW Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010 (s4.1.6): provision of Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs): Proposed residential subdvision at East Maitland

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If you have any questions or would like any additional information please don't hesitate to contact me on 0412 702 396 or via e-mail at penny@mcheritage.com.au.

Yours sincerely,
for McCardle Cultural Heritage Pty Ltd

Dr. Penny McCardle
Principal Archaeologist
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Culturally Aware	Tracey	Skene
Didge Ngunawal Clan	Paul Boyd	& Lilly Carroll
Hunter Traditional Owner	Paulette	Ryan
Hunter Valley Cultural Surveying	Luke	Hickey
Jarban & Mugrebea	Les	Atkinson
Jumbunna Traffic Management Group Pty Ltd	Norm	Archibald
	Kevin	Duncan
Yarrawalk Pty Ltd	Scott	Franks
Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation	Estelle	Germishuizen
Wallagan Cultural Services	Maree	Waugh
Wattaka Wonnarua CC Service	Des	Hickey
Widescope Indigenous Group	Steven	Hickey
Yinarr Cultural Services	Kathleen	Steward Kinchela
Long Gully Cultural Services	Ethan	Trewlyn
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Mindaribba Local Aboriginal Land Council
admin@mindaribbalalc.org

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Long Gully Cultural Services	Ethan	Trewlyn
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	Cole	Perry

From:	penny@mcheritage.com.au
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RE: Heritage NSW Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010 (Stage 2 & 3) – Presentation of information about the proposed project and request for comment on the proposed methods of investigation – Proposed residential subdivision at East Maitland

McCardle Cultural Heritage (MCH) would like to thank you for registering your interest in this project. We previously offered the option for a meeting or an information pack, but did not receive your preference. As a result, we are providing the information packet via email/post.

To comply with the cultural heritage consultation requirements outlined in the Heritage NSW policy, an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Information Packet has been enclosed. This packet contains detailed information about the proposed project, including maps, impact assessment process, cultural, environmental, and archaeological contexts, site-specific predictive model, proposed methodology, roles and responsibilities, and an opportunity for feedback on cultural concerns and assessment requirements. MCH requests your input on the proposed methodology for the heritage assessment, any information on any Aboriginal objects or culturally significant places in the investigation area, along with any known issues of cultural significance you are aware of. Please specify any protocols or restrictions you wish to apply to the information shared and please consider any other relevant factors for the assessment.

Please make your written submission to MCH by close of business 16th April 2025. The absence of a response by the requested timeline will be taken as your indication that your organisation has no comments regarding the above.

The proponent intends to engage a number of RAPs (relative to the scale and nature of the investigations) to participate in the field work. If you wish to be considered for paid participation in the field investigations please review and complete the Aboriginal stakeholder site officer application form attached to the information packet provided. Aboriginal representatives will be selected by the proponent based upon merits of the applications received with respect to the selection criteria. Late application will not be accepted by the proponent. The number of individuals engaged and the duration of their involvement will be at the sole discretion of the proponent and communicated to MCH. Successful applicants will be notified by MCH and all RAPs are invited to join field investigations, irrespective of remuneration, and contingent upon meeting Occupational Health and Safety and operational requirements. Please note that regardless of participation in the field investigations, RAPs will be consulted in accordance with the Heritage NSW policy - Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010 for the remainder of the assessment.

As all communications, including phone calls, faxes, letters, and e-mails must be included in the consultation component of the report as per the Heritage NSW requirements, please ensure confidential information is clearly indicated at the start of a conversation or noted on each written communication. MCH looks forward to your response and working with you on this project. Please do not hesitate to contact myself on 0412 702 396 should you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Dr. Penny McCardle
Principal & Forensic Archaeologist
Forensic Anthropologist

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LGA: Maitland

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Information Packet

19 March 2025

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Report No: J202487 Info Pack	
Approved by:	Penny McCardle
Position:	Director
Signed:	
Date:	19 March 2025

This report has been prepared in accordance with the scope of services described in the contract or agreement between McCardle Cultural Heritage Pty Ltd (MCH), ACN: 104 590 141, ABN: 89 104 590 141, and the proponent. The report relies upon data, surveys, measurements and specific times and conditions specified herein. Any findings, conclusions or recommendations only apply to the aforementioned circumstances and no greater reliance should be assumed or drawn by the proponent. Furthermore, the report has been prepared solely for use by the proponent and MCH accepts no responsibility for its use by other parties.

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GLOSSARY

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Values: traditional values of Aboriginal people, handed down in spiritual beliefs, stories and community practices and may include local plant and animal species, places that are important and ways of showing respect for other people.

Aboriginal Place: are locations that have been recognised by the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment (and gazetted under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*) as having special cultural significance to the Aboriginal community. An Aboriginal Place may or may not include archaeological materials.

Aboriginal Site: an Aboriginal site is the location of one or more Aboriginal archaeological objects, including flaked stone artefacts, midden shell, grinding grooves, archaeological deposits, scarred trees etc.

Harm: is defined as an act that may destroy, deface or damage an Aboriginal object or place. In relation to an object, this means the movement or removal of an object from the land in which it has been situated

Traditional Aboriginal Owners: Aboriginal people who are listed in the Register of Aboriginal owners pursuant to Division 3 of the *Aboriginal Land Register Act (1983)*. The Registrar must give priority to registering Aboriginal people for lands listed in Schedule 14 of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* or land subject to a claim under 36A of the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983*.

Traditional Knowledge: Information about the roles, responsibilities and practices set out in the cultural beliefs of the Aboriginal community. Only certain individuals have traditional knowledge and different aspects of traditional knowledge may be known by different people, e.g., information about men's initiation sites and practices, women's sites, special pathways, proper responsibilities of people fishing or gathering food for the community, ways of sharing and looking after others, etc.

1 INTRODUCTION

McCardle Cultural Heritage Pty Ltd (MCH) was engaged by Hunter Land on behalf of East Maitland Land 62 Pty Ltd to prepare an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA), and an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) for the proposed residential development located along Mount Vincent Road and Wilton Drive, East Maitland.

The project area has been subject to previous assessments and an archaeological test and a slight expansion for the detention basin to the previous development footprint requires assessment. Additionally, the previous assessment required updating.

The assessment will determine the potential impacts upon the indigenous cultural heritage within the development area. It is intended that any areas of indigenous cultural heritage and archaeological values will be identified and appropriate management recommendations will be established through consultation with the Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs).

In compliance with the Heritage NSW- Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010 (Stage 2, s4.21 to 4.2.4 and Stage 3 s4.3.1 to 4.3.7), this Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Information Packet provides information about the proposed project including, but not limited to, details of the proposed the project including maps, an outline of the assessment process, summary of the environmental, cultural and archaeological contexts, a predictive model, the proposed methodology, the roles and responsibilities of all parties, and provides an opportunity for you to identify and raise any cultural concerns, perspectives and assessment requirements you may have.

1.1 CONSULTATION

Consultation will be undertaken as per the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010 and will be detailed in the ACHA.

1.2 PROJECT AREA

The project area is defined by the proponent and is located along Mount Vincent Road and Wilton Drive, East Maitland. Including Lot 8 DP855275, Lot 141 and Part Lots 142 and 143 DP1225076, the location and extent of the project area is illustrated in Figures 1.1 and 1.2.

Figure 1.1 Location of the project area

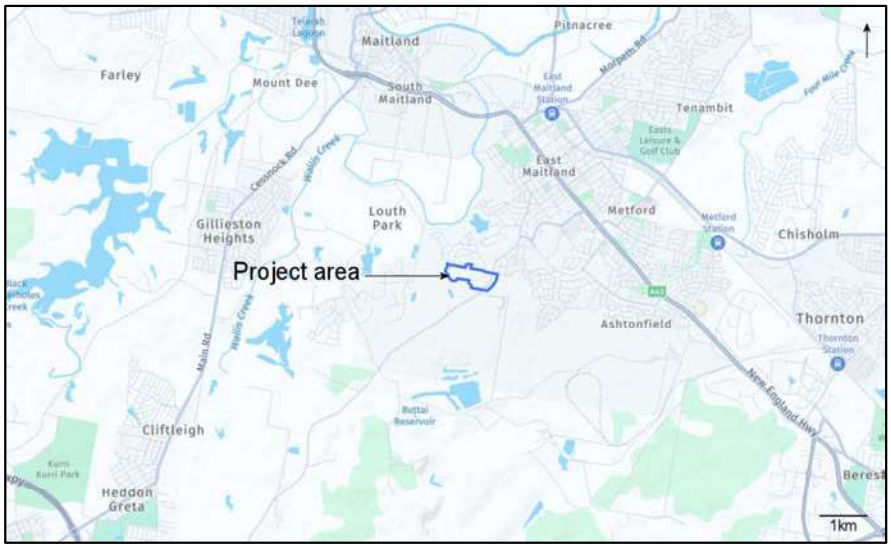


Figure 1.2 Aerial photograph of the project area

1.3 PROJECT OUTLINE AND IMPACTS

The project will include the subdivision of the project area into residential lots and an access road (Figure 1.3). Works typically associated with residential developments include clearing and demolition of existing structures, site remediation, bulk earthworks including construction of dwellings and roads, services reticulation: WW, PW, NBN, electrical and gas and landscaping.

Figure 1.3 Plans

1.4 CRITICAL DEVELOPMENT TIME LINES

The proponent wishes to commence works as soon as possible but also acknowledges the need to undertake cultural heritage and archaeological investigations on the site. Ideally these would be undertaken prior to any works commencing on the site, however, it would be possible to stage the development to exclude areas identified for investigation until the investigations are complete.

1.5 CRITICAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL TIMELINE

The following Table indicates the timelines critical for the archaeological assessment. However, please note that consultation may be increased or decreased depending on response times and knowledge sharing.

1.1 Archaeological timeline

	Week														
Stages	**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7**	**8**	**9**	**10**	**11**	**12**	**13**	**14**	**15**
Stage 1: consultation	Gov. letters		RAP letters		Information pack				2 weeks' notice for survey & survey			Draft report review			
Stage 2: gathering of knowledge															
Stage 2: contextual research															
Stage 3: survey															
Stage 4: reporting															
Stage 5: finalisation															

2 ENVIRONMENTAL CONTEXT

The environmental context provides an understanding of the landscape and environmental factors as well as potential resources that may have been available in the past. The land uses also assists in an understanding of potential impacts they would have had on the landscape and associated cultural materials. This information is utilised with the archaeological context in order to ascertain a reliable predictive model of not only sit location and site type, but also the likelihood of survivability within that landscape.

The primary geological formation in the project area is the Tomago Coal Measures, part of the Singleton Subgroup and includes very fine- to medium-grained grey lithic sandstone, interbedded with laminated and carbonaceous shale, mudstone, siltstone, and coal. Additional deposits include sporadic carbonaceous shale, claystone, sideritic bands, and occasional pebble para-conglomerate. At the southern edge of the area, Quaternary alluvial valley deposits consisting of silt, clay, and fluvially deposited lithic and quartz-lithic sand and gravel are located at the southern edge of the project area. The topography of the project area presents a gentle slope facing southwest, with a drainage line along the eastern boundary that flows southwest into a creek situated just outside the southern boundary. The majority of the project area consists of the Beresfield soil landscape and the southern part consists of the Hunter soil landscape that includes an upper A horizon that overlays the B horizon. The remainder of the projecta rae consists of the Hunter soil landscape is that is characterised by alluvium.

In terms of fresh water availability, Four Mile Creek (3rd order) is located approximately 1.7 kilometres south east and Wallis Creek (6th order) approximately 850 metres north of the project area. One 1st order drainage channel is located along the eastern boundary of the project area and this flows south west into a 2nd order creek that is located outside the southern boundary of the project area. the project area has been cleared and primarily used for pastoral purposes (long-term grazing), involving the wholesale clearance of native vegetation and at least one ploughing event for improved pasture, the construction of dams, fencing and tracks, most of which are classified as moderate levels of disturbance according to the CSIRO (2010) land use disturbances table with small areas assessed as being high (dam, tracks, fencing).

3 ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONTEXT

The archaeological background provides context to the project area and wider cultural landscape in which the project area is situated. It identifies known sites, their landform location and proximity to subsistence resources. It also provides the nature and extent of known sites as well as their distribution across the landscape, thereby enabling a site-specific predictive model to be developed.

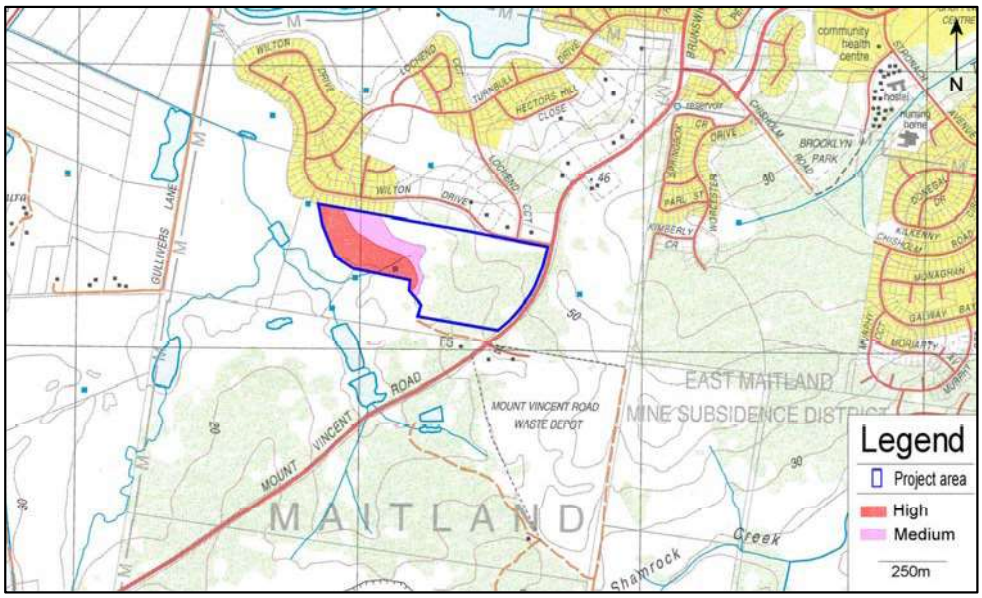
A search of AHIMS identified 58 Aboriginal sites within two kilometres of the project area and include 38 artefact sites (AFT), 7 PADs, 5 artefact sites with PADs (AFT/PAD), 2 scar trees (TRE), 1 Aboriginal resource gathering (ARG), 1 burial (BUR), 1 fish trap (FSH), 1 grinding groove site (HGDG) and 1 water hole (WTR).

Figure 3.1 Approximate location of AHIMS sites

3.1 PREVIOUS ASSESSMENTS OF THE PROJECT AREA

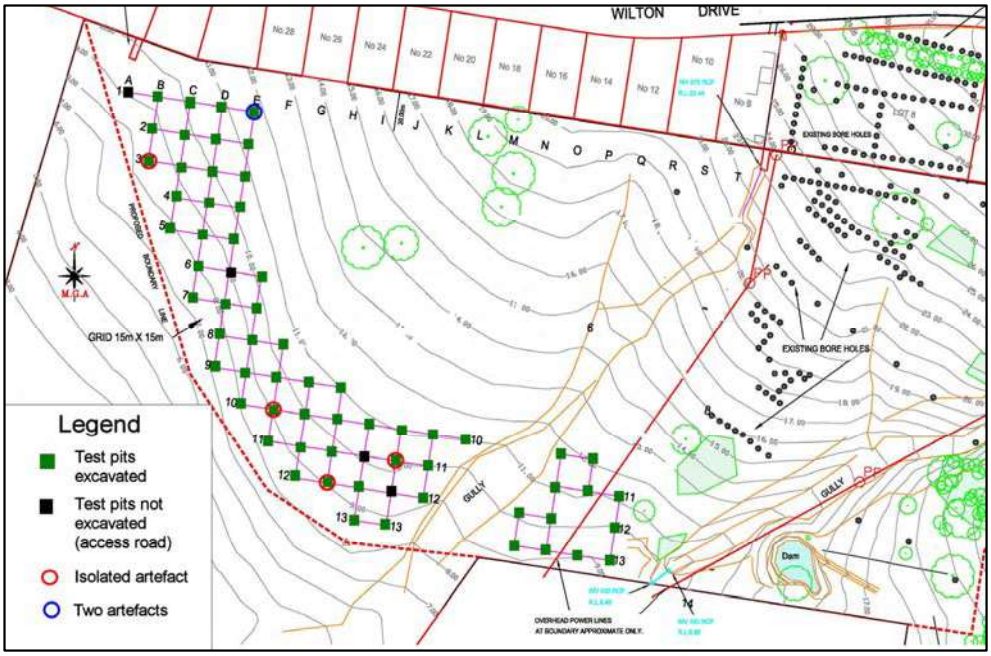
Insite (2012b) undertook an assessment for the proposed rezoning of Lot 42 DP 846326 and Lot1012 DP 1103879 Mt Vincent Rd, East Maitland. The study area comprised an upper ridge slope to the east, sloping down to lower slopes adjacent to a wetland located outside the western project boundary. A review of archaeological assessments conducted in close proximity indicated that the landscape features of the study area was consistent with those of previously identified archaeological sites. An AHIMS search identified only 7 sites identified within 500 meters of the study area. The land had been previously partially cleared and utilised for agricultural practices. The vegetation cover limited surface visibility during the survey and exposures included tracks and erosion exposures. Based on the study areas' environmental context. A sensitive landform adjacent to the wetland was identified as having high potential for containing subsurface Indigenous archaeological deposits (Figure 3.2).

Figure 3.2 Location of sensitive landforms (Insite 2012b)



MCH (2019) undertook an Aboriginal heritage impact assessment and archaeological test excavation of the project area. No sites were identified during the survey and the survey identified one sensitive landform (PAD) adjacent to the wetland was as having high potential for containing subsurface Indigenous archaeological deposits. This landform and proximity to the wetlands was consistent with the predictive model of indigenous archaeological potential. A total of 62 test pits were completed and included an area of 60 metres in width from the development south and south western border (Figure 3.3).

Figure 3.3 Test excavation plan showing test pits excavated and artefact densities



Disturbances across the PAD were consistent across the site and included wholesale clearing, evidence of previous agricultural activity (deteriorated ridges and furrows, significant densities of small, medium and large rocks throughout that increased with depth throughout the deposit mixing the A and B horizons), grazing and fencing. The B horizon was mixed with the lower sections of the A horizon, with no sharp change to the B horizon. A moderate amount of insect bioturbation was noted throughout the deposit and was consistent across the site and included curl grubs, worms, spiders and beetles. The soil stratigraphy of

all excavated test pits was constant with changes in depth only and all included topsoil that consisted of a loamy/clayey A horizon that mixed with the B horizon at depth of a similar colour.

The test excavation identified a highly disturbed and distributed artefact scatter across the PAD (AHIMS site 38-4-1969). The site consisted of 6 artefacts manufactured predominantly from mudstone and two silcrete. Five test pits contained very low-density artefacts and due to land use impacts and disturbances, it is not possible to identify if the artefacts represent one site or multiple isolated sites and as such for ease of management, the artefacts have been assessed as representing one site. Artefact types included three broken flakes, one microlith and two bladettes. five flake pieces, three bladettes (preform blades). Being highly disturbed through past land uses, the site and PAD have no potential for in situ cultural materials. Based on the evidence of the test excavation, the following can was inferred from the evidence:

- the time at which occupation may be inferred is derived from both artefact typological relative dating and geomorphological evidence, which places the site as being within the last 4,000 years BP. Within a given year, the timing of occupation may have been related to the availability of specific food resources;
- a number of episodes of occupation are likely to have occurred within the investigation area, and may have involved either individuals and/or very small groups of people and for short durations of time;
- the duration of each episode is unknown. However, the quality and quantity of the evidence suggests a range of short-term hunting/gathering (one or several days). Transitory movement is also likely to have occurred, but not possible to identify;
- the primary activities represented by the small sample of artefacts recovered during the test excavation was hunting/gathering of local resources and tool manufacturing/maintenance; and
- proximity to water and associated resources was a primary factor influencing the nature and extent of past occupation of the investigation area.

The results are also consistent with other similar sites across the region and similarities across the local and regional area include the types of raw materials and artefact types are consistent throughout the locality; the evidence relating to non-specific knapping, tool manufacturing and maintenance are consistent throughout the region; the probable relative dating of evidence to the mid to late Holocene period; and the historical and modern large-scale clearance and development of the land may have removed evidence associated with this site.

Based on the evidence, the limited range of artefacts and stone types, evidence of both casual knapping (broken flakes) and tool manufacturing/maintenance (bladettes and microlith), and the apparent absence of labour/energy/time intensive evidence (hearths, grinding grooves, heat treatment pits etc) indicate that the nature of occupation within the investigation area could represent evidence of hunting and gathering and, or camping by small groups of people, likely undertaken in infrequent episodes over the past 4,000 years or so.

Taking the environmental and arcahgeological contexts into consideration as well as the highly disturbed nature of site 38-4-1969, the site was assessed as being of low scientific significance and high cultural significance.

The results of the assessment indicated that the artefact scatter will be impacted upon by the development. The very low-density artefact scatter is a highly disturbed site spread throughout the PAD area with no in situ deposits remaining. This site type is very well represented both locally and regionally and are highly disturbed with little to no research or scientific potential and a project based AHIP was recommended.

Researching both the regional and local archaeological contexts, the following archaeological patterning is evident:

- the majority of sites are located on elevated landforms (very gently inclined slopes, terraces, flats) within 50 metres of a reliable water source with a drop in site number and densities from 50 metres of water;
- sites in proximity to ephemeral water sources or located in the vicinity of headwaters of upper tributaries (1st order streams) have a sparse distribution and density and contain little more than a background scatter of discarded artefacts;
- sites located in the vicinity of the upper reaches of minor tributaries (2nd order streams) also have a relatively sparse distribution and density and may represent evidence of localised one-off behaviour;
- sites located in the vicinity of the lower reaches of tributaries (3rd order creeks) have an increased distribution and density and contain evidence that may represent repeated occupation or concentration of activity;
- sites located in the vicinity of major tributaries (4th and 5th order streams/rivers) have the highest distribution and densities. These sites tend to be extensive and complex in landscapes with permanent and reliable water and contain evidence representative of concentrated activity; and
- sites located within close vicinity at the confluence of any order stream may be a focus of activity and may contain a relatively higher artefact distribution and density.
- the data suggests that elevated landforms in close proximity to water sources were the preferred location for camping which manifests in the archaeological record as low to high density open camp sites (depends on the reliability of the water source) that may include a variety of artefact types, raw materials, heat treatment, grind stones, oven pits, hearths etc;
- the data also indicates that all landforms and unreliable water sources were utilised for transitory activities such as traveling and, or, hunting and gathering which manifests in the archaeological record as a background scatter of very low density discarded artefacts;
- a wide variety of site types are represented in the project area with open campsites and isolated artefacts by far the most common;
- lithic artefacts are primarily manufactured from mudstone and silcrete with a variety of other raw materials also utilised but in smaller proportions;
- flakes, broken flakes and flaked pieces are the most common artefact types recorded;
- the stone artefacts are usually relatively dated to within the last 5,000 years;
- the vast majority of artefactual material in the region was observed on exposures with good to excellent ground surface visibility, and
- the majority of sites have been subject to disturbances including human and natural

Just as the environmental context and the results of the regional and local archaeological contexts have assisted in formulating a predictive model, the predictive modeling has assisted in formulating the field investigation methodology (Sections 4 and 5).

4 METHODS OF INVESTIGATION

There are two methods of investigation including the gathering of cultural significance knowledge and archaeological assessment. These are outlined below.

4.1 GATHERING OF INFORMATION OF CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

MCH and the proponent understand that unlike the written word, Aboriginal cultural knowledge is not static, but responds to change through absorbing new information and adapting to its implications. Aboriginal cultural knowledge is handed down through oral tradition (song, story, art, language and dance) from generation to generation, and preserves the relationship to the land (DECCW 2010).

Specific details and parts of cultural knowledge are usually held and maintained by individuals or within particular family groups. Although the broader community may be aware of the general features of that knowledge, it is not a common practice within Aboriginal society for detailed cultural knowledge to be known in the broader community or within Aboriginal community organisations. However, at times these organisations may defer to particular individuals or family groups as being the knowledge-holders of particular sets of cultural knowledge about places or the environment (DECCW 2010).

All responses to the information packet will be considered in the final methods which will adapt accordingly. Any other changes to the methods may occur on site in order adapt to unforeseen field conditions.

4.1.1 PROPOSED METHODS: GATHERING INFORMATION ABOUT CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

The aim of gathering of cultural knowledge and understanding any cultural significance in relation to the project rea and its surrounds is to facilitate a process whereby RAPs can;

a) Contribute culturally appropriate information
b) Contribute to the proposed methodology
c) Provide information that will enable the cultural significance of Aboriginal objects and/or places within the project area to be determined.

4.1.2 IDENTIFYING KNOWLEDGE HOLDERS

The aim is to identify Traditional Owners/traditional knowledge holders who have knowledge that is relevant to the project area so that any potential effects of the project or activity on the Indigenous cultural heritage values of objects and/or places can be identified.

It also aims to identify Indigenous people who may not necessarily be Traditional Owners/traditional knowledge holders but who do have interests in the area so that any effects of the project or activity on the Indigenous heritage values of objects and/or places, such as mission stations and historic buildings, will be identified.

MCH understands it is the Indigenous custom to elect knowledge holders and it is traditionally the Indigenous people who nominate who speak for country. Unfortunately, some RAPs and Government Departments have placed the onus of identifying traditional knowledge holders onto proponents and archaeologists. In order to do this, MCH are guided by the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents (DECCW 2010) which provides guidelines to identify traditional knowledge holders. Knowledge holders are defined as follows:

a) Traditional knowledge holder of specific, detailed knowledge passed directly by a traditional knowledge holder in a traditional manner
b) Traditional knowledge holder of general knowledge passed directly by a traditional knowledge holder in a traditional manner

c) Knowledge holder of recent information obtained through other means (such as, but not limited to, ethnographic sources, internet searches, assessment reports, personal experience etc).

Knowledge holders have been initially identified through the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents (DECCW 2010), Stage 1 (S. 4.1.1 to 4.1.2) that seeks to identify, notify and register Aboriginal people who hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the cultural significance of Aboriginal objects and/or places in the area of the proposed project.

Additionally, knowledge holders were sought to be identified through the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents (DECCW 2010), Stage 1 (S. 4.1.3 to 4.1.8) that sought to identify, notify and register Aboriginal people who identify as knowledge holders (using the above defined knowledge holder criteria) who hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the cultural significance of Aboriginal objects and/or places in the area of the proposed project.

Native Title Claimant Groups/individuals are acknowledged as knowledge holders due to the requirements through the Native Title Registration process. Native Title Claimant groups/individuals are also asked to further define the knowledge holder using the above defined knowledge holder criteria.

This process ensures consistent consultation for all RAPs and adheres to the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents (DECCW 2010).

4.1.3 IDENTIFYING CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

Cultural significance is embodied in the place—in its fabric, setting, use, associations and meanings. It may exist in: objects at the place or associated with it; in other places that have some relationship to the place; and in the activities and traditional and customary practices that may occur at the place or that are dependent on the place. A place may be of cultural significance if it satisfies one or more of these criteria. Satisfying more criteria does not mean a place is necessarily more significant.

Only Aboriginal people who are descendants of the people from the traditional lands in which the project is situated can identify the cultural significance of their own cultural heritage.

The cultural significance of a place is assessed by analysing evidence gathered through the physical investigation of the place, research and consultation for this project in line with the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents (DECCW 2010), Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigations of Aboriginal Objects in New South Wales (DECCW 2010) and the ICOMS Burra Charter (2013). Part of the process is to evaluate its qualities against a set of criteria that are established for this purpose. The criteria used include those set out by the Burra Charter (see below).

4.1.4 VALUES AND QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

The following values and questions are derived from the Burra Charter (2913) to facilitate your consideration when providing information on the cultural significance of any Aboriginal objects(s) and/or place(s). The criteria discussed below are a means to assess cultural significance in order to meet the Government Departmental requirements. MCH understands that the method of assessing cultural significance presented may not be culturally appropriate and considered offensive to some; it is not intended to be so.

There are five terms or values, which are listed alphabetically in the Burra Charter, and are often included in Australian heritage legislation. Criteria are also used to help define cultural and natural significance, and there is now a nationally agreed set of heritage assessment criteria and each of these criteria may have tangible and intangible aspects and it is essential that both are acknowledged.

The five criteria include Aesthetic value, Historic value, Scientific value, Social value and Spiritual value. These are discussed below along with some questions for consideration when you consider reporting on the cultural significance.

AESTHETIC SIGNIFICANCE

Aesthetic value includes aspects of sensory perception for which criteria can and should be stated. It is how we respond to visual and non-visual aspects such as sounds, smells and other factors that can have a strong impact on your thoughts, feelings and attitudes. It may also include consideration of the form, scale, colour, texture and material and its beauty (Australia ICOMOS 2013). When considering the aesthetic value and significance of a site and/or PAD, some questions to consider may include:

- Does the object or place have special compositional or uncommonly attractive qualities involving combinations of colour, textures, spaces, massing, detail, movement, unity, sounds, scents?
- Is the object or place distinctive within the setting or a prominent visual landmark?
- Does the object or place have qualities which are inspirational or which evoke strong feelings or special meanings?
- Is the object or place symbolic for its aesthetic qualities: for example, does it inspire artistic or cultural response, is it represented in art, photography, literature, folk art, folk lore, mythology or other imagery or cultural arts?
- Does the object or place display particular aesthetic characteristics of an identified style or fashion?
- Does the object or place show a high degree of creative or technical achievement?

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE

The historic value encompasses all aspects of history. For example, it may include the history of aesthetics, art, science, society and spirituality. A place may have historic value because it has influenced, or has been influenced by, an historic figure, event, phase or activity. It may also have historic value as the site of an important event. For any given place the significance will be greater where evidence of the association or event survives in situ, or where the settings are substantially intact, than where it has been changed or evidence does not survive. However, some events or associations may be so important that the place retains significance regardless of subsequent treatment (Australia ICOMOS 2013). When considering the historic value and significance of a site and/or PAD, some questions to consider may include:

- Is the object or place associated with an important event or theme in your history?
- Is the object or place important in showing patterns in the development of your history locally, in a region, or on a state-wide, or national or global basis?
- Does the object or place show a high degree of creative or technical achievement for a particular period?
- Is the object or place associated with a particular person or cultural group important in the history of the local area, state, nationally or globally?

SCIENTIFIC SIGNIFICANCE

The scientific value refers to the information content of a place and its ability to reveal more about an aspect of the past through examination or investigation of the place, including the use of archaeological techniques. The relative scientific value of a place is likely to depend on the importance of the information or data involved, on its rarity, quality or representativeness, and its potential to contribute further important information about the place itself or a type or class of place or to address important research questions (Australia ICOMOS 2013). Whilst the scientific value and significance will be discussed in detail in the Archaeological Heritage Impact Assessment report, it is important to consider this value when

assessing the cultural values and significance of an object and/or place. When considering the scientific value and significance of a site and/or PAD, you may consider:

- Would further investigation of the place have the potential to reveal substantial new information and new understandings about people, places, processes or practices which are not available from other sources?

SOCIAL VALUE

Social value refers to the associations a place has for a particular community or cultural group and the cultural or social meaning it has for that community or cultural group (Australia ICOMOS 2013). When considering the social value and significance of a site and/or PAD, some questions to consider may include:

- Is the object or place important as a local marker or symbol?
- Is the object or place important as part of your community identity or the identity of another particular cultural group?
- Is the object or place important to you, your community or other cultural group because of associations and meanings developed from long use and association?

SPIRITUAL VALUE

Spiritual value embraces the intangible values and meanings embodied in or evoked by a place which gives importance to the spiritual identity, or traditional knowledge, art and practices of a cultural group. Spiritual value may also be reflected in the intensity of aesthetic and emotional responses or community associations, and be expressed through cultural practices and related places (Australia ICOMOS 2013). The qualities of the place may inspire a strong and/or spontaneous emotional or metaphysical response in people, expanding their understanding of their place, purpose and obligations in the world, particularly in relation to the spiritual realm (Australia ICOMOS 2013). When considering the spiritual value and significance of a site and/or PAD, some questions to consider may include:

- Does the object or place contribute to the spiritual identity or belief system of you, your community or another cultural group?
- Is the place a repository of knowledge, traditional art or lore related to spiritual practice for you, your community or another a cultural group?
- Is the object or place important in maintaining the spiritual health and wellbeing of you, your community people or another culture or group?
- Do the physical attributes of the object or place play a role in recalling or awakening an understanding of an individual or a group's relationship with the spiritual realm?
- Do the spiritual values of the object or place find expression in Awabakal cultural practices or human-made structures, or inspire creative works?

4.1.5 PROVIDING YOUR KKNOWLEDGE AND CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE INFORMATION

It is difficult to provide options that will ensure every individual's needs are met. In light of this, the following proposed options are provided are in no way the only options available. If you have alternative ways of providing your knowledge and cultural significance information, please notify MCH to ensure we can facilitate your requirements where appropriate.

It is acknowledged and understood that the methods and options discussed are not traditional customs and some may take offence. MCH sincerely apologise for any offence taken as none is intended.

1) Discussion in the field during the field work
2) Written documentation (letter, e-mail)
3) Meeting to discuss and/or provide written documentation
4) Formal interview with specific questions/answers and/or discussions
5) Phone conversation
6) Internet video conversation
7) Using the attached form/questioner

4.2 ARCHAEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATION METHODS

4.2.1 OBJECTIVES

The objective of the investigation is to determine whether surface and, or, subsurface cultural material exists in the areas identified as having archaeological potential. The detection of surface material will drive the management recommendations and mitigation measures to ensure that any significant cultural resources are identified and protected where possible or is subject to minimal impact by the proposed development.

4.2.2 ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY & REPORT

Overall, the ACHA will include, but not limited to, the following;

- Project background, including project description, detailed maps, legislative context, qualifications of the investigator
- Consultation outlining the process as per the Heritage NSW Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010
- Landscape context including, landforms, soils, geology, geomorphology, water sources, fauna and flora, history of land use and impacts and, natural impacts
- Archaeological context including review of previous regional and local work in the area, AHIMS search, summary and discussion of the local and regional character of Aboriginal land use and its material traces, occupation model and site-specific predictive model
- Results that will include the field work results (see below for proposed methodology), detailed descriptions of landforms (survey units), vegetation cover, exposures, land uses and disturbances, site(s) and PAD(s). It will also include any analysis and discussion
- An assessment of scientific values and significance assessment
- An impact assessment
- Management and mitigation measures
- Recommendations
- References
- Appendices will include the AHIMS results and community consultation log and communications

4.2.3 PROPOSED SURVEY METHODOLOGY

The survey methodology is in accordance with the Heritage NSW, Department of Premier & Cabinet policy - Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigations of Aboriginal Objects in New South Wales 2010, Section 2.2. This proposed methodology is subject to variation due to unforeseen field conditions/constraints.

- Survey units identified based on landforms

- Transects will be via foot with the survey team spaced at 5-10 metres apart across the investigation area
- Ground surface visibility recorded for each survey unit and given a % rating of vegetation cover
- Exposures recorded for each survey unit given a % rating of exposure and exposure type
- Using the effective coverage and exposure information, calculate the effective survey coverage for each survey unit and the entire investigation area
- Disturbances recorded for each survey unit
- Take representative photographs of survey units
- All sites and/or PADs recorded in each survey unit and accurately mapped

Sites and their boundaries will be defined as;

- The spatial extent of the visible objects or direct evidence of their location
- Obvious physical boundaries where present such as, but not limited to, mound sites, middens, ceremonial grounds, disturbances (i.e., road, building)
- Identification by the Aboriginal community on the basis of cultural information

All sites and PADs will include, but not limited to, the following:

- Site type and content
- Survey unit (landform)
- Distance from water sources
- Vegetation cover (if any)
- Exposure (if any)
- Disturbances (if any)
- GPS co-ordinates
- Identified site boundaries
- Potential for in situ deposits
- Photographs (with a metric scale)

4.3 FORMS

You will find forms attached for your connivance. However, if you prefer to use your own, please feel free to do so. Please ensure that these are either filled out in full or your own forms/letters answer the questions and return to MCH no later than 16th April 2025.

5 ROLES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND FUNCTIONS OF PARTIES

The roles, responsibilities and functions of all parties are outlined below and is taken from DECCW (2010).

5.1 HERITAGE NSW, DEPARTMENT OF PREMIER AND CABINET

The Chief Executive of Heritage NSW, Department of Premier & Cabinet is the decision-maker who decides to grant or refuse an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) application. If an AHIP is issued, conditions are usually attached and Heritage NSW, Department of Premier & Cabinet is responsible for ensuring the AHIP holder complies with those conditions. When considering an application under Part 6 of the NPW Act, the Chief Executive will review the information provided by proponents in line with its internal policies and procedures to assess potential or actual harm to Aboriginal objects or places (DECCW, 2009).

The Environment Protection and Regulation Group (EPRG) of Heritage NSW, Department of Premier & Cabinet is responsible for administering the regulatory functions under Part 6 of the NPW Act. Heritage NSW, Department of Premier & Cabinet expects that proponents and Aboriginal people should:

- be aware that Part 6 of the NPW Act establishes the Chief Executive or delegate of Heritage NSW, Department of Premier & Cabinet as the decision-maker; and
- recognise that the Chief Executive's (or delegates) decisions may not be consistent with the views of the Aboriginal community and/or the proponent. However, Heritage NSW, Department of Premier & Cabinet will consider all relevant information it receives as part of its decision-making process.

5.2 PROPONENT

All proponents operate within a commercial environment which includes:

- strict financial and management issues, priorities and deadlines;
- the need to gain community support in order to secure any necessary approval/consent/ licence/permit to operate;
- the need for clearer processes and certainty of outcomes;
- the need for suitable access to land for the purpose of their development project;
- the need to work efficiently within the project's time, quality and cost planning and management parameters; and
- the need for culturally appropriate assessment findings relevant to their project.

Under these requirements, proponents should undertake the following:

- bring the RAPs or their nominated representatives together and be responsible for ensuring appropriate administration and management of the consultation process;
- consider the cultural perspectives, views, knowledge and advice of the RAPs involved in the consultation process in assessing cultural significance and developing any heritage management outcomes for Aboriginal object(s) and/or place(s);
- provide evidence to Heritage NSW, Department of Premier & Cabinet of consultation by including information relevant to the cultural perspectives, views, knowledge and advice provided by the registered Aboriginal parties; and
- accurately record and clearly articulate all consultation findings in the final ACHA report.

5.3 REGISTERED ABORIGINAL STAKEHOLDERS

The interests and obligations of Aboriginal people relate to the protection of Aboriginal cultural heritage. It is only Aboriginal people who can determine who is accepted by their community as being authorised to speak for Country and its associated cultural heritage. Where there is a dispute about who speaks for Country, it is appropriate for Aboriginal people, not Heritage NSW, Department of Premier & Cabinet or the proponent, to resolve this dispute in a timely manner to enable effective consultation to proceed.

Aboriginal people who can provide information about cultural significance are, based on Aboriginal lore and customs, the traditional owners or custodians of the land that is the subject of the proposed project area. Traditional owners or custodians with appropriate cultural heritage knowledge necessary to make informed decisions who wish to register as an Aboriginal party are those people who:

- continue to maintain a deep respect for their ancestral belief system, traditional lore and customs;
- recognise their responsibilities of their community, knowledge and obligations to protect and conserve their culture and heritage and to care for their traditional lands or country; and
- have the trust of their community, knowledge and understanding of their culture and permission to speak about it.

The registered Aboriginal parties should undertake the following;

- ensure the appropriate cultural knowledge holder is providing the appropriate information;
- uphold and respect the traditional rights, obligations and responsibilities of Aboriginal people within their own boundaries and not to infringe in other areas or Aboriginal people outside their own boundaries;
- consider and provide the proponent the cultural perspectives, views, knowledge and advice during the consultation process, assessing cultural significance and developing any heritage management outcomes for Aboriginal object(s) and/or place(s); and
- need to work efficiently within the project's time and provide feedback in a timely manner.

5.4 LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCILS

The NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) and Local Aboriginal Land Councils (LALCs) have statutory functions relevant to the protection of Aboriginal culture and heritage under the NSW Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983. These requirements do not extend the role of NSWALC and LALCs in the significance assessment process. That is, these requirements do not provide NSWALC and/or LALCs any additional or specific decision-making role in the assessment of significance of Aboriginal object(s) and/or place(s) that are subject to an AHIP application under Part 6 of the NPW Act.

LALCs may choose to register an interest to be involved in the consultation process, or may assist registered Aboriginal parties to participate in the consultation process established by these requirements. In order to ensure effective consultation and the subsequent informed heritage assessment, LALCs are encouraged to identify and make contact with Aboriginal people who hold cultural knowledge in their area.

5.5 EMPLOYMENT

The proponent may engage a number of Aboriginal representatives from the registered parties (based on the size and nature of the project) to participate and assist in the fieldwork component of this project. Renumeration for any fieldwork is not part of the consultation process and MCH do not get involved in any such issues. However, please note that any renumeration offered by the proponent for any field work component of the assessment may be based on a number of factors, including but not limited to, the overall

project budget, job description, receipt of CVs and insurance certificate of currencies, and will be above the industry standard rate of pay for the specific work.

If you would like to be considered for paid field work, please answer the selection criteria attached and ensure you attach certificates of currency for the relevant insurances, CV(s), any certificates and references. MCH will then pass this information onto the proponent for their consideration to make the selection for fieldwork participants should they wish to do so. MCH will ensure all Aboriginal parties are invited to participate in fieldwork regardless of renumeration. Paid participation is determined by the proponent not MCH.

5.6 FORMS

You will find forms attached for your connivance. However, if you prefer to use your own, please feel free to do so. Please ensure that these are either filled out in full or your own forms/letters answer the questions and return to MCH no later than 16th April 2025.

Appendix A

MCH would like to clearly state that, should you wish to provide feedback in another form, you are encouraged to do so. You are under no obligation to complete the current form.

However, should you wish to use this form, please complete, sign and return to MCH using one of the following;

E-mail: penny@mcheritage.com.au

Postal address: MCH

PO Box 166

Adamstown, NSW 2289

ABORIGINAL STAKEHOLDER SITE OFFICER APPLICATION

Position description (site officers are selected by the proponent and based on the information provided by you (CV, experience, reference check, insurances, rates).

A site officer must demonstrate that they have satisfactorily participated in previous archaeological fieldwork with an archaeologist. A trainee site officer does not need to demonstrate previous archaeological experience. Site officers must be able to:

- undertake direction from the project archaeologist
- work in a range of climates wearing the required PPE
- work in teams with a wide range of people
- identify a broad range of Aboriginal objects across the landscape

To qualify as a site officer, appropriate training in identifying Aboriginal objects must have been undertaken (such as the NPWS sites awareness training course, or other relevant secondary or tertiary studies) or equivalent knowledge or experience must be demonstrated. The duties of the site officer under the direction of the project archaeologist may include, but not limited to:

- walking the project area
- meeting general and site-specific Occupational Health and Safety requirements

Selection criteria

The proponent will offer positions based on the following key selection criteria:

- an individual's ability to undertake the tasks specified above
- an individual's availability to undertake the activity (physically able to undertake field work)
- an individual's experience in undertaking similar activities. Applications may be subject to a reference check
- individuals with demonstrated cultural knowledge relevant to the local area
- individuals who can demonstrate they can communicate the results of the field work back to their managers and RAPs
- in addition to a consideration of the key selection criteria, the Proponent may give preference to applicants who live locally

The proponent is under no obligation to offer site officer positions based on an individual's association with a cultural group or area. The proponent makes no guarantee that registered parties will be engaged to undertake archaeological field activities. The number of site officer positions available will be based on need as described in the archaeological methodology. However, MCH will ensure all registered stakeholders are invited to participate in the fieldwork regardless of engagement arrangements between the stakeholder(s) and the proponent. Applicants will be notified whether they have been successful or unsuccessful in their application for renumeration for fieldwork.

Engagement & Payment

The Proponent selects and has final approval on who will be engaged as a site officer. Successful applicants will be engaged to provide the services through a written contract that will be provided at a later date. The proponent will only engage Service Providers with NSW workers compensation insurance, public liability insurance, and comprehensive motor vehicle insurance or third-party property damage insurance. Engagement of the Service Provider will be a rate that may be based on a number of factors, including but not limited to, the overall project budget, job description, receipt of CVs and insurance certificate of currencies, offered rates of the RAPs and will be above the industry standard rate of pay for the specific work.

The quoted rate is the rate to be paid by the Proponent to the Service Provider - not to the individual site officer/trainee site officer. Payment will only be made for the provision of the services (actual hours worked), not for the time spent travelling to and from site, and there is no daily or half daily rate. Payment will be made upon the receipt of a cultural heritage report and receipt of your response to the draft report.

ABORIGINAL SITE OFFICER APPLICATION FORM

Mount Vincent Rd, East Maitland

An Aboriginal site officer application form must be filled out for each individual seeking engagement as a site officer.

Name of organisation (if relevant)	
Name	
Contact number	
Mailing address	
Email address	
Position applied for	Site officer ☐ Trainee Site Officer ☐
Please list any formal qualifications or relevant experience to the position applied for (attach documentation as required)	
Please list any previous archaeological, sites, survey, excavation or other relevant experience (attach additional sheets)	
Please provide the contact details of at least one archaeologist who can be contacted as a referee	

INSURANCES

Public Liability	Expiry date:	(attach certificate of currency)
Worker Compensation	Expiry date:	(attach certificate of currency)
Comprehensive Motor Vehicle	Expiry date:	(attach certificate of currency)

Failure to provide up to date Certificate of Currencies will prevent you participating in any fieldwork. MCH may have received copies previously, however, they must be provided for each project.

FINANCIAL (do not fill out GST column if you are not registered for GST)

Hourly rate	Excluding GST	Including GST	Other Information
$	$	$	

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY (OH&S)

All participants are required to comply with MCH and the proponents OH&S requirements, including PPE requirements (long pants, long sleeved shirt, high visibility clothing, hat, sunscreen and steel caped boots). You will be advised of any additional requirements. All fieldworkers will arrive on time at the meeting location and stay for the duration of the fieldwork. All fieldworkers will need to bring lunch, snacks and drinking water.

This also includes appropriate and acceptable behaviour at all times and be fit and ready for work (including being alcohol, drug and fatigue free).

Failure to comply will prevent you from participating in the field work.

COMMENTS ON PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

Mount Vincent Rd, East Maitland

I, _____ (*please insert your name*) of _____ (*please insert the name of your group*), **agree to the methodology** outlined by MCH in the information packet for the above-named project.

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Signed: _____ Date: _____

Position within organisation: _____

I, _____ (*please insert your name*) of _____ (*please insert the name of your group*), **do not agree to the methodology** outlined by MCH in in the information packet for the above-named project for the following reasons (*please explain your reasons for disagreeing):*

_____

_____

I would like to suggest the following (please provide your reasoning):

_____

_____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Position within organisation: _____

PROVIDING KNOWLEDGE ABOUT CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

Mount Vincent Rd, East Maitland

Company Name):_____

Contact:_____

Postal address:_____

_____

Mobile No:_____

E-Mail:_____

Date:_____

I would like to provide knowledge about cultural significance using the following method(s). Please tick your preferred method(s):

1) Discussion in the field during field work
2) Written documentation (letter, e-mail)
3) Meeting to discuss and/or provide written documentation
4) Formal interview with specific questions/answers and/or discussions
5) Phone conversation
6) Internet video conversation
7) Using the attached form/questioner

Other: Please provide details:

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ABORIGINAL SITE OFFICER APPLICATION FORM

Mount Vincent Rd, East Maitland

An Aboriginal site officer application form must be filled out for each individual seeking engagement as a site officer.	
Name of organisation (if relevant)	Mura Gadi Aboriginal Corporation
Name	Tiarna Bird
Contact number	0439678518
Mailing address	266 Warnervale Road, Hamlyn Terrace. 2259
Email address	pathwaysforsearching@gmail.com
Position applied for	Site officer [X] Trainee Site Officer [ ]
Please list any formal qualifications or relevant experience to the position applied for (attach documentation as required)	
Please list any previous archaeological, sites, survey, excavation or other relevant experience (attach additional sheets)	Xavier College Sydney, numerous Yass and Queanbeyan sites, Bolwarra Heights, Westmead Subdivision site, Hunter Battery storage system Aberdeen Land surveying, excavating and meetings to discuss plans and methodology. Excavation work done by Peter Carroll
Please provide the contact details of at least one archaeologist who can be contacted as a referee	Dominic Steele- 0411884232 Ben slack- 0488774337

INSURANCES

Public Liability	Expiry date: 14/05/2025	(attach certificate of currency)
Worker Compensation	Expiry date: 30/11/ 2025	(attach certificate of currency)
Comprehensive Motor Vehicle	Expiry date: 09/10/2025	(attach certificate of currency)

Failure to provide up to date Certificate of Currencies will prevent you participating in any fieldwork. MCH may have received copies previously, however, they must be provided for each project.

FINANCIAL (do not fill out GST column if you are not registered for GST)

Hourly rate	Excluding GST	Including GST	Other Information
$ 100.00	$	$	

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY (OH&S)

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This also includes appropriate and acceptable behaviour at all times and be fit and ready for work (including being alcohol, drug and fatigue free).

Failure to comply will prevent you from participating in the field work.

COMMENTS ON PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

Mount Vincent Rd, East Maitland

I, Mura Gadi Aboriginal Corporation (*please insert your name*) of Mura Gadi Aboriginal Corporation (*please insert the name of your group*), **agree to the methodology** outlined by MCH in the information packet for the above-named project.

Signed: _____ Date: 20/03/2025

Position within organisation: Director

I, _____ (*please insert your name*) of _____ (*please insert the name of your group*), **do not agree to the methodology** outlined by MCH in in the information packet for the above-named project for the following reasons (*please explain your reasons for disagreeing):*

I would like to suggest the following (please provide your reasoning):

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Position within organisation: _____

PROVIDING KNOWLEDGE ABOUT CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

Mount Vincent Rd, East Maitland

Company Name): Mura Gadi Aboriginal Corporation

Contact: Tiarna Bird

Postal address: 266 Warnervale Road, Hamlyn Terrace. 2259

Mobile No: 0439678518

E-Mail: pathwaysforsearching@gmail.com

Date: 20/03/2025

I would like to provide knowledge about cultural significance using the following method(s). Please tick your preferred method(s):

1) Discussion in the field during field work ✔
2) Written documentation (letter, e-mail)
3) Meeting to discuss and/or provide written documentation
4) Formal interview with specific questions/answers and/or discussions
5) Phone conversation
6) Internet video conversation
7) Using the attached form/questioner

Other: Please provide details:

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Subject:	East Maitland
Date:	Wednesday, 16 April 2025 9:31:00 AM
Attachments:	image001.png

RE: Heritage NSW Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010 (Stage 3) –Survey invitation - Proposed residential subdvision at East Maitland

The proponent received a number of applications and after careful consideration we regret to advise that your application for paid participation has been unsuccessful. We do appreciate the time taken to submit an application and wish to reconfirm our intention to positively engage with the local Aboriginal community. In this spirit, if you wish to still participate in the survey on an unpaid basis, or be kept up-to-date on the progress of the survey, please contact Penny McCardle. Please note that if you intend to participate in the site survey then:

- Before commencement you must notify MCH for access arrangements and notification and provide MCH with a Certificate of Currency for Workers Compensation, Public Liability and Comprehensive Motor Vehicle insurances. MCH will also provide you with our OH&S requirements for field staff and request that you ensure all field staff participating in the project have read and understood the document fully prior to going out on site; and

- All field participants must wear covered shoes, long pants and long shirt (hi-visibility) with appropriate sun protection including hat. It is recommended that participants bring adequate amounts of food and water for the day.

As all communications, including phone calls, faxes, letters, and e-mails must be included in the consultation component of the report as per the Heritage NSW requirements, please ensure that any items that you or your group deem confidential are made apparent to your field representative prior to field work to ensure that information remains confidential if required. Failure to disclose that information is confidential may result in the information being included in the report. Following the completion of the field work, a draft copy of the assessment will be made available to you for comment. Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Penny McCardle on 0412 702 396.

Kind regards,

Dr. Penny McCardle
Principal & Forensic Archaeologist
Forensic Anthropologist

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RE: Heritage NSW Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010 (Stage 3 & 4 –Review of Draft Cultural Heritage Assessment - Proposed residential subdivision at East Maitland

Please find enclosed a copy of the draft Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) and the previous test excavation report for the above-named project for your review.

The ACHA includes information provided by the knowledge holders and is included with their permission. As required by the Heritage NSW - Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents (DECCW 2010), Stage 3 (S. 4.3.5; 4.3.6; 4.3.7) and Stage 4 (S. 4.4.1; 4.4.2; 4.4.3) and based on the information provided by knowledge holders throughout the project, the cultural significance will be included in the final report.

MCH would like to provide further opportunity to provide your further input and request your comments on the draft ACHA. Additionally, any concerns you may have, are also important, and we would like to provide another opportunity to address any concerns you may have.

As outlined in the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents (DECCW 2010), Stage 4 (S. 4.4.3) MCH would appreciate your input and your comments on the draft report no later than C.O.B. 29th May 2025.

As all communications, including phone calls, faxes, letters, and e-mails must be included in the consultation component of the report as per the Heritage NSW requirements, please ensure that if any response to the draft report is deemed confidential that this is either stated at the beginning of a conversation or stamped/written on each piece of paper communicate.

Please note that in order to adhere to time constraints, the absence of a response by the requested timeline, will be taken by the proponent as your indication that your organisation has no comments.

Kind regards,

Dr. Penny McCardle
Principal & Forensic Archaeologist
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29 May 2025

Via email

Dear All,

RE: Heritage NSW Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010 (Stage 4 –Final Cultural Heritage Assessment - Proposed residential subdvision at East Maitland

MCH and the Proponent would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your involvement in the above-named project. Your time and input have been instrumental throughout the project

As outlined in the Heritage NSW Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents (DECCW 2010), Stage 4 (S. 4.4.5), please find attached a copy of the final report for your records.

We look forward to continue working with you in the future.

Yours sincerely,
for McCardle Cultural Heritage Pty Ltd

Dr. Penny McCardle
Principal Archaeologist
Forensic Anthropologist

APPENDIX C

AHIMS search results

AHIMS Web Services (AWS)
Search Result

Your Ref/PO Number : Mount Vincent Rd, East Ma

Client Service ID : 932532

Penny Mccardle

Po Box 166
Adamstown New South Wales 2289

Attention: Penny Mccardle

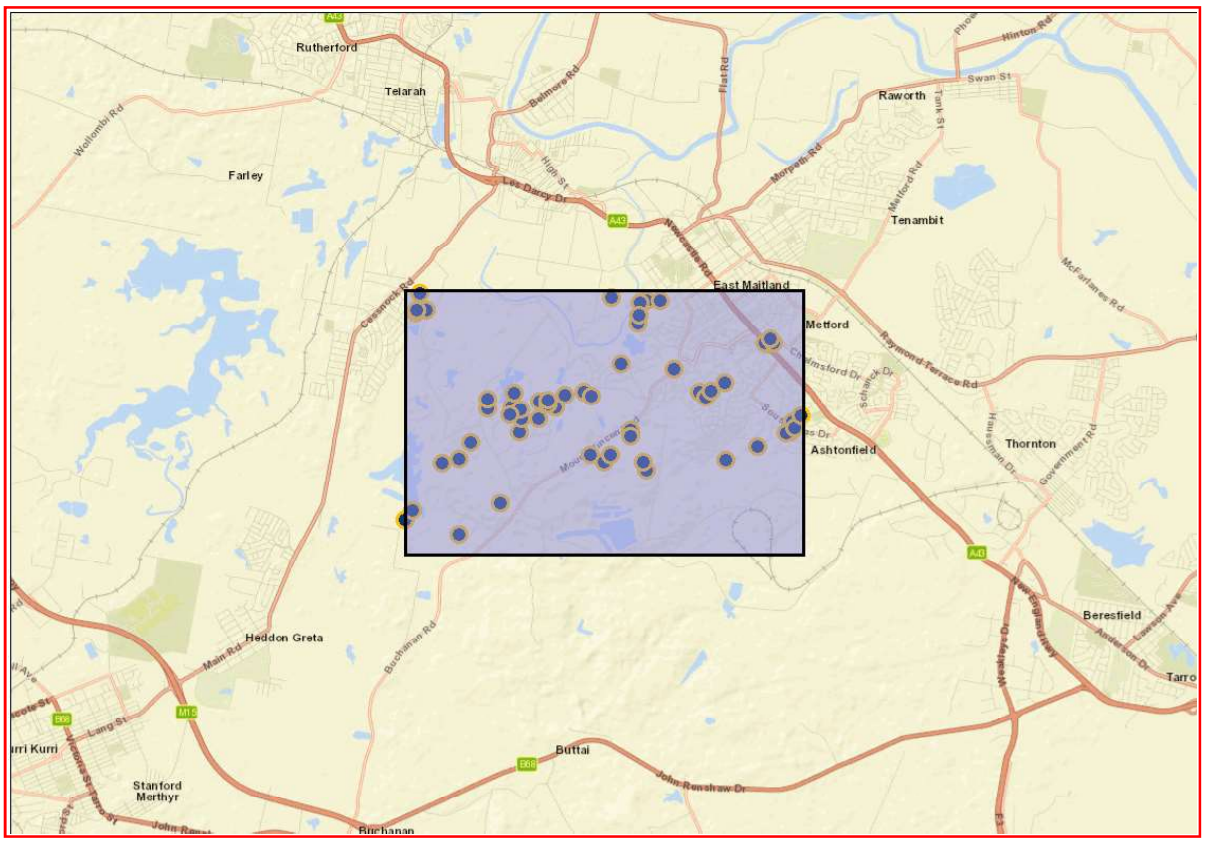
Email: penny@mcheritage.com.au

Date: 19 September 2024

Dear Sir or Madam:

AHIMS Web Service search for the following area at Datum :GDA, Zone : 56, Eastings : 363000.0 - 369000.0, Northings : 6371000.0 - 6375000.0 with a Buffer of 0 meters, conducted by Penny Mccardle on 19 September 2024.

The context area of your search is shown in the map below. Please note that the map does not accurately display the exact boundaries of the search as defined in the paragraph above. The map is to be used for general reference purposes only.



A search of Heritage NSW AHIMS Web Services (Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System) has shown that:

58	Aboriginal sites are recorded in or near the above location.
0	Aboriginal places have been declared in or near the above location. *

If your search shows Aboriginal sites or places what should you do?

- You must do an extensive search if AHIMS has shown that there are Aboriginal sites or places recorded in the search area.
- If you are checking AHIMS as a part of your due diligence, refer to the next steps of the Due Diligence Code of practice.
- You can get further information about Aboriginal places by looking at the gazettal notice that declared it. Aboriginal places gazetted after 2001 are available on the NSW Government Gazette (https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/gazette) website. Gazettal notices published prior to 2001 can be obtained from Heritage NSW upon request

Important information about your AHIMS search

- The information derived from the AHIMS search is only to be used for the purpose for which it was requested. It is not be made available to the public.
- AHIMS records information about Aboriginal sites that have been provided to Heritage NSW and Aboriginal places that have been declared by the Minister;
- Information recorded on AHIMS may vary in its accuracy and may not be up to date. Location details are recorded as grid references and it is important to note that there may be errors or omissions in these recordings,
- Some parts of New South Wales have not been investigated in detail and there may be fewer records of Aboriginal sites in those areas. These areas may contain Aboriginal sites which are not recorded on AHIMS.
- Aboriginal objects are protected under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 even if they are not recorded as a site on AHIMS.
- This search can form part of your due diligence and remains valid for 12 months.

Level 6, 10 Valentine Ave, Parramatta 2150
Locked Bag 5020 Parramatta NSW 2124
Tel: (02) 9585 6345

ABN 34 945 244 274
Email: ahims@environment.nsw.gov.au
Web: www.heritage.nsw.gov.au

AHIMS Web Services (AWS)

Extensive search - Site list report

Your Ref/PO Number : Mount Vincent Rd, East Ma

Client Service ID : 932532

SiteID	SiteName	Datum	Zone	Easting	Northing	Context	Site Status **	SiteFeatures	SiteTypes	Reports
38-4-0558	Waterforde Stage 4 PAD	AGD	56	364900	6372850	Open site	Valid	Potential Archaeological Deposit (PAD) : 0		102388
	Contact	**Recorders**	Ms.Jill Ruig					**Permits**	1295	
38-4-1151	Louth Park 1(LP1)	GDA	56	364435	6371717	Open site	Destroyed	Artefact : 5		101348
	Contact	**Recorders**	MCH - McCardle Cultural Heritage Pty Ltd					**Permits**		
38-4-1066	Waterforde A3	GDA	56	364711	6372835	Open site	Valid	Artefact : -		98052
	Contact	**Recorders**	Jim Wheeler					**Permits**		
38-4-0004	Fishery Creek	AGD	56	366139	6373722	Open site	Valid	Fish Trap : -	Fish Trap	102388
	Contact	**Recorders**	T Callaghan					**Permits**		
38-4-0839	Shamrock Hill (ISF 2)	AGD	56	368237	6372467	Open site	Valid	Artefact : 1		
	Contact T Russell	**Recorders**	Mary Dallas Consulting Archaeologists (MDCA)					**Permits**	2182	
38-4-1708	Wallis Creek PAD1	GDA	56	366495	6374539	Open site	Not a Site	Potential Archaeological Deposit (PAD) : -		
	Contact	**Recorders**	Ms.Penny Mccardle					**Permits**	3911	
38-4-0330	Delta Colliery Waterhole	AGD	56	366550	6372070	Open site	Valid	Water Hole : -	Water Hole/Well	100898,102388
	Contact	**Recorders**	Ms.Jill Ruig					**Permits**		
38-4-0838	Shamrock Hill (ISF 1)	AGD	56	367744	6372244	Open site	Valid	Artefact : 1		102388
	Contact T Russell	**Recorders**	Mary Dallas Consulting Archaeologists (MDCA)					**Permits**	2182	
38-4-2068	Reburial area Lot 1 DP 1244650 The Glebe Paddock	GDA	56	366612	6374883	Open site	Valid	Artefact : -		
	Contact	**Recorders**	Archaeological Risk Assessment Services (ARAS),Mr.Giles (dup ID#12832) Hamm					**Permits**		
38-4-2241	KKLP PAD2	GDA	56	363000	6371454	Open site	Valid	Potential Archaeological Deposit (PAD) : -		
	Contact	**Recorders**	Umwelt (Australia) Pty Limited - Individual users,Miss.Alison Fenwick					**Permits**		
38-4-0165	Delta 5;	AGD	56	365700	6372300	Open site	Valid	Artefact : -	Isolated Find	1674,102388
	Contact	**Recorders**	Pam Dean-Jones					**Permits**		
38-4-0166	Delta 6;	AGD	56	366500	6372200	Open site	Valid	Artefact : -	Open Camp Site	1674,102388
	Contact	**Recorders**	Pam Dean-Jones					**Permits**		
38-4-0546	Isolated Artefact 1	AGD	56	368350	6374050	Open site	Valid	Artefact : 1		
	Contact	**Recorders**	Pam Dean-Jones					**Permits**		
38-4-0547	Isolated Artefact 2	AGD	56	368325	6374075	Open site	Valid	Artefact : 1		
	Contact	**Recorders**	Pam Dean-Jones					**Permits**		
38-4-1018	GH Campsite 1	AGD	56	363166	6374506	Open site	Valid	Aboriginal Resource and Gathering : -		100898,100987,10223188
	Contact Searle	**Recorders**	Mary Dallas Consulting Archaeologists (MDCA)					**Permits**		

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38-4-0871	Waterforde 1	GDA	56	364591	6373235	Open site	Valid	Artefact : 11		98052,102388
	Contact T Russell	**Recorders**	Jim Wheeler					**Permits**		
38-4-1067	Waterforde A7	GDA	56	364751	6373035	Open site	Valid	Artefact : -		98052,104549
	Contact	**Recorders**	Jim Wheeler					**Permits**		
38-4-1219	Restriction applied. Please contact ahims@environment.nsw.gov.au.					Open site	Valid			
	Contact Mr.Thomas Miller	**Recorders**	Brad Welsh					**Permits**		
38-4-0161	Delta 3;	AGD	56	366300	6372700	Open site	Valid	Artefact : -	Open Camp Site	1674,102388
	Contact	**Recorders**	Pam Dean-Jones					**Permits**		
38-4-0549	Isolated Artefact 4	AGD	56	368450	6374075	Open site	Valid	Modified Tree (Carved or Scarred) : 1		
	Contact	**Recorders**	Pam Dean-Jones					**Permits**		
38-4-1138	GH PAD 1 (Berefield)	GDA	56	363120	6374650	Open site	Valid	Potential Archaeological Deposit (PAD) : -		100898
	Contact	**Recorders**	Mr.Paul Irish,Ms.Mary Dallas					**Permits**		
38-4-1822	East Maitland Glebe Cemetery	AGD	56	366722	6374700	Open site	Valid	Burial : 1		
	Contact Mr.Thomas Miller	**Recorders**	Brad Welsh					**Permits**		
38-4-1208	Gullivers Lane 1	GDA	56	365691	6373468	Open site	Valid	Artefact : 4		102760
	Contact	**Recorders**	Insite Heritage Pty Ltd					**Permits**	3430	
38-4-0627	Waterforde 4/PAD1/01-02	AGD	56	364904	6373132	Open site	Valid	Artefact : 1		98151,102388
	Contact	**Recorders**	MCH - McCardle Cultural Heritage Pty Ltd					**Permits**	1390,1410,2120	
38-4-1726	Waterforde Est Stock Pile	GDA	56	364232	6373189	Open site	Valid	Artefact : -		
	Contact	**Recorders**	Ms.Viki Gordon					**Permits**	3887	
38-4-2240	KKLP PAD10	GDA	56	363824	6371231	Open site	Valid	Potential Archaeological Deposit (PAD) : -		
	Contact	**Recorders**	Umwelt (Australia) Pty Limited - Individual users,Miss.Alison Fenwick					**Permits**		
38-4-2242	KKLP IA1	GDA	56	363116	6371587	Open site	Valid	Artefact : -		
	Contact	**Recorders**	Umwelt (Australia) Pty Limited - Individual users,Miss.Alison Fenwick					**Permits**		
38-4-1153	Louth Park PAD1 (LP PAD1)	GDA	56	363550	6372330	Open site	Destroyed	Potential Archaeological Deposit (PAD) : -		101348,102231
	Contact	**Recorders**	MCH - McCardle Cultural Heritage Pty Ltd,RPS AAP Consulting Pty Ltd - York Street					**Permits**	4587	
38-4-1068	Waterforde A10	GDA	56	364731	6373185	Open site	Valid	Artefact : -		98052,104549
	Contact	**Recorders**	Jim Wheeler					**Permits**		
38-4-0629	Waterforde 4/PAD1/12	AGD	56	365156	6373033	Open site	Valid	Artefact : 1		98151,102388
	Contact	**Recorders**	MCH - McCardle Cultural Heritage Pty Ltd					**Permits**	1390,1410,2120	

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38-4-0548	Isolated Artefact 3	AGD	56	368400	6374125	Open site	Valid	Artefact : 1		
	Contact	**Recorders**	Pam Dean-Jones					**Permits**		
38-4-1143	Louth Park I A1	GDA	56	364562	6373094	Open site	Valid	Artefact : 1		
	Contact	**Recorders**	Doctor.Diana Neuweger					**Permits**	3136,3251	
38-4-1152	Louth Park 2 (LP2)	GDA	56	364435	6371717	Open site	Destroyed	Artefact : 1		101348
	Contact	**Recorders**	MCH - McCardle Cultural Heritage Pty Ltd,MCH - McCardle Cultural Heritage Pty Lt					**Permits**		
38-4-1739	RATHLUBA FARM OUTCROP 1	GDA	56	366503	6374659	Open site	Valid	Grinding Groove : -		
	Contact	**Recorders**	Ms.Viki Gordon					**Permits**		
38-2-0066	Two Mile Creek 1	AGD	56	367330	6373300	Open site	Valid	Artefact : -	Isolated Find	2421,100898,102388
	Contact	**Recorders**	Mr.Matthew Barber					**Permits**	540	
38-4-0954	APS, Ashtonfield PS	GDA	56	368827	6372885	Open site	Destroyed	Potential Archaeological Deposit (PAD) : -, Artefact : 11		
	Contact Searle	**Recorders**	Mr.Michael Therin,Apex Archaeology,Ms.Jenni Bate					**Permits**	2475	
38-4-0164	Delta 4;	AGD	56	366300	6372600	Open site	Valid	Artefact : -	Open Camp Site	1674,102388
	Contact	**Recorders**	Pam Dean-Jones					**Permits**		
38-2-0069	Two Mile Creek 2	AGD	56	367430	6373220	Open site	Valid	Artefact : -	Open Camp Site	2421,100898,102388
	Contact	**Recorders**	Mr.Matthew Barber					**Permits**	541	
38-4-0628	Waterforde 4/PAD1/13	AGD	56	365044	6373071	Open site	Valid	Artefact : 1		98151,102388
	Contact	**Recorders**	MCH - McCardle Cultural Heritage Pty Ltd					**Permits**	1390,1410,2120	
38-4-1722	Watreforde estate 10/1	GDA	56	364234	6373332	Open site	Valid	Artefact : -		
	Contact	**Recorders**	Ms.Penny Mccardle					**Permits**	3824,3887	
38-4-0163	Delta Site 1;	AGD	56	365900	6372200	Open site	Valid	Artefact : -	Open Camp Site	1674
	Contact	**Recorders**	Pam Dean-Jones					**Permits**		
38-4-0545	EM1	AGD	56	366950	6373650	Open site	Destroyed	Artefact : 2		97570,100808,100812,102388
	Contact	**Recorders**	Dominic Steele Archaeological Consulting					**Permits**	2815,2843	
38-4-0774	AF 1(duplicate of 38-4-0711)	AGD	56	368760	6372860	Open site	Not a Site	Artefact : 2, Potential Archaeological Deposit (PAD) : 2		
	Contact	**Recorders**	Therin Archaeological Consulting					**Permits**	2000	
38-4-1155	Louth Park PAD3 (LP PAD3)	GDA	56	363800	6372400	Open site	Destroyed	Potential Archaeological Deposit (PAD) : -		101348,102231
	Contact	**Recorders**	MCH - McCardle Cultural Heritage Pty Ltd					**Permits**		

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38-4-1207	Gullivers Lane 2	GDA	56	365393	6373415	Open site	Partially Destroyed	Artefact : 215		102760
	Contact	**Recorders**	Insite Heritage Pty Ltd,Insite Heritage Pty Ltd					**Permits**	3291,3430	
38-4-1735	LP3	GDA	56	363979	6372660	Open site	Valid	Modified Tree (Carved or Scarred) : -		
	Contact	**Recorders**	Ms.Viki Gordon					**Permits**		
38-2-0067	Two Mile Creek 4	AGD	56	367510	6373320	Open site	Valid	Artefact : -	Isolated Find	2441,102388
	Contact	**Recorders**	Mr.Matthew Barber					**Permits**		
38-2-0068	Two Mile Creek 3	AGD	56	367720	6373450	Open site	Valid	Artefact : -	Isolated Find	2421,102388
	Contact	**Recorders**	Mr.Matthew Barber					**Permits**		
38-4-0632	Waterforde 4/PAD1/18	AGD	56	365045	6373141	Open site	Valid	Artefact : 1		98151,102388
	Contact	**Recorders**	MCH - McCardle Cultural Heritage Pty Ltd					**Permits**	1390,1410,2120	
38-4-0711	AF1	GDA	56	368765	6372869	Open site	Destroyed	Artefact : 2		98848,99973
	Contact	**Recorders**	Mr.Michael Therin,Apex Archaeology,Ms.Jenni Bate					**Permits**	2475	
38-4-0712	AF2	GDA	56	368887	6372951	Open site	Destroyed	Artefact : 2		98848,99973
	Contact	**Recorders**	Mr.Michael Therin,Apex Archaeology,Ms.Jenni Bate					**Permits**	2475	
38-4-0162	Delta Site 2;	AGD	56	366000	6372300	Open site	Valid	Artefact : -	Isolated Find	1674,102388
	Contact	**Recorders**	Pam Dean-Jones					**Permits**	416	
38-4-0775	AF 2(duplicate of 38-4-0712)	AGD	56	368880	6372950	Open site	Not a Site	Artefact : 2, Potential Archaeological Deposit (PAD) : -		
	Contact	**Recorders**	Therin Archaeological Consulting					**Permits**	2000	
38-4-1821	LOT 195 THE GLEBE PADDOCK	GDA	56	366078	6374928	Open site	Valid	Artefact : 1, Potential Archaeological Deposit (PAD) : -		
	Contact	**Recorders**	Archaeological Risk Assessment Services (ARAS),Mr.Giles Hamm,Mr.Giles Hamm,M					**Permits**	4547	
38-4-1969	East Maitland Site 01	GDA	56	365797	6373400	Open site	Valid	Artefact : -		
	Contact	**Recorders**	MCH - McCardle Cultural Heritage Pty Ltd,Ms.Penny Mccardle					**Permits**		
38-4-0870	Waterforde 2	GDA	56	364629	6373432	Open site	Partially Destroyed	Artefact : 2		98052,102388, 105394
	Contact T Russell	**Recorders**	Jim Wheeler,Umwelt (Australia) Pty Limited - Individual users,Ms.Lara Donohoe					**Permits**	3136,3251,5125	
38-4-1039	GH PAD 1	AGD	56	363020	6374500	Open site	Valid	Potential Archaeological Deposit (PAD) : -, Artefact : 117		100987,101097
	Contact Mr.Stephen Talbott	**Recorders**	Mary Dallas Consulting Archaeologists (MDCA),Paul Irish Consultant Archaeologist					**Permits**	2962,3071,3604	
38-4-2134	HN-GH-A01	GDA	56	363177	6374959	Open site	Valid	Artefact : -		105081
	Contact	**Recorders**	Heritage Now - Belmont,Ms.Lara Donohoe					**Permits**		

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Valid - The site has been recorded and accepted onto the system as valid

Destroyed - The site has been completely impacted or harmed usually as consequence of permit activity but sometimes also after natural events. There is nothing left of the site on the ground but proponents should proceed with caution.

Partially Destroyed - The site has been only partially impacted or harmed usually as consequence of permit activity but sometimes also after natural events. There might be parts or sections of the original site still present on the ground

Not a site - The site has been originally entered and accepted onto AHIMS as a valid site but after further investigations it was decided it is NOT an aboriginal site. Impact of this type of site does not require permit but Heritage NSW should be notified

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