

# ***BROOKDALE SITE***

DP 56744 Appin Road, Gilead

The Foundations of Hamilton Hume's Homestead



## **HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION:**

Just beyond the Hume monument is the site of Brookdale, Hamilton Hume's homestead. The 300 acre grant had been given to him for explorations into southern NSW between 1814 and 1822 when still a very young man. Hume built and occupied the building, naming it Brookdale. This was the starting point of the Port Phillip expedition in 1824.

## **CONDITION AND USE:**

There are remnants of the exotic planting and some foundation stones marking the site of the homestead built and occupied by Hamilton Hume, now set in a pasture. The building foundations cannot be seen from the road.

## **HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:**

- The site has historic and archaeological significance
- Home of a famous Australian explorer, Hamilton Hume
- Starting point of the Port Phillip Bay expedition
- Site may reveal some important archaeological significance
- Historic landmark

## **HERITAGE LISTING:**

**LOCAL:** LEP 193

**STATE:** *Proudfoot:* Mentioned in Index No. 109, Category 3

*Macarthur Regional Heritage Study:* Map 8, No. 12

*NSW Heritage Act 1977:* Listed under the Heritage Act - although not on the State Heritage Register