

MENANGLE PARK PACEWAY

Lot 3 DP 59321 Racecourse Avenue, Menangle Park



HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION:

Races were held at Menangle Park from 1870's. Its location attracted Messrs, J.J. Smith, H. Pateson and Dr. L.J Lamrock, who acquired 32 ha and laid down the new track. Two rail sidings were built to bring spectators, competitors and horses directly to the track. In 1914 Alfred Rose Payten designed and E.C. Lusted built three grandstands at the paceway. The construction also included official stands and luncheon rooms. Patronage was drawn from metropolitan areas by special trains.

During World War I, Germans and German/Australians were held at a camp on Menangle Park Paceway. During World War II, the race course became a training ground for men of the 45th Battalion of the militia and later a base for the Airforce.

CONDITION AND USE:

Still in use as a paceway and is the venue for the Campbelltown Show.

The old platform face is also located on this land and is overgrown with grass.

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:

- In use as a racecourse for over 100 years
- Still a community focal point as the site for the Campbelltown Show.

HERITAGE LISTING:

LOCAL: LEP 193

STATE: *Macarthur Regional Heritage Study: Map 5, No. 62*