

WARBY'S STABLES AND BARN

Lot 1 DP 216516 Nos. 12-14 Queen Street, Campbelltown
Stone farm Buildings, Built before 1851.





HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION:

Two fine stone farm buildings, the stable and barn were once attached to Leumeah House, thought to have been built by John Warby (1774-1851), convict and explorer. Warby, when pardoned, become stockman for the famous early herd of wild cattle, offspring of the four cows and bulls that wandered off soon after the colony was founded. They gave their name to the district beyond the Nepean River, the Cowpastures. Warby was the first to know the area well and acted as a guide to Governor Macquarie in his country tours of the district. He was granted 260 acres at Campbelltown in 1816, an area that was to be on the northern edge of the town when it was marked in 1820. The house stable/cowhouse and barn were built prior to 1826. "Campbelltown – the Bicentennial History" gives the date of the barn as 1820-1830.

These outbuildings were attached to Warby's Leumeah House. Built c. 1820 and demolished in 1963.

CONDITION AND USE:

Both these stone farm buildings were once converted for use as dwellings and are now used as a restaurant (The barn Restaurant) and part of a motor inn (The Colonial Motor Inn). There is a misconception as to which building is which: the former stables is now the Barn restaurant and the former barn is now part of the motor inn. The stone appears to be in good condition.

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:

- The buildings have historic, architectural and aesthetic significance
- These buildings provide a direct link with Warby, one of the best known and earliest of the settlers in the district.

HERITAGE LISTING:

LOCAL: LEP 2002

STATE: *Proudfoot:* Index Nos. 35 & 36, Category 1 (Key Buildings)

Macarthur Regional Heritage Study: Map 5, No. 46

National Trust (NSW): Classified

NSW Heritage Act 1977: Listed on the State Heritage Register –

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