Photographic Archival Recording of Homestead RV3, Ulan, NSW. Volume 1: Report.

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1. INTRODUCTION.

1.1. The Project and Aims.

The district of Ulan is located approximately 40 kilometres northeast of Mudgee in the Western Coalfields of New South Wales. The homestead, known as RV3, is situated off the Broken Back Road southwest of the Bobadeen Loop Road and west of Old Ulan Road. It lies 3 kilometres southwest of Bobadeen Homestead. RV3 has been selected for photographic recording in accordance with recommendations in the overarching Heritage Management Plan (ULN-SD-PLN-0013) for the Ulan Coal Continued Operations Project (UCCOP) as approved by the NSW Department of Planning.¹ This management plan recommends that a "photographic record to be undertaken if the site is to be destroyed during mining".² This is the case. The site of Homestead RV3 is to become the location of a Fan Site. The recording forms part of Ulan Coal Mines Ltd commitment to documenting European heritage within and in the vicinity of their operations area.

The homestead was once part of farming life in the wider rural Ulan area during the twentieth century. Ulan village was proclaimed a village on the 21st of August 1897. The photographic recording was commissioned by Ulan Coal Mines Ltd on the 29th January 2013. The following record is intended to contribute to our knowledge, understanding and appreciation of homesteads and station life in the Ulan area, as well as to provide a stable and long term record for present and future generations.

1.2. Research and Limitations.

This recording by Stedinger Associates includes only a brief historical context of the homestead. Its purpose is to place the farm residence and its site in their historical context.

¹ Xstrata Coal. 2011. Ulan Complex. Continued Operations – European and Natural Heritage Assessment. For NSW Department of Planning.

² Xstrata Coal. 2011. Ulan Complex. Continued Operations – European and Natural Heritage Assessment. For NSW Department of Planning. p.82.



1.3. Author Identification.

Photographs included in this archival recording were taken by Mr Gerald Steding (MA) of Stedinger Associates. The report component was written by Dr. Louise Steding (PhD). The authors would like to thank Mr Ian Flood (Ulan Coal Mines Ltd) and Mr Kieren Norris (Gillham & Sons PtyLtd) for their assistance in this project.

1.4. Repository.

One copy of this photographic archival recording and prints should be provided to the NSW Department of Planning. A copy should also be provided to the Mid-Western Regional Council for placement in their local library. A third copy should be retained by Ulan Coal Mines Limited in their archives.



2. METHODOLOGY.

Photographs were taken by Mr Gerald Steding on the 30th and 31st of January 2013. This photographic archival record has been prepared in accordance with the procedures and approaches outlined in *Photographic Recording of Heritage Items Using Film or Digital Capture* and considers the earlier guidelines *How to Prepare Archival Records of Heritage Items*.³ It includes:

- 1. Inventory sheets;
- 2. Statutory heritage listing status;
- 3. A brief historical context of the cottage recorded;
- 4. A description of the cottage, its fabric, form, site and location;
- 5. Statement of heritage significance;
- 6. Location Plan;
- 7. Bibliography of research sources used;
- 8. Photograph plan showing positions from where photographs were taken;
- 9. Photograph lists with image numbers and sequence numbers;
- 10. Colour catalogues with thumbnail prints and sequence numbers; and
- 11. Labelled colour photographs on archival paper.

Photographic Equipment.

Photographs were taken using a digital Canon camera EOS 5D Mark II (SLR camera full frame, 21 megapixel) with a Canon 24mm-105mm standard zoom lens (EF IS USM L), a Canon 17mm-40mm wide angle zoom lens (EF USM L) and a Canon 100mm macro prime lens (EF IS USM L). External flashes include the Canon EX600 RT and the Canon EX430. Post-production includes the use of Adobe Photoshop CS5 and Adobe Photoshop Lightroom 3.

Files and Format.

Images were photographed as CR2 (Canon) files, a commonly used RAW file type. These files were then saved as TIF files - a universal format. The images have also been saved as JPEG images for printing purposes. The file numbering system relates to the

³ NSW Heritage Office and Department of Urban Affairs and Planning. 1998. *How to Prepare Archival Records of Heritage Items.* NSW Heritage Office, Parramatta.

NSW Department of Planning, Heritage Office. 2006. *Photographic Recording of Heritage Items Using Film or Digital Capture. Heritage Information Series.* Parramatta: NSW Department of Planning.



photographic catalogue sheets (refer below). Photograph plans are also included showing the location of each particular photograph.

DVDs are included with each copy of this work. The DVD disc submitted contains four folders:

- 1. Report in PDF format;
- 2. Images as RAW files; and
- 3. Images in TIF format.

Presentation.

This photographic archival recording is presented in an archival binder and slipcase containing individual archival slip-sheets made from polypropylene. These archival packaging materials are stable and have been selected to optimise survival of the photographic record.

Colour prints have been printed using Fujicolour Chrystal archival photographic paper for long-term permanency. The photographic catalogue shows the images with reference numbers also relating to the photographic plan. The larger prints have been cut and mounted within archival sleeves. These prints measure 6 inches by 4 inches (14.8cm by 10.5cm). Accompanying labels present a brief description of each view and the direction of each photograph.



3. LIST OF DOCUMENTARY SOURCES.

Detail of Parish Map: *Parish of Bobadeen County of Bligh Cassilis Land District*. 29th October 1881. Department of Lands. PMap DB03. Image 14958201.

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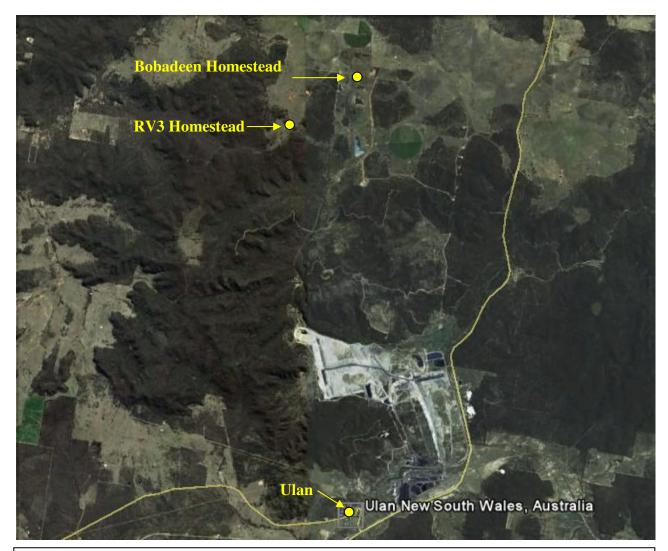


4. LOCATION PLANS.



Plan showing the location of Ulan in the mid western region of New South Wales. From: *Australia Road and 4WD Atlas.* HEMA maps. Seventh edition.





Satellite image showing the location of Homestead RV3, Bobadeen Homestead and Ulan. From: Google and Sensis Pty Ltd, 2011 Digital Globe.







5. SITE INVENTORY.

Homestead RV3, Ulan.				
	Farmhouse and Site			
Name of Item	Homestead RV3.			
Item Category	Built			
Owner	Ulan Coal Mines Ltd Use		Abandoned farm	residence.
	LISTINGS		·	
Statutory List				
Local Environmental Plan	Local Environmental Plan			
State Heritage Register	The homestead is not listed as a	heritag	e item in the Mid	Western Regional
National Heritage List	Interim Local Environmental Plan 2)08. [°]		· ·
	The homestead is not listed as a	Heritag	e Item in Schedule	1 of the Merriwa
	Local Environmental Plan 1992.	_		
	State Heritage Register			
	The homestead is not listed on the	State H	eritage Register.	
	National Heritage List			
	Not listed (as at 29/01/2013)			
	LOCATION			
	Address			
Street Address	Homestead RV3 lies 10 kilometre	s north	of Ulan and 47 k	ilometres north of
	Mudgee. The homestead, known a	s RV3,	is situated off the E	Broken Back Road
	southwest of the Bobadeen Loop			an Road. It lies 3
	kilometres southwest of Bobadeen	Homest	ead.	
Closest Town	Ulan	F	Parish	Bobadeen
Local Govt Area	Mid-Western Regional Council	(County	Bligh
Postcode	2850	5	State	NSW
	Property			
GPS Readings	Homestead (southeast end).	Ę	55H 0756 422E/ 643	3 6184N
(MGA) <u>+</u> 3m.	Shearing Shed (southeast end).		55H 0756 331E/ 643 6171N	
	DESCRIPTION	l		
Original Owner	Henry Crossing (Land owner by 188	31)		
Construction Date	c.1940 with c.1960s additions			
Est. End of Use	1990s			
Physical Description	At RV3, the homestead complex includes a derelict weatherboard cottage with			
	later asbestos cement sheeting and Masonite additions, the remains of a			
	shearing shed with timber post and rail stockyards and a loading ramp, a			
	remnant utility shed, a tennis court and extensive gardens.			
	The cottage itself is a weatherboard structure with a corrugated hipped steel			
	roof rising to gables beneath the ridgeline. A small gable extension gives the			
	cottage an L-shape plan. It has timber floors and a timber frame erected on			
	piers. A closed-in verandah was once located on the northeast side. Two brick			
	chimneys are located on the southwest side. In this form, originally the cottage			
	faced southeast. With later additions and infill, it faced northeast.			



Condition	A low drystone garden wall defines the southwest side of the house and garden precinct. Similar local rock has been used as a border along the northeast driveway approach. A turning circle is located on the northeast side of the homestead while the driveway continues around the house to the northwest where it leads to the utility shed, dam, shearing shed and paddocks. A rainwater tank on a stand is situated at the southwest side of the house and another between additions behind the original cottage. Here and to the southeast extensive gardens extend from the house and continue down a hillside overlooking a large dam. Ornamental plantings in the house garden include agapanthus, a May bush, plumbago, succulents and other varieties. Fruit trees include a peach tree and citrus tree. To the west a shearing shed also dates to the twentieth century. It was once a prominent rectangular timber framed iron clad structure in the landscape. It had a hipped roof with gable ends. Today, much of its timber work and cladding has collapsed. A post and rail stockyard is located on the northeast side of the former shearing shed. It includes pens, two races, a loading ramp and a yard. Most rails between the posts are now missing.
Modifications	The homestead was initially a simple L-shaped weatherboard cottage that appears to date from c.1940. It was later extended, probably in the 1950s and 60s. The extensions consist of asbestos cement sheeting and Masonite.
Archaeological Potential	Potential subsurface remains at the site are unlikely to give new insights into ways of life and living circumstances in twentieth century mid-west New South Wales. Such sites have been well documented and photographed.



HISTORY				
Homestead RV3, Ulan.				
Historical Notes	Ulan was proclaimed a village on the 21 st of August 1897. The small village was sited on the west bank of the Goulburn River and along Sportsman's Hollow Creek. Ten kilometres to the north, by 1881 some 2530 acres of land had been purchased by Henry Crossing, including the site of RV3. Crossing later purchased Bobadeen Station, into which RV3 was incorporated.			
	Henry Crossing was a 'commission agent' in the stock and station agency of 'Crossing and Cox' in Mudgee. At 26 years of age, in 1872 he married Martha Smith. From c.1874 to c.1885, they lived in a house called Pine Villa in Lewis Street Mudgee. It was then that Henry Crossing built a substantial homestead, called Menah, on the river flats to the northwest of the town.			
	The present homestead RV3, appears to have been built in the 1940s as a simple L-shaped weatherboard cottage. The owners were sheep farmers and possibly cattle graziers. At this time people in the district travelled far for sport and recreation, travelling to Cassilis, Moolarben, Ulan, Mudgee and sometimes to neighbouring farms. This is likely to have been the case for homesteads at RV3, Bobadeen, the Lagoons and at Moolarben Station where tennis courts were built.			
	The farm cottage was extended, probably in the 1950s and 1960s. The extensions consist of timber framing, asbestos cement sheeting and masonite. From 1939 throughout the years of World War II, building materials became one of the many items to be rationed. This continued through to about 1949. Fibro was used as a cheap material through these times of shortage. Many houses were built from fibro between 1940 and 1960.			
	Throughout the 1990s much of the farming land in the Ulan district was sold to Ulan Coal Mines Ltd. RV3 is also now the property of Ulan Coal Mines Limited and has remained vacant for many years.			
	SIGNIFICANCE			
Statement of	Cottage RV3, Ulan.			
Statement of Significance	5 5			



6. PHOTOGRAPH LIST.

Site Name:Date:Homestead RV3, Ulan.30 th and				l 31 st January 2013
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Camera: Canon EO (21.0 megapi)	S 5D Mai	and L. Steding Lens: 1. Canon 24mm-105mm standard zoom lens (EF IS USM L) 2. Canon 17mm-40mm wide angle zoom lens (EF USM L) 3. Canon 100mm macro prime lens (EF IS USM L).	Location of Records Ulan Coal Mines Limited Mid Western Regional Council Office of Environment and Heritage	
Film Typ	e:	Make:	File Ty	
Colour		Digital	RAW, TI	F, JPEG
IMAGES	5:			
Image No.	File No.	Site		Facing
		Exterior, Cottage RV3, Ulan.		Recorded: 30 th + 31 st January 2013
01	6826	Homestead and addition with wage foreground.	on in the	southwest
02	6812	View across to the raised water tank, sto fibro addition.	ne wall and	northeast
03	6847	The more recent fibro and masonite add northwest.	ition to the	northwest
04	6868	Shade trees beside the verandah fibro/masonite addition.	west	
05	6820		th elevation with earlier weatherboard cottage to	
06	6841	rth elevation of a fibro addition.		southwest
07	6875	West elevation of the fibro/masonite additional additionadditional additional additional additional additional additional	tion.	southeast
08	7004	East elevation of the original weather-boa	ard cottage.	northwest
09	7016	View across the turning circle to the east	garden.	northeast
10	7017	Area between the fibro cottage fibro/masonite addition.	southwest	
11	7022	North elevation of the fibro cottage addition.		southwest
12	7028	View along the frontage of the fibro/masonite southwest addition.		
13	7029	Wider view along the frontage of the fibro/masonite southwest addition.		southwest
14	7083	View along southwest side of the home tanks and well.	southeast	
15	7040	Southwest elevation of the fibro / masonite addition.		northeast
16	7110	Former frontage of the weatherboard cott	age.	northwest
17	7032	Rear of the weatherboard cottage and side southeast extension.		
18	7036	Chimney on southwest side of the weatherboard northeast cottage.		
19	7037	Chimney on southwest side of the weatherboard cottage.		east



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		Interior, Cottage RV3, Ulan.	Recorded: $30^{\text{th}} + 31^{\text{st}}$ January 2013
20	7010	Interior of the fibro addition.	southwest
21	7012	Former room that was once a part of the weatherboard cottage.	northwest
22	7018	Interior of the fibro addition.	southwest
23	7041	Interior of the fibro/Masonite addition (southwest rooms).	northeast
24	7042	Interior of the fibro/Masonite addition (southwest rooms).	northeast
25	7044	Interior of the fibro/Masonite addition (southwest rooms).	northeast
26	7046	Interior of the fibro/Masonite addition (main area).	east
27	7047	Interior of the fibro/Masonite addition (main area).	south
28	7050	Interior of the fibro/Masonite addition (main area).	southeast
		Shearing Shed and Yards, RV3, Ulan.	Recorded: 30 th + 31 st January 2013
29	6784	Remains of a shearing shed south of the homestead.	southwest
30	6797	The only standing iron clad elevation.	east
31	6789	Remaining framework and piers.	south
32	6790	View to paddock and hill.	northeast
33	6792	Race leading between the yards and shed.	west
34	6802	Front and side view of the shearing shed.	northwest
35	6803	Wider view of the shearing shed.	northwest
36	6805	View to the dam and paddock.	southwest
37	6806	Front elevation of the shearing shed.	west
38	6807	View back to the homestead.	east
39	7063	Driveway continues to the shearing shed from the house.	southwest
40	7064	View of shearing shed in the landscape.	southwest
41	7065	View to shearing shed across yards.	east
42	7066	View to the yards and loading ramp.	west
43	7067	Loading ramp.	west
		The Site and Garden, RV3, Ulan.	Recorded: 30 th + 31 st January 2013
44	6819	Homestead garden to the southeast.	southeast
45	6821	Turning area in front of the homestead.	northeast
46	6852	Turning area in front of the homestead.	east
47	6863	Homestead garden from the driveway.	west
48	6874	View down driveway.	east
49	7007	Homestead garden to the southeast.	northeast
50	7013	View from the homestead to the driveway.	northeast
51	7008	Garden to the east with small pond.	east
52	7020	The driveway is lined with rocks (centre).	northeast
53	7021	The tennis court and entrance driveway.	north



54	7024	Boundary posts from the tennis court (right), northeast of the homestead.	northwest
55	7031	View out from the fibro / Masonite addition.	southwest
56	7035	A well is located in the garden behind the original weatherboard cottage.	southeast
57	7054	The remains of a timber work shed.	northwest
58	7055	Timber cladding and flooring from the shed lie on the ground.	west
59	7057	General view back to the homestead from the remnant shed with seeder.	south
60	7058	Remains of a seeder left beside a former shed.	north
61	7060	View to the homestead from the driveway between a work shed and the house.	southeast
62	7062	View over the landscape south of the homestead.	southeast
63	7069	Looking though the garden south-east of the homestead.	east
64	7092	View from the main entrance driveway to the homestead.	southwest
65	7128	General view over a large dam looking back to the homestead.	west



7. IMAGE PLAN.



Figure 7.1. Image showing the positions from where photographs were taken of the Homestead RV3. Google Image, 2007.





Figure 7.2. Image showing the positions from where photographs were taken of the Homestead RV3. Google Image, 2007.



8. CATALOGUE OF PHOTOGRAPHS.8.1. Homestead Exterior.



Image 1: Homestead and addition with wagon in the foreground. Facing southwest. File-6826.



Image 4: Shade trees beside the verandah of the fibro/masonite addition. Facing west. File-6868.



Image 7: West elevation of the fibro/masonite addition. Facing southeast. File-6875.



Image 10: Area between the fibro cottage and the fibro/masonite addition. Facing southwest. File-7017.



Image 2: View across to the raised water tank, stone wall and fibro addition. Facing northeast. File-6812.



Image 5: North elevation with earlier weatherboard cottage to the left. Facing southwest. File-6820.



Image 8: East elevation of the original weatherboard cottage. Facing northwest. File-7004.



Image11:Northelevationofthefibrocottageaddition.southwest.File-7022.



Image 3: The more recent fibro and masonite addition to the northwest. Facing northwest. File-6847.



Image 6: North elevation of a fibro addition. Facing southwest. File-6841.



Image 9: View across the turning circle to the east garden. Facing southeast. File-7016.



Image 12: View along the frontage of the fibro/masonite addition. Facing southwest. File-7028.





Image 13: Wider view along the frontage of the fibro/masonite addition. Facing southwest. File-7029.



Image 14: View along southwest side of the homestead with tanks and well. Facing southeast. File-7083.



Image 15: Southwest elevation of the fibro / masonite addition. Facing northeast. File-7040.



Image16:Formerfrontageoftheweatherboardcottage.Facing northwest. File-7110.



Image 17: Rear of the weatherboard cottage and side extension. Facing southeast. File-7032.



Image 18: Chimney on southwest side of the weatherboard cottage. Facing northeast. File-7036.



Image 19: Chimney on southwest side of the weatherboard cottage. Facing east. File-7037.



8.2. Homestead Interior.



Image 20: Interior of the fibro addition. Facing southwest. File-7010.



Image 21: Former room that was once a part of the weatherboard cottage. Facing northwest. File-7012.



Image 22: Interior of the fibro addition. Facing southwest. File-7018.



Image 23: Interior of the fibro/Masonite addition (southwest rooms). Facing northeast. File-7041.



Image 24: Interior of the fibro/Masonite addition (southwest rooms). Facing northeast. File-7042.



Image 25: Interior of the fibro/Masonite addition (southwest rooms). Facing northeast. File-7044.



Image 26: Interior of the fibro/Masonite addition (main area). Facing east. File-7046.



Image 27: Interior of the fibro/Masonite addition (main area). Facing south. File-7047.



Image 28: Interior of the fibro/Masonite addition (main area). Facing southeast. File-7050.



8.3. Shearing Shed and Yards.



Image 29: Remains of a shearing shed south of the homestead. Facing southwest. File-6784.



Image 30: The only standing iron clad elevation. Facing east. File-6797.



Image 31: Remaining framework and piers. Facing south. File-6789.



Image 32: View to paddock and hill. Facing northeast. File-6790.



Image 33: Race leading between the yards and shed. Facing west. File-6792.



Image 34: Front and side view of the shearing shed. Facing northwest. File-6802.



Image 35: Wider view of the shearing shed. Facing northwest. File-6803.



Image 36: View to the dam and paddock. Facing northwest. File-6805.



Image 37: Front elevation of the shearing shed. Facing west. File-6806.



Image 38: View back to the homestead. Facing east. File-6807.



Image 39: Driveway continues to the shearing shed from the house. Facing southwest. File-7063.



Image 40: View of shearing shed in the landscape. Facing southwest. File-7064.





Image 41: View to shearing shed across yards. Facing east. File-7065.



Image 42: View to the yards and loading ramp. Facing west. File-7066.



Image 43: Loading ramp. Facing west. File-7067.



8.4. The Site and Garden.



Image 44: Homestead garden to the southeast. Facing southeast. File-6819.



Image 45: Turning area in front of the homestead. Facing northeast. File-6821.



Image 46: Turning area in front of the homestead. Facing east. File-6852.



Image 47: Homestead garden from the driveway. Facing southwest. File-6863.



Image 48: View down driveway. Facing east. File-6874.



Image 49: Homestead garden to the southeast. Facing northeast. File-7007.



Image 50: View from the homestead to the driveway. Facing northeast. File-7013.



Image 51: Garden to the east with small pond. Facing east. File-7008.



Image 52: The driveway is lined with rocks (centre). Facing northeast. File-7020.



Image 53: The tennis court and entrance driveway. Facing north. File-7021.



Image 54: Boundary posts from the tennis court (right), northeast of the homestead. Facing northwest. File-7024.



Image 55: View out from the fibro / Masonite addition. Facing southwest. File-7031.





Image56:Awell islocatedinthegardenbehindtheoriginalweatherboardcottage.Facing southeast.File-7035.



Image 57: The remains of a timber work shed. Facing northwest. File-7054.



Image 58: Timber cladding and flooring from the shed lie on the ground. Facing west. File-7055.



Image 59: General view back to the homestead from the remnant shed with seeder. Facing south. File-7057.



Image 60: Remains of a seeder left beside a former shed. Facing north. File-7058.



Image 61: View to the homestead from the driveway between a work shed and the house. Facing southeast. File-7060.



Image 62: View over the landscape south of the homestead. Facing south. File-7062.



Image 65: General view over a large dam looking back to the homestead. Facing west. File-7128.



Image 63: Looking though the garden southeast of the homestead. Facing east. File-7069.



Image 64: View from the main entrance driveway to the homestead. Facing southwest. File-7092.