

Place name Precinct - Sale Lake Guthridge Landscape Area

Survey Date:

Other name

Id:

885

Street Foster Street, Guthridge Parade & York Street

Last Update

Locality Sale

Postcode

Official Locality

Property No NA

Local Government Area Wellington Shire

Precinct: Precinct - Sale Lake Guthridge Landscape

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Northing

Map

Workshop number

Workshop votes

Field survey number

Community priority

Designer NA

Builder

Ownership

Built Date NA

Change Date

Description Centred on Lake Guthridge, this Area includes the Botanic Gardens and Friendly Societies Reserve, the residential areas fronting Guthridge Parade and Foster Street, and the area between York Street and the Lake.

The Lake Guthridge Landscape Area centres on the Lake, an important landscape feature within the City. To the east are the early Botanic Gardens and Friendly Societies Reserves, now combining recreation facilities with their earlier garden character. At the southern end of Guthridge Parade, the houses facing these Reserves still retain a rural setting, while along Foster Street the houses are set on rising ground with views across the Lake. At the western and south-western end of the Lake, evidence of the former alignment of Flooding Creek is still visible.

From Foster Street, the views towards the Lake have long been an important element with the townscape. The demolition of the buildings on the western sides of the Foster and York Street corners have changed the framing of this view, and reduced the dramatic contrast between the built-up town and the open expanses of the Lake.

Within this Precinct a number of places have been individually evaluated as either significant or contributory parts of Sale's heritage including the Botanic Gardens and Friendly Society Reserve, Lake Guthridge, several houses on Guthridge Parade and Foster Street, and the memorials on the corner of Foster and York Street.

The Lake and Gardens have been developed in a number of stages, and their present form reflects this history. The filling of Flooding Creek relates to the construction of the Canal, an important stage in Sale's development. The housing adjoining the Lake mainly dates from the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Along southern part of Guthridge Parade housing relates to rural land uses which are rapidly disappearing within the City's boundaries. To the north and along Foster Street, the housing represents a sequence of town housing styles.

Condition

Integrity

Buildings
Group of buildings
Landscape

History

The earliest plans of Sale show the very beginnings of the township in the blocks bounded by Macmillan, York, Foster, Raymond and McAllister (sic) Streets (1). Fitchett's Public House exists already, but the surveyor's pen has set it partly within York Street. Sites have been defined for a school and a church, but the only other buildings shown are a few huts outside the embryonic town and Dr Ewing's house west of Flooding Creek, a site now covered by the South Gippsland Highway.

Reservation of the Botanic Gardens dates from 1860 (2), with developments such as fencing occurring soon after (3). By 1881 the Gardens were well-advanced (4). The Friendly Societies Recreation Ground (now Stephenson Park) was gazetted in 1872 and enclosed by cypress boundary plantings, one example of which remains (5). Lake Guthridge was formed in 1876-79, with the enclosing embankment collapsing following a flood in 1879, requiring rebuilding during 1879-80 (6). In 1884-85 Lake Guthridge was gazetted as an extension to the Botanic Gardens and for water conservation (7).

To the north of Lake Guthridge along Foster Street, the surveyors drew up a series of larger allotments, each of around 2 acres, between the properties fronting York Street and Barkly Street. Subdivision of these larger allotments appears to have started in the early years of the twentieth century. Further east along Foster Street, the allotments were smaller and developed for housing a little earlier. Along Guthridge Parade, the allotments were all surveyed as 3 acres.

SOURCES

- (1) Plan of the Town of Sale, Flooding Creek, 1850.
- (2) Victorian Government Gazette, 1860, p.1568; 1866, p.2299
- (3) Information from Peter Synan
- (4) Gippsland Mercury, 6 August 1881
- (5) Victorian Government Gazette, 1872, p.1784
- (6) Information from Peter Synan
- (7) ibid

Heritage Protections Register	Reference	Zoning	Status
Planning Scheme	x		Recommended

National Estate

Research Required

Recommendations

Fieldwork priority?

Stage 1 Ranking Assessed: Sale Heritage Stu **Stage 2 priority** Planning Scheme: Precinct

Final Ranking Local significance **Final Recommendation**

Statement of significance The Lake Guthridge Landscape precinct comprising the Lake and surrounding reserves and gardens including the Botanic Gardens and Friendly Societies Reserve and surrounding properties at 143-217 Foster Street and 48-62 York Street, Sale is of local historic and aesthetic significance to Wellington Shire. Historically, it is a significant as an important and early example of natural landscape transformed by the early town settlement process into a fine area of parkland and gardens, bordered by housing. The housing close to the Lake in Foster Street and Guthridge Parade demonstrates the increasing desirability of lake-side allotments as residential locations in the late nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Aesthetically, the precinct is an integral part of the historic cultural landscape of Sale. (RNE criteria A.4, D.2 & E.1)

Extent of designation

Informant

Notes

Follow up

Bibliography Context Pty Ltd, (1994), Sale Heritage Study
Context Pty Ltd, (2004), Wellington Heritage Study Stage 1: Sale Review



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