

Hunter Water S170 Register

SHI No.: *Name:*
3630041 Bellbird Water Pump Station

Location 265B Wollombi Rd, Bellbird Heights NSW 2325

Other ID nos IW ID: 41. Other ID: WSBEB004.



Description:

A fairfaced stretcher bond brick structure with painted render to base and head. Marseille tiled hip roof with timber fascia and fibrous cement soffit. Large vent located on roof. Double hung sash windows with weldmesh screen. Remnant gutter over door, which has a recent roller shutter.

Internal description: White painted rendered/plastered walls with concrete floor. Contains three recent pumps and control gear, and two lifting points.

Significance:

Bellbird Water Pump Station is a well-designed mid-1950s example of a small scale water pumping station, situated within a local park. It is an attractive building in good condition which makes a positive contribution to the local streetscape.

Assessed Significance: Local

Endorsed Significance: Local

Historical Notes:

Constructed: -1954

Land was acquired for the installation of a new water pumping station in Bellbird, adjacent to Cessnock No. 2 reservoir, during the year 1949-50. The pumping plant, water level indicators, and pump control equipment were also ordered at this time. The Annual Report for 1949-50 similarly noted that the plans for the building and plant installation were awaiting receipt of plant contractors layout plans. The erection of a pump house, installation of a pumping plant and the fitting of suction and delivery pipes in Bellbird was completed during the year 1953-54, and brought into service during the summer of 1953-54. The construction of these works enabled the reliable maintenance of water supply to areas west of Bellbird.

Designer: Contractor

Builder: Hunter District Water Board

Builder:

Current Use: Water Pumping Station

Former Uses:

Physical Condition:

Good condition

Further Information:

Located within a park setting. Chlorine dosing building also situated within site, which matches the Pump House in style.

Recommended Management:

- This item contributes to local character and should be conserved.
- Original details should be maintained including doors, windows and original signage.
- New materials should be sympathetic to the nature and character of the original building.
- In the event of major proposed changes, prepare a Conservation Management Strategy and undertake an archival recording.
- Wherever possible, changes should be restricted to the interior of the building.
- Routine maintenance of existing fabric is essential.

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Listings:

- 1 *Heritage Act - s.170 NSW State agency heritage register:*
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