

# HUNTER WATER

## SECTION s170 REGISTER



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## Shepherds Hill Reservoir

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### ITEM DETAILS



Item Name	Shepherds Hill Reservoir
Other / Former Names	N/A
NSW SHI No.	3630028
Plant No.	N/A
Local Government Area	Newcastle
Lot and DP	Lot 3247 DP 1096818
Address	Memorial Drive, Bar Beach NSW 2300
Curtilage	The curtilage of this asset is defined by its legal allotment boundaries (defined by the relevant Lot and DP).



View across the top of the Reservoir



Asset location and curtilage (red boundary) (refer to Figure 1 for additional detail)

## HISTORICAL OVERVIEW



Current Use	Decommissioned
Former Use	Water storage
Designer / Builder	Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board
Historical Notes	<p>Shepherd's Hill Reservoir, with a capacity of 500,000 gallons, was built between 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1928 and 29<sup>th</sup> November 1929. The reservoir was designed with a view to its position within the then-popular Newcastle Reserve.</p> <p>In the 1929-30 Annual Report it was noted that arrangements had been made by which water stored in Shepherd's Hill Reservoir, amongst others, could be restricted to the supply of a definite zone where required, thereby maintaining the water supply in these several areas during hot weather.</p>

## HERITAGE STATUS



Listing Details	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S170 Heritage and Conservation Register <input type="checkbox"/> Local heritage listing <input type="checkbox"/> State heritage listing
Conservation Management Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Heritage Asset Action Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Aboriginal Sites Registered within the Site	No sites were registered in or within 50 metres of the relevant Lot and DP as at 19 September 2022.
Historical Archaeological Potential	Not assessed.

## HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE



Level of Significance	Local
Statement of Significance	<p>The Shepherds Hill Reservoir was designed as a part of the expansion of the water supply system to inner Newcastle. Prominently situated on the cliff edge, the Reservoir roof has purpose-built paths and garden seating (which conceal a former vent) designed to take advantage of the views and integrate the asset with the landscape.</p> <p>Now decommissioned, the Reservoir remains part of the public domain despite having limited above ground presence.</p>
NSW SHR Criteria	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a) Historical <input type="checkbox"/> b) Associative <input type="checkbox"/> c) Aesthetic / Technical <input type="checkbox"/> d) Social <input type="checkbox"/> e) Research Potential (yield new information) <input type="checkbox"/> f) Rare <input type="checkbox"/> g) Representative
Significant Elements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Decorative concrete seating.</li><li>Concrete pillar.</li></ul>

## DESCRIPTION



Setting	The Reservoir is located within an open park area along the coastline of Newcastle.
External Appearance	<p>A fully underground reservoir located within an open park area through which a public walk (Memorial Walk) traverses. The area is grassed and features concrete paths.</p> <p>A decorative concrete seat and pillar are present roughly at the centre of the Reservoir's footprint; it conceals a former vent. Multiple access hatches, some new and some original to the structure, are present to the top of the Reservoir.</p>
Internal Appearance	N/A (internal inspection not possible).
Overall Condition	<p>Condition difficult to assess due to underground nature of the structure.</p> <p>The decorative concrete seat is failing in some areas, with evidence of cracking, sagging and breakage.</p>
Moveable Heritage Objects	None identified.

## MANAGEMENT



Approval and Assessment Requirements	<p><u>Minor or inconsequential impacts:</u> Anything other than routine repair and maintenance must be discussed with the Environment Team to determine the level of heritage assessment required.</p> <p><u>More than minor or inconsequential impacts:</u> As above. Additionally, consultation with the relevant local council is required.</p> <p>Demolition or removal from the register requires consultation with Heritage NSW and archival recording.</p>
General / Ongoing Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Changes within the defined curtilage should be preceded by the appropriate level of heritage assessment and approval. Advice and/or confirmation should be sought from the Environment Team prior to undertaking any works.</li> <li>Changes to non-significant elements (such as contemporary paths, services, lighting and signage, etc, not associated directly with the reservoir) is supportable.</li> </ul>
Priority Conservation Works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain and repair decorative concrete seating.</li> </ul>





**Image 1:** Decorative concrete seating with surrounding concrete paths and vegetation

**Image 2:** Associated access hatches and infrastructure elements associated with the Reservoir



**Image 3:** View across the top of the Reservoir showing the concrete seat, access hatch, paths and contemporary lighting and drinking fountainsClick here to add title



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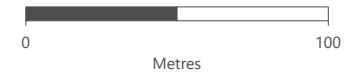
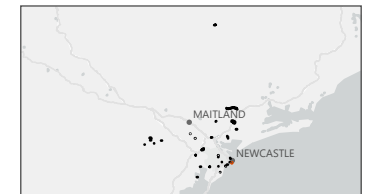
**FIGURE 1**

## S170 Review - Heritage Curtilages

### Legend

- Road
- Railway
- Lot Boundary
- Heritage Curtilages

### Shepherds Hill Reservoir



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