

HUNTER WATER

SECTION s170 REGISTER



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Tarro Valve House – Anderson Drive

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ITEM DETAILS



Item Name	Tarro Valve House – Anderson Drive
Other / Former Names	N/A
NSW SHI No.	3630140
Plant No.	N/A
Local Government Area	Newcastle
Lot and DP	Part of Lot 1 DP 128309
Address	Anderson Drive, Tarro NSW 2322
Curtilage	The curtilage of this asset is defined by the local heritage listing curtilage that applies to the site. It does not correspond to legal allotment boundaries.



View of the principal (northern) elevation of the Valve House



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

HISTORICAL OVERVIEW



Current Use	Decommissioned
Former Use	Valve house
Designer / Builder	Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board
Historical Notes	Built contemporaneously to the Tarro Pump Station (1927-1930), but does not physically form part of that site.

HERITAGE STATUS



Listing Details	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S170 Heritage and Conservation Register <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local heritage listing <input type="checkbox"/> State heritage listing
Conservation Management Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Futurepast Heritage Consulting Pty Ltd, 2011, 'Conservation Management Plan – Tarro Water Pumping Station', prepared for Hunter Water Corporation
Heritage Asset Action Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Aboriginal Sites Registered within the Site	AHIMS search undertaken on 19 January 2023 for Lat, Long from: -32.8105, 151.6675, Lat, Long to: -32.8102, 151.668. No sites were registered within the search area.
Historical Archaeological Potential	Not assessed.

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE



Level of Significance	Local
Statement of Significance	<p>Tarro Valve House – Anderson Drive is a small decoratively built masonry valve house located across the street from the former Tarro Pump Station. It was constructed contemporaneously (1927-1930) to the Pump Station.</p> <p>The building complements the adjacent Pump Station, with both designed in a style which demonstrates the high degree of civic pride which the Hunter District Water Board took in its early infrastructure.</p>
NSW SHR Criteria	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a) Historical <input type="checkbox"/> b) Associative <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> g) Representative
Significant Elements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall form, shape and scale of the building. • All internal and external masonry including decorative quoins and lintels and rough cast panels above window lintel height. • Roof form and fabric. • Terracotta vents. • Original timber joinery to windows, gable ends and roof structure. • Rhythm and presentation of fenestration (window and door openings). • Colour scheme and referential aesthetic character in relation to Tarro Pump Station.

DESCRIPTION



Setting	The Valve House is located within a narrow, grassed allotment on the opposite side of the road from the Tarro Pump Station. It is located within a residential setting in proximity to the New England Highway (located to the south).
External Appearance	<p>A Federation style stretcher bond brick valve house on concrete footings, with decorative render and stone features including rough cast stone quoins to door and window openings and decorative brick piers to the corners of the building. It has a dutch gable Marseille tiled roof with timber louvred roof vents to gable ends and wide eaves with exposed timber rafters. Terracotta vents are also present to the front and rear facades.</p> <p>The colour scheme and general appearance of the building appears to reference the Tarro Pump Station located on the opposite side of the street, particularly through the use of rough cast and painted surfaces above window lintel height to all façades.</p> <p>To the principal (northern) façade is a sheeted double door and multi-pane timber window, both featuring rough cast stone lintels above and decorative rough cast stone quoins to either side of the openings. A comparable window is also located to the rear (southern) façade.</p> <p>A concrete path leads to the entrance door and contemporary (non-significant) metal boundary fencing is located along the front boundary in alignment with the front (northern) elevation of the building.</p>
Internal Appearance	N/A (internal inspection not undertaken)
Overall Condition	Good.
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"> 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. Maintain overall form, shape and scale of the building. Changes to fabric may be supportable if no feasible alternative is available to ensure ongoing operation and/or safety. Replacement/removal of redundant or failing elements or equipment is acceptable. Removal of non-significant elements (such as non-descript services and metal fencing) is supportable.
Priority Conservation Works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess concrete and stone condition (particularly to western elevation footings) and repair as necessary. Re-point brickwork as required. Investigate and repair damage to threshold.



Image 1: View of the northwestern corner of the building showing concrete failure to the western footing



Image 2: View of the principal (northern) elevation showing decorative quoins to openings



Image 3: View of the eastern elevation of the building showing timber vents



Image 4: View of the rear (southern) elevation showing timber windows with decorative quoins to opening and terracotta vents



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FIGURE 1

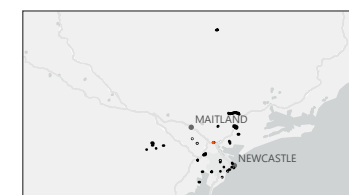
S170 Review - Heritage Curtilages

Legend

- Road
- + Railway
- Lot Boundary
- ▭ Heritage Curtilages



Tarro Valve House – Anderson Drive



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Metres

Scale 1:2,250 at A4
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