

**DISTRICT PLAN – LISTED HERITAGE PLACE
HERITAGE ASSESSMENT – STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE
HERITAGE ITEM NUMBER 1165
*WATER TROUGH AND SETTING – GEBBIES PASS ROAD
BETWEEN CHRISTCHURCH-AKAROA - PARK HILL,
MOTUKARARA***

PHOTOGRAPH:

HISTORICAL AND SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE

Historical and social values that demonstrate or are associated with: a particular person, group, organisation, institution, event, phase or activity; the continuity and/or change of a phase or activity; social, historical, traditional, economic, political or other patterns.

The water trough has historical and social significance for its historic use to provide water for horses and cattle and for its location adjacent to a site that was central to the local community. The concrete trough at the junction of Gebbie's Pass Road and the Christchurch Akaroa Road was erected in 1892 by the Little River Road Board. In the same year the land on which it stands was vested as a reserve for the use of the inhabitants of the Little River Road District. The purpose of the area was as a public pound. Part of the reserve was taken in 1940 for a road and the pound designation was cancelled in 1965. Part of the land was then sold to a restaurant proprietor in 1966 and has been used for a café ever since.

The water trough was originally adjacent to a site that contained a blacksmith's, post office and, after 1901, a telephone office and therefore was at a central meeting point for the local farming community. In the late 19th century a good water supply for animals being used for transportation was a valuable asset and as Gebbie's Pass was an important route linking Akaroa and Little River with Lyttelton and Christchurch, the trough was well placed for people using the road.

CULTURAL AND SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE

Cultural and spiritual values that demonstrate or are associated with the distinctive characteristics of a way of life, philosophy, tradition, religion, or other belief, including: the symbolic or commemorative value of the place; significance to Tangata Whenua; and/or associations with an identifiable group and esteemed by this group for its cultural values.

The water trough has cultural significance as evidence of the heyday of the horse (1870-1910) during the colonial era and the way of life that preceded the motorised vehicle transport of the 20th century. The trough provides one example of the necessity of providing for horses' need for water, as well as food and stabling, at key junctions on regular transport routes.

ARCHITECTURAL AND AESTHETIC SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural and aesthetic values that demonstrate or are associated with: a particular style, period or designer, design values, form, scale, colour, texture and material of the place.

The water trough has some architectural value as a utilitarian concrete structure.

TECHNOLOGICAL AND CRAFTSMANSHIP SIGNIFICANCE

Technological and craftsmanship values that demonstrate or are associated with: the nature and use of materials, finishes and/or technological or constructional methods which were innovative, or of notable quality for the period.

The water trough has some technological and craftsmanship value as a late 19th century concrete structure. The trough is a low, oval structure with the number '1892' etched on its side.

CONTEXTUAL SIGNIFICANCE

Contextual values that demonstrate or are associated with: a relationship to the environment (constructed and natural), a landscape, setting, group, precinct or streetscape; a degree of consistency in terms of type, scale, form, materials, texture, colour, style and/or detail; recognised landmarks and landscape which are recognised and contribute to the unique identity of the environment.

The trough has contextual significance for its location adjacent to a site that formerly contained a blacksmith, post office and telephone office and for its location on the road that was a major route between Akaroa, Little River, Lyttelton and Christchurch. The setting of the water trough consists of a small part of the road reserve on which it stands, within the triangular parcel that is bounded by Gebbies Pass Road, Park Hill Road and the Christchurch Akaroa Road. Behind the trough, on its eastern side, is a post and rail fence that marks the boundary of the adjacent café and residential property.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC SIGNIFICANCE

Archaeological or scientific values that demonstrate or are associated with: the potential to provide information through physical or scientific evidence an understanding about social historical, cultural, spiritual, technological or other values of past events, activities, structures or people.

The water trough and its setting are of archaeological significance because have the ability to provide archaeological evidence relating to past human activity on the site, including that which occurred prior to 1900.

ASSESSMENT STATEMENT

The water trough has overall significance to Banks Peninsula and Christchurch. It has historical and social significance for its erection by the Little River Road Board in 1892 to water animals used in transportation in the late 19th century. The water trough has cultural significance for its association with a former way of life, one that preceded the widespread use of motor vehicles. It has contextual significance for its location at a historic service centre on the road that was a major route between Akaroa, Little River, Lyttelton and Christchurch.

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REFERENCES:

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