

DARUG CUSTODIAN ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

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Attention: EMM

Date:27072020

Subject: Mamre Road Precinct

Dear Pamela

Our group is a non- profit organisation that has been active for over forty years in Western Sydney, we are a Darug community group with over three hundred members. The main aim in our constitution is the care of Darug sites, places, wildlife and to promote our culture and provide education on the Darug history.

Our group promotes Darug Culture and works on numerous projects that are culturally based as a proud and diverse group. It has been discussed by our group and with many consultants and researches that our history is generic and is usually from an early colonists perspective or solely based on archaeology and sites. These histories are adequate but they lack the people's stories and parts of important events and connections of the Darug people and also other Aboriginal people that now call this area home and have done so for numerous generations.

This area is significant to the Darug people due to the evidence of continued occupation, within close proximity to this project site there is a complex of significant sites.

Landscapes and landforms are significant to us for the information that they hold and the connection to Darug people. Aboriginal people (Darug) had a complex lifestyle that was based on respect and belonging to the land, all aspects of life and survival did not impact on

the land but helped to care for and conserve land and the sustenance that the land provided. As Darug people moved through the land there were no impacts left, although there was evidence of movement and lifestyle, the people moved through areas with knowledge of their areas

and followed signs that were left in the landscape. Darug people knew which areas were not to be entered and respected the areas that were sacred.

Knowledge of culture, lifestyle and lore have been part of Darug people's lives for thousands of years, this was passed down to the next generations and this started with birth and continued for a lifetime. Darug people spent a lifetime learning and as people grew older they passed through stages of knowledge, elders became elders with the learning of stages of knowledge not by their age, being an elder is part of the kinship system this was a very complicated system based on respect.

Darug sites are all connected, our country has a complex of sites that hold our heritage and past history, evidence of the Darug lifestyle and occupation are all across our country, due to the rapid development of Sydney many of our sites have been destroyed, our sites are thousands of years old and within the short period of time that Australia has been developed pre contact our sites have disappeared.

The Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents Section 4.1.8 refers to "Aboriginal organisations representing Aboriginal people who hold cultural knowledge". Recent consultation meetings have revealed that many of these Aboriginal organisations and individuals do not hold cultural knowledge of the Western Sydney area. The increasing involvement of such parties in cultural heritage management means that genuine local Aboriginal organisations are unable to properly care for our cultural heritage.

Many Aboriginal organisations listed in the OEH response letter do not contribute to the Aboriginal community of Western Sydney. Individuals listed in the OEH response letter do not represent the community and while they may be consulted with, should not be employed for their own personal financial benefit.

Our organisation is committed to providing benefits back to our local Aboriginal community through such measures as funding the local Aboriginal juniors' touch football team, painting classes for the local children and donating money to various charities. Employment in cultural heritage activities is source of income that organisations such as ours can use to contribute to beneficial activities and support within the community.

Darug custodian Aboriginal Corporation's site officers have knowledge of Darug land, Darug Culture, Oral histories, landforms, sites, Darug history, wildlife, flora and legislative requirements. We have worked with consultants and developers for many years in Western

Sydney (Darug Land) for conservation, site works, developments and interpretation/education strategie

Darug Custodian Aboriginal Corporation have received and reviewed the report for Mamre Road Precinct.

We support the recommendations set out in this report.

Please contact us with all further enquiries on the above contacts.

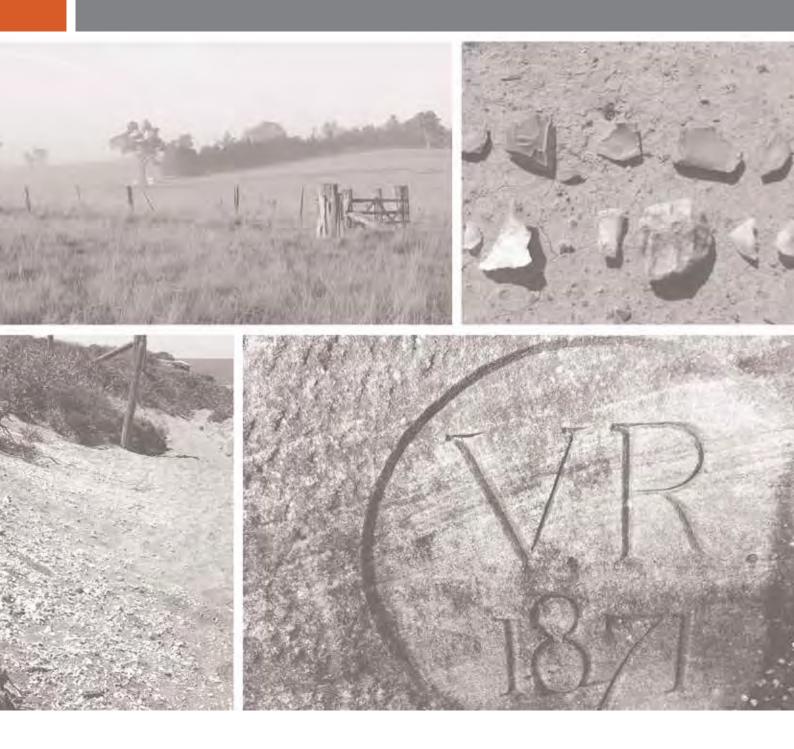
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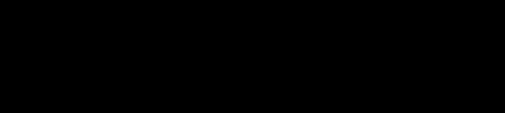
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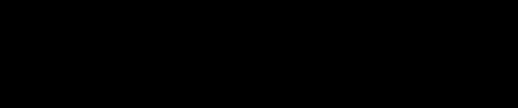
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Appendix B

AHIMS and Site Cards (redacted)





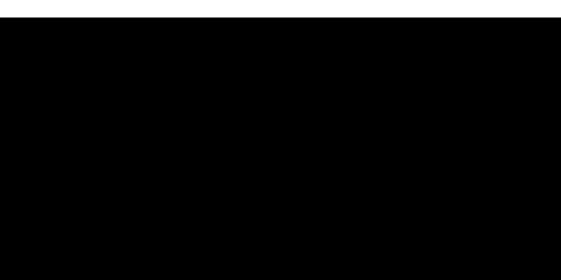


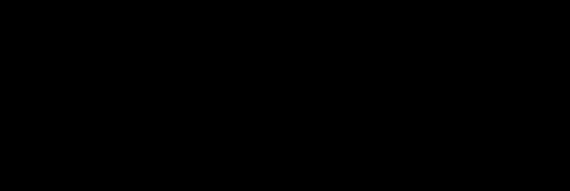
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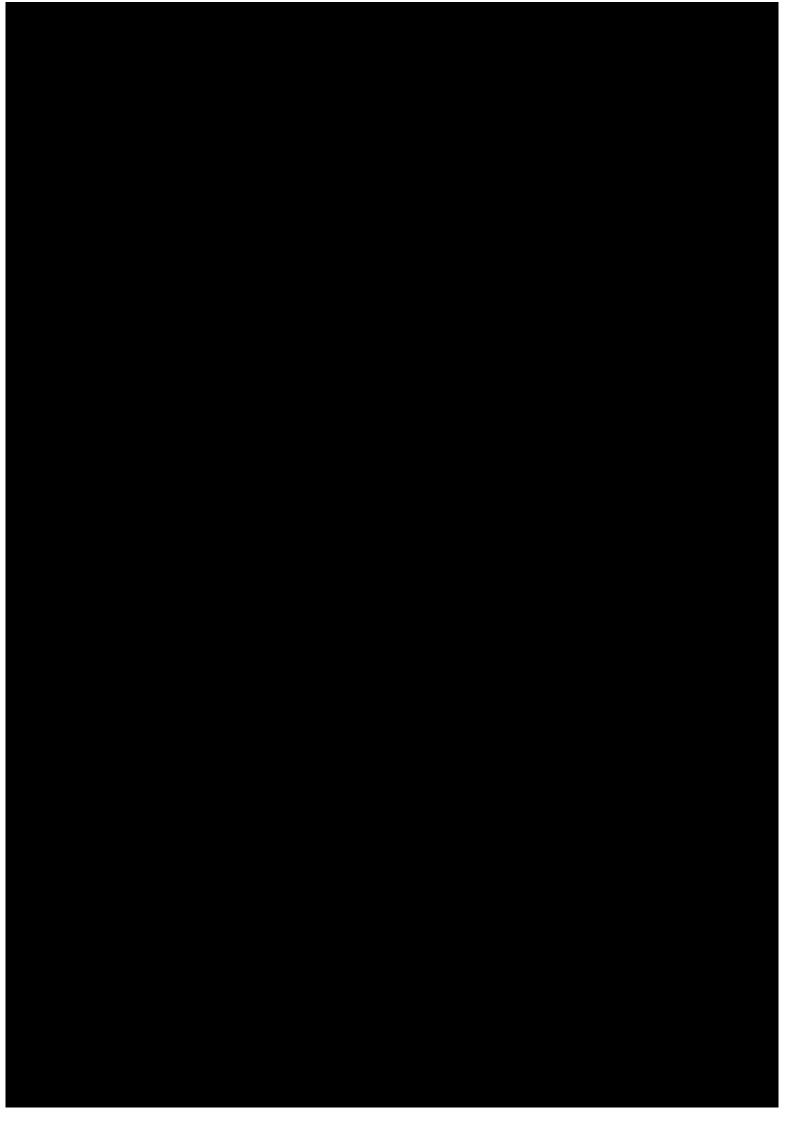
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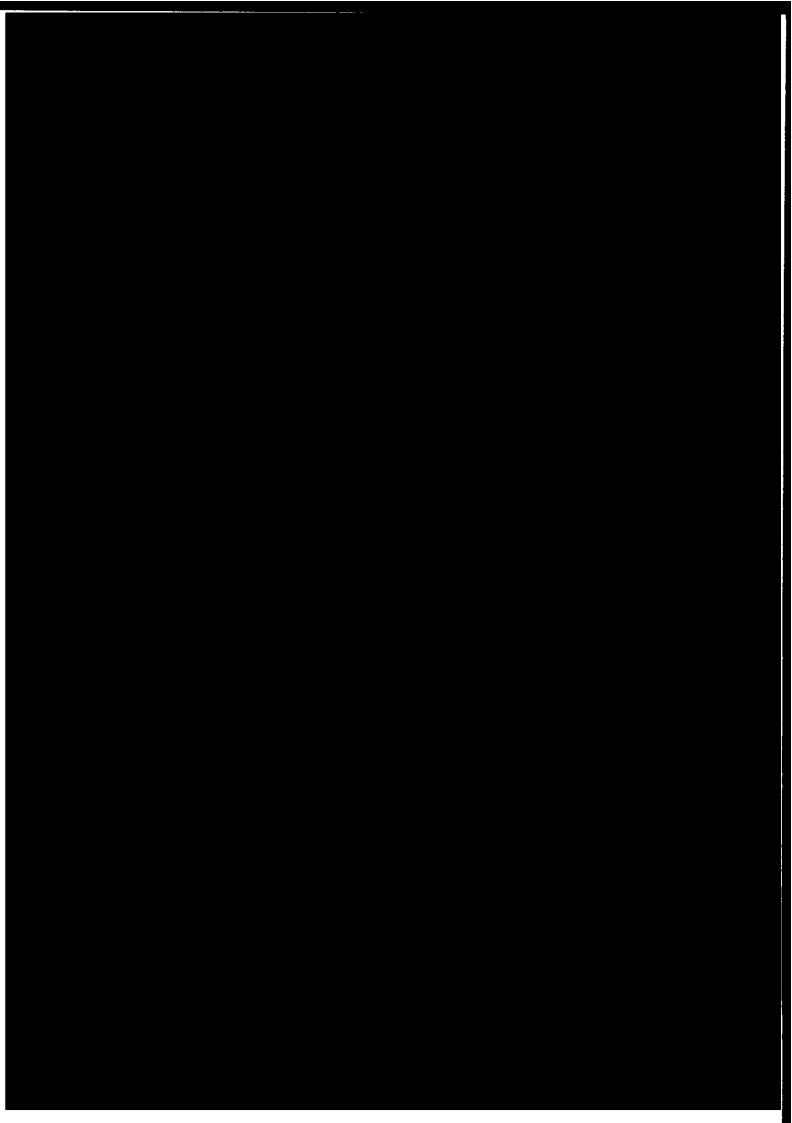
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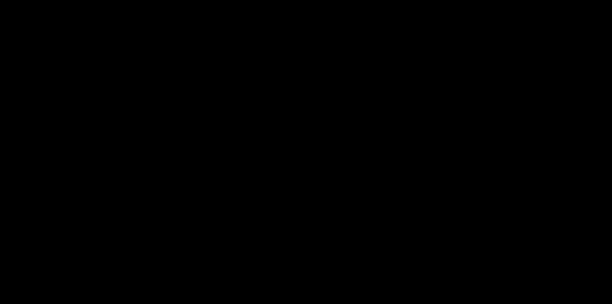
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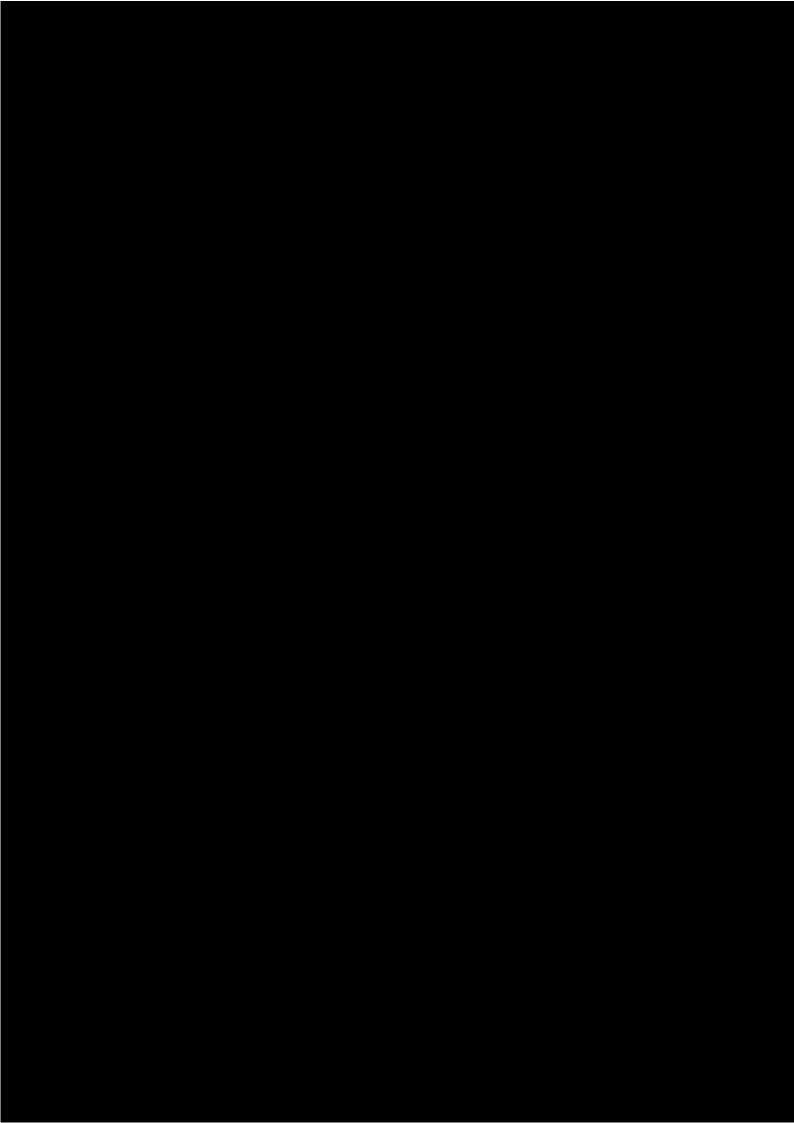
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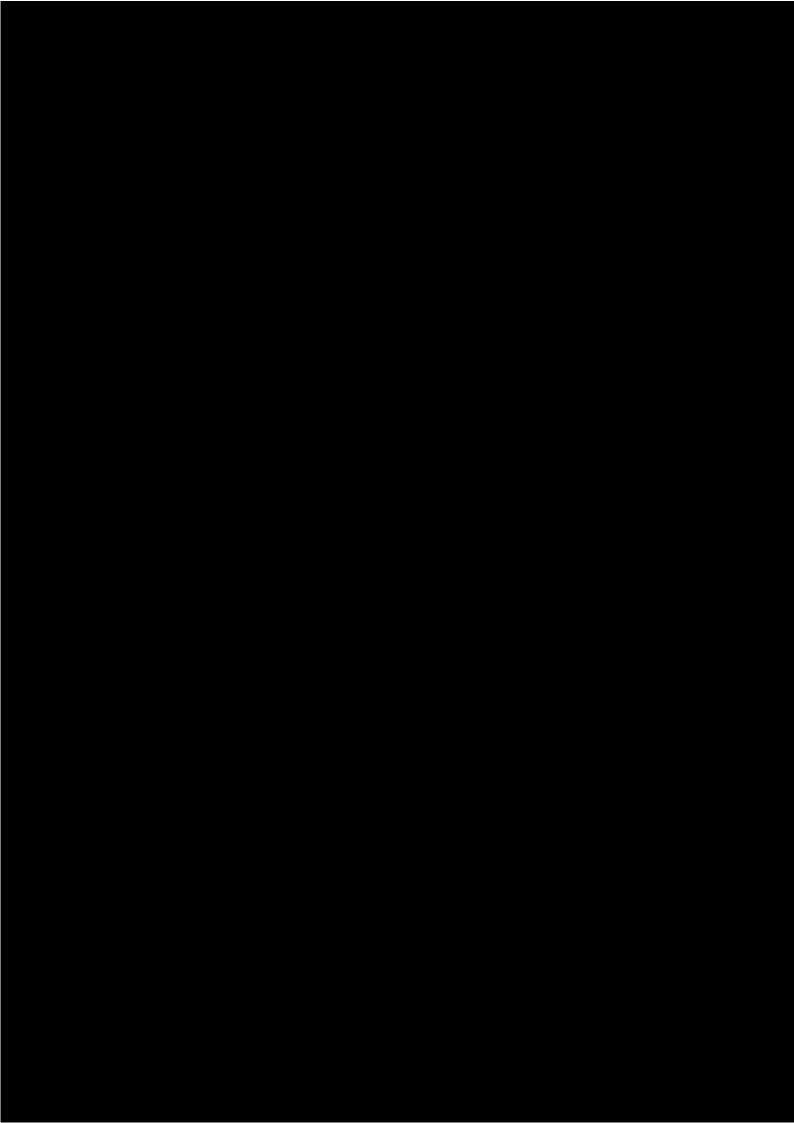
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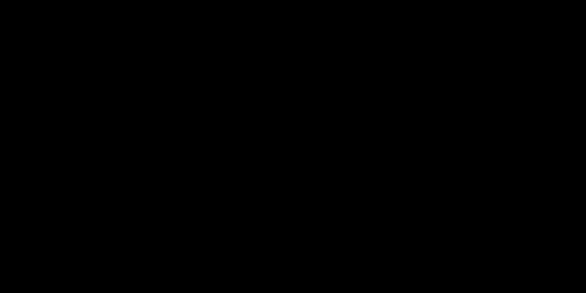
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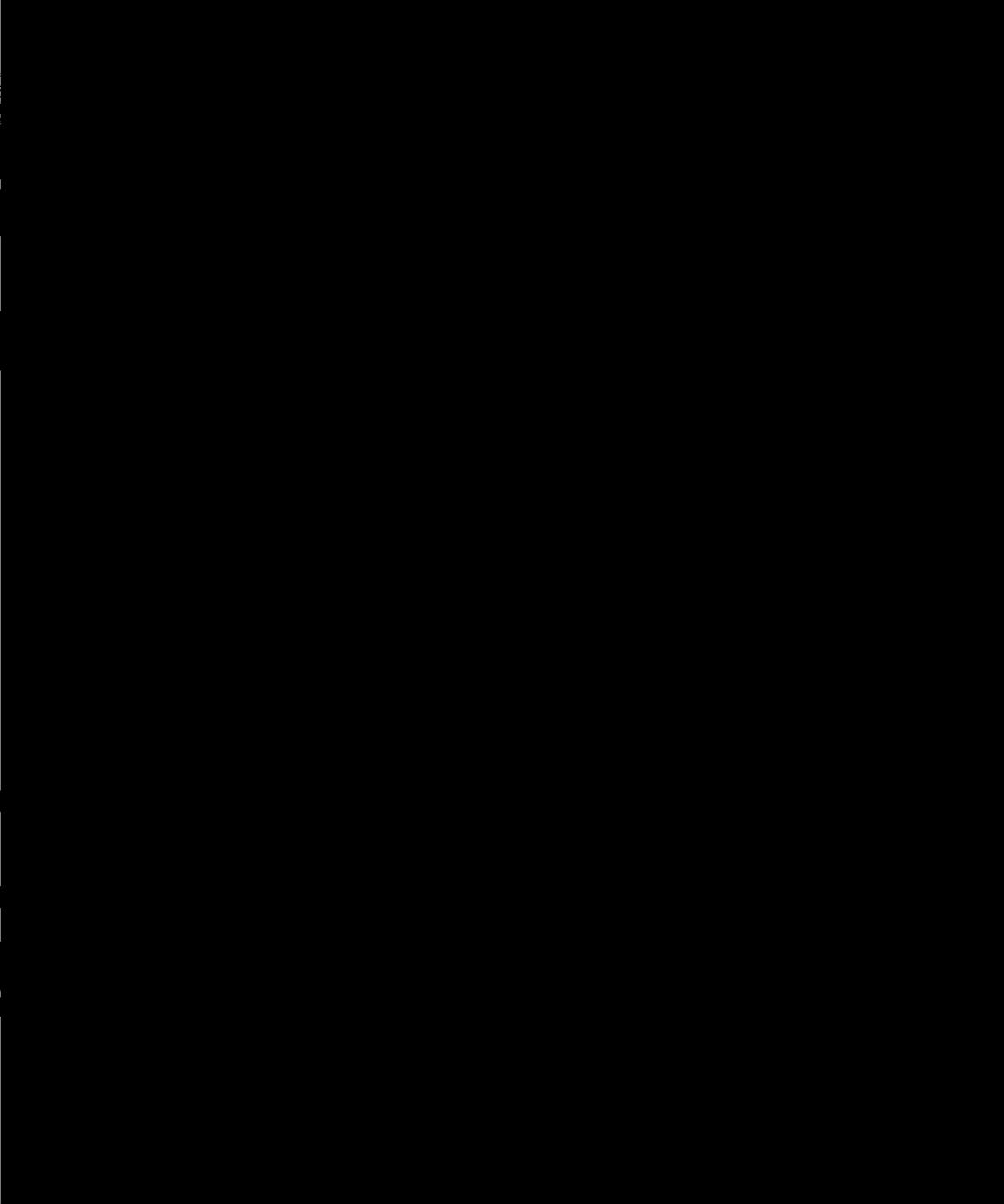






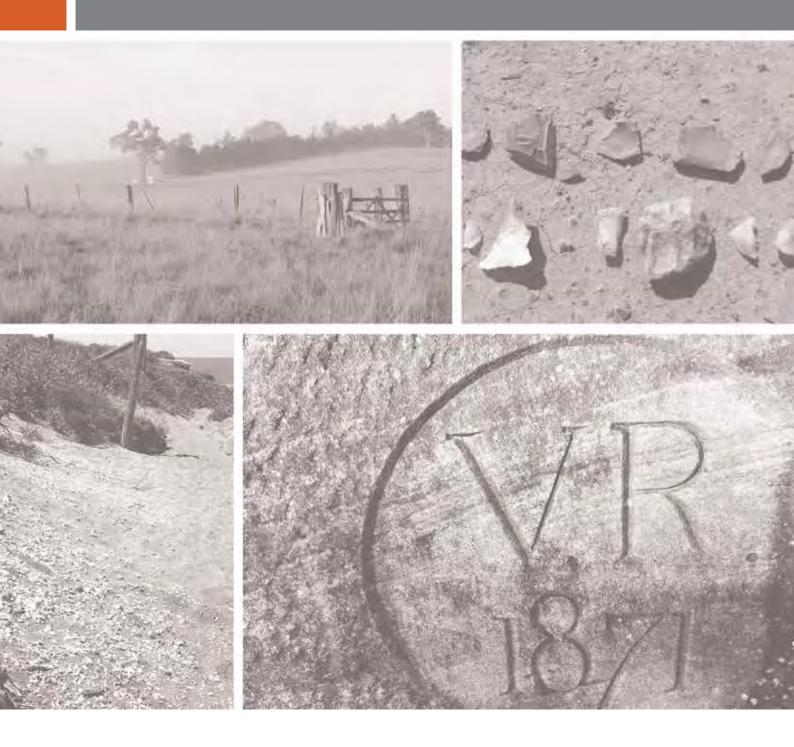






Appendix C

Field investigation photographs



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Plate C.1 North end of study area, view south east from the ridgeline across the floodplain towards South Creek (Lot 1 DP104958)



Plate C.2Ridgeline in northern part of the study area. Location of #45-5-4105 and looking towards #45-
5-3036. Dense grass coverage and limited surface exposure. View south east



Plate C.3 View west along the ridge towards location of test excavation in 2005 (Navin Officer) (1/DP104958)



Plate C.4 Location of #45-5-4102. View north (1 DP104958)



Plate C.5 Ridge in southern part of study area. View west from the ridge towards Kemps Creek (1/DP250002)



Plate C.6 Indicative soil depth on the upper slopes of the ridge (1/DP250002)



Plate C.7 South Creek in north west of study area, proposed for zoning as recreational use. View south (Lot 1DP1018318)



Plate C.8 Boggy floodplain beside South Creek in north west of study area. View east (Lot 1DP1018318)



Plate C.9 Confluence of South Creek (left) and Kemps Creek (right). View north (26/DP258414)



Plate C.10 Levee bank on the west side of South Creek and remnant piles of introduced fill. View south east (27/258414)



Plate C.11 View across South Creek to the south west. AHIMS sites #45-5-2550 and #45-6-1779 are located on the west bank beside the golf course (26/DP258414)



Plate C.12 Kemps Creek, fast flowing following a weekend of heavy rain. View south west (27/DP258414)



Plate C.13 Area of high disturbance from market gardening beside Kemps Creek. View south (39/258414)



Plate C.14 Narrow riparian corridor of Casuarinas beside Kemps Creek. View west (39/258414)



Plate C.15 Location of newly identified site MRP_OS1 on a track exposure west of Tadpole Dam in Kemps Creek. View south-west







Plate C.17 Ropes Creek, densely vegetated and overgrown with weeds. View south-west (44/DP708347)



Plate C.18 Location of newly identified site MRP_OS2 beside a tributary to Ropes Creek in north-east of the study area. View north



Plate C.19 Artefact. MRP_OSR2

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