Horse Trough

Khandallah Road

Image: Googlemaps 2013

Summary of heritage significance

- The Khandallah Road Horse Trough is a simple and utilitarian structure that was designed to fulfil a specific purpose. It is in no way elaborately designed, but does possess a simple elegance.
- It is difficult to establish the level of importance that the Khandallah Road Horse Trough holds as there is so little information associated with it (that could be discovered at the time of writing). If it is associated with the Old Porirua Road, the stockades, and the development of links between Wellington and smaller centres, it is of local importance.

District Plan:	Map 21, reference 29
-Legal Description:	Unknown – Road Reserve
Heritage Area:	-
HPT Listed:	-
Archaeological Site:	
Other Names:	
Key physical dates:	Unknown
Architect / Builder:	Unknown
Former uses:	Transport – Horse trough
Current uses:	Transport – Horse trough
Earthquake Prone Status:	Unknown at time of writing

Extent: Cityview GIS 2013

1.0   Outline History

1.1 History

There is little known about the history of the Khandallah Road Horse Trough, and little information exists detailing its date of construction or its period of use.

It seems likely that it was constructed during the time in which the Old Porirua Road was in use. The Porirua Road developed out of a private road created by Captain Daniell to his farm in Ngaio in 1843. The area was cleared and the Porirua Road was completed by1846. The road supported several stockades and became a popular road in and out of the suburb.[1] The Old Porirua Road was one of the most significant activities in the area, linking Wellington with the small settlements of Porirua and Paremata. The Porirua Road largely superceded the Kaiwharawhara Bridle Track, which had previously been the major route out of Wellington.

The horse trough appears to be simply constructed in concrete and designed to be functional.

1.2 Timeline of modifications (original plans cannot be accessed)

Time of construction is unknown.
No known modifications.

1.3 Ownership history

Not Assessed

1.4 Occupation history

Not Assessed

1.5 Architect

Unknown

2.0   Physical description

2.1 Architecture

The Khandallah Road Horse Trough is a simple and utilitarian structure. It is constructed in concrete.

2.2 Materials

- Concrete

2.3 Setting

The Khandallah Road Horse Trough is situated on a flat grassy area parallel to the Khandallah Road in front of a backdrop of mature bush. It is behind a wooden fence that may be contemporaneous with it.

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[1] 'Other Projects', *Tawa Historical Society Newsletter #6* 6th December 2002, accessed 16 December 2013, http://tawalink.com/ths_newsletter_1202.html

3.0   Sources

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4.0   Criteria for assessing cultural heritage significance

Cultural heritage values

Aesthetic Value:
Architectural: *Does the item have architectural or artistic value for characteristics that may include its design, style, era, form, scale, materials, colour, texture, patina of age, quality of space, craftsmanship, smells, and sounds?*

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Townscape: *Does the item have townscape value for the part it plays in defining a space or street; providing visual interest; its role as a landmark; or the contribution it makes to the character and sense of place of Wellington?*

The Khandallah Road Horse Trough has some townscape value as it is visible from Khandallah Road and adds historic character to the area.

Group: *Is the item part of a group of buildings, structures, or sites that taken together have coherence because of their age, history, style, scale, materials, or use?*

Historic Value:
Association: *Is the item associated with an important person, group, or organisation?*

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Scientific Value:
Archaeological: *Does the item have archaeological value for its ability to provide scientific information about past human activity?*

Educational: *Does the item have educational value for what it can demonstrate about aspects of the past?*

Technological: *Does the item have technological value for its innovative or important construction methods or use of materials?*

Social Value:
Public esteem: *Is the item held in high public esteem?*

Symbolic, commemorative, traditional, spiritual: *Does the item have symbolic, commemorative, traditional, spiritual or other cultural value for the community who has used and continues to use it?*

Identity/Sense of place/Continuity:
Is the item a focus of community, regional, or national identity?
Does the item contribute to sense of place or continuity?

Sentiment/Connection: *Is the item a focus of community sentiment and connection?*

Level of cultural heritage significance
Rare: *Is the item rare, unique, unusual, seminal, influential, or outstanding?*

Representative: *Is the item a good example of the class it represents?*

The Khandallah Road Horse Trough is a good representative of a utilitarian concrete horse trough. If it is associated with the Old Porirua Road it is representative of the time in which horses were the primary transportation option and when these types of public amenities were common.

Authentic: *Does the item have authenticity or integrity because it retains significant fabric from the time of its construction or from later periods when important additions or modifications were carried out?*

It appears that the Khandallah Road Horse Trough has had no alterations or modifications, meaning that it has a high level or authenticity.

Local/Regional/National/International
Is the item important for any of the above characteristics at a local, regional, national, or international level?

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5.0   Appendix

Research checklist (desktop)

Source	Y/N	Comments
1995 Heritage Inventory		
2001 Non-Residential heritage Inventory		
WCC Records – building file		
WCC Records – grant files (earthquake strengthening, enhancement of heritage values)		
Research notes from 2001 Non-Residential heritage Inventory		
Plan change?		
Heritage Area Report		
Heritage Area Spreadsheet		
Heritage items folder (electronic)		
HPT website		
HPT files		
Conservation Plan		
Searched Heritage Library (CAB 2)		

Background research

Insert any relevant background information into this section. This may include:
- *Additional plans, such as those for alterations*
- *Chunks of text from other sources such as Cyclopedia of NZ, Papers Past*
- *Additional images*