

Item name: Jelderado**Location:** Dungog**Address:****Planning:** Hunter & Central Coast**Suburb/nearest town:** Dusodie 2420**Local govt area:** Dungog**Parish:****State:** NSW**County:****Other/former names:****Area/group/complex:****Group ID:****Aboriginal area:****Curtilage/boundary:****Item type:** Complex / Group**Group:** Farming and Grazing**Category:** Homestead Complex**Owner:** Private - Individual**Admin codes:****Code 2:****Code 3:****Current use:****Former uses:****Assessed significance:** Local**Endorsed significance:**

Statement of significance: Jelderado has been is continuous use and occupation by the Shelton family since 1866. Grafton Shelton with his wife Rhonda who currently own and farm the property are the fourth generation to occupy this land. The property records the use of the land for farming from 1866 with the purchase of the land by George Shelton, Grafton Shelton's great grandfather. The potential remnants of the original house and the blacksmith's shop are a record of the earlier occupation of the site by George Shelton. The existing homestead c1912 and hayshed and later outbuildings record the use of the site by Joseph Shelton and Grafton and Rhonda Shelton. The outbuildings also record the different uses of the land during the course of the history of Jelderado for grazing of beef and dairy cattle and other farming practices.

The homestead is a vernacular building with verandahs and elements of the Federation style including an asymmetrically placed gable, projecting gable and small coloured glass panes in the windows. The garden provides a setting for the homestead that includes mature plants and trees and the siting of the house on a hill adds to its aesthetic value and prominence when viewed from Chichester Dam Road.

Historical notes of provenance: Jelderado is owned and farmed by Grafton and Rhonda Shelton and has been in the ownership of the same family since 1866. Grafton's great great grandfather, Thomas Shelton purchased land to the south of Jelderado in 1860, which was a part of Archibald Mossman's land grant. In 1866 George Shelton, an older son of Thomas's, bought adjoining land from a landowner called Carlton. George then sold this land to his brother John Shelton for 960 pounds. John at an unknown date sold to his son, Joseph Shelton for the same amount.

Joseph (Grafton's grandfather) built the existing house in 1912. The earlier house located to the south of the existing house was demolished during Joesph's tenure and the materials reused in the existing hayshed. The house was built by builders, Herb and Deards and the timber supplied from the local Shelton and Lea's sawmill. Joseph's family included his wife Emily and children, Leslie, David, Eric, Ronald, Amos, Dulcie and Olga.

During its history the property has been used to graze dairy cows and beef cattle and farming has included corn and lucerne. In the 1960s a flood had devastating consequences with the removal of a large amount of top soil and the loss of a mature cedar tree. The garden includes mature trees and plants and was developed by Grafton's mother.

During the construction of the Chichester Dam, Grafton's grandfather operated a shop from which he sold meat and milk to the workmen and their families. During Joseph's time there was a blacksmith's shop for use on the property, dairy and a hayshed of which the blacksmiths and hayshed are existing.

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Themes: **National theme**
4. Settlement
3. Economy
9. Phases of Life

State theme
Land tenure
Agriculture
Persons

Local theme

Designer:

Builder: Herb and Deards

Year started: 1912

Year completed: 1912

Circa: No

Physical description: The homestead is a timber framed building (balloon frame) on brick piers with lapped timber cladding and zincalume clad roof. It includes a projecting gable with ornate barge and finial in timber and a decorative window with coloured panes and metal window hood.
The later outbuildings in proximity to the house are timber framed and clad with metal sheet.
The outbuildings located near the entrance to the property on Chichester Dam Road include a hayshed and smaller building originally used as a lacksmiths shop for the property. The hayshed is built with machined timbers and clad with corrugated galvanised iron sheets. The smaller shed, blacksmith's shop is constructed with bush timbers and clad with split slabs with a galvanised iron roof.

Physical condition level:

Physical condition: The homestead, outbuildings and garden in the immediate vicinity of the house are well maintained. Earlier outbuildings to east in proximity to Chichester Dam Road require maintenance.

Archaeological potential level:

Archaeological potential Detail:

Modification dates: Verandah extended (originaly 6') and concave verandah replaced with new skillion roof and galvanised iron roof replaced with zincalume. Stumps replaced with new brick piers.
Original homestead demolished at unknown date during Joseph Shelton's tenure.

Recommended management:

Management: **Management category** **Management name**

Further comments:

Criteria a): The property has been in continuous use and occupation by the Shelton family since 1866 and has been owned and farmed by this family for four generations.
[Historical significance]

The property records the use of the land for farming from 1866 with the purchase of the land by George Shelton (Grafton Shelton's great grandfather) in that year. The potential remnants of the original house and dairy, the hayshed and blacksmith's shop are a record of the earlier occupation of the site by George Shelton. These outbuildings also record the uses of the land for grazing of beef and dairy cattle and other farming practices.

The existing homestead c1912 and outbuildings record the later use of the site by Joseph Shelton and Grafton and Rhonda Shelton.

Criteria b): The property is an important local record in its association with the Shelton family for four generations since 1866.
[Historical association significance]

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Criteria c): The homestead is a vernacular building with elements of the Federation style including an asymmetrical gable and verandahs to all elevations (verandahs to some elevations are likely to be additions). The projecting gable and small coloured glass panes to windows are elements of the Federation style.
[Aesthetic/ Technical significance] The garden provides a setting for the homestead that includes mature plants and trees. The siting of the house on a hill adds to its aesthetic value and prominence when viewed from Chichester Dam Road.

The blacksmith's shop in proximity to Chichester Dam Road is built in bush timber construction and clad with split slabs.

Criteria d):
[Social/Cultural significance]

Criteria e): The remnant outbuildings may have potential for further research. In particular the blacksmith's shop.
[Research significance]

Criteria f): The blacksmith's shop built in bush timber construction and clad with split slabs is a building type that is becoming increasingly rare.
[Rarity]

Criteria g): The homestead is a representative example of a rural homestead of the early 1900s. It is a vernacular building with elements of the Federation style.
[Representative]

Intactness/Integrity: The homestead has been altered though the earlier form is evident. Some earlier outbuildings are extant.

References:	Author	Title	Year
	Rhonda and Grafton Shelton		2012

Studies:	Author	Title	Number	Year
	Perumal, Wrathall & Mur	Dungog Heritage Study	R20	1986
	Carste Studio	Dungog Heritage Study Review	3	2013

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AMG zone: **Easting:** **Northing:**

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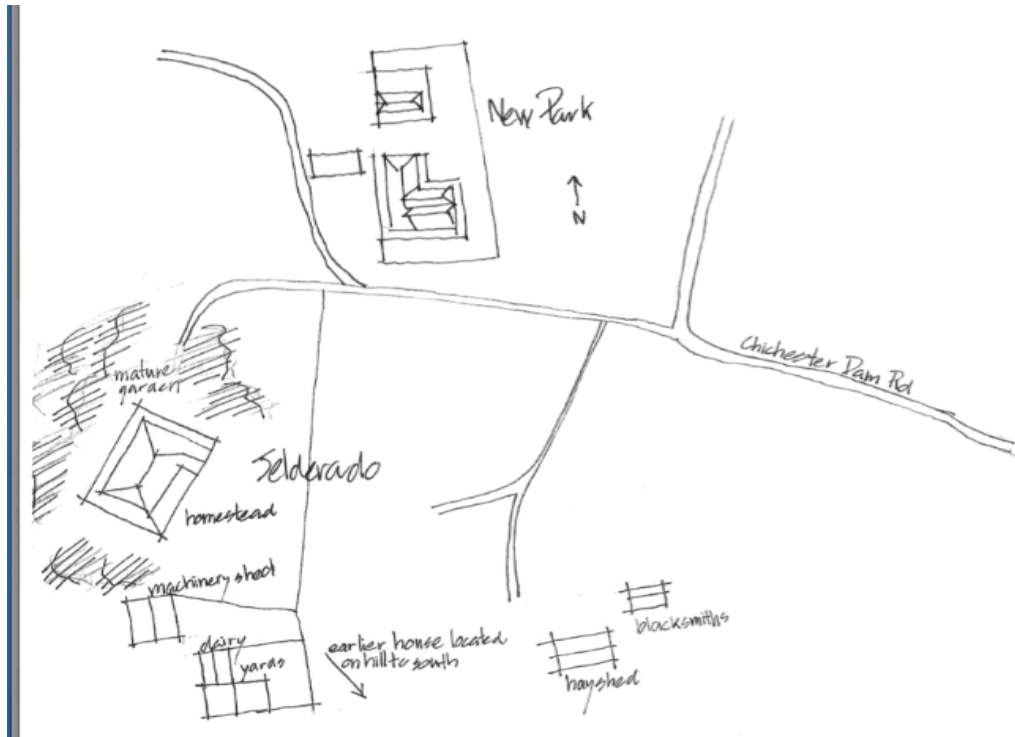
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