

Item name: Bacon's Cordial Factory**Location:** 62 Mackay Street Dungog 2420

Dungog

Address: 62 Mackay Street**Planning:** Hunter & Central Coast**Suburb/nearest town:** Dungog 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:****Category:****Owner:****Admin codes:****Code 2:****Code 3:****Current use:** Disused**Former uses:** Cordial manufacture**Assessed significance:** Local**Endorsed significance:**

Statement of significance: There were only a few working cordial factories at any given time in the history of Dungog. The study site represents the transferable nature of some small local industries as it is an example of the purchase and relocation of an older business that was originally conducted on nearby Fosterton Road. As such it also demonstrates the local historical continuity of the cordial industry in Dungog by showing the translation of the activity from one site to another. The structure on the study site is possibly from the 1930s or 1940s and is representative of purpose built small industrial factories, although not specifically representative of cordial factories. Despite that, the structure and the site are in good condition for their age and have not been impacted by modern redevelopment. As such the site is thought to retain historical and archaeological integrity which increases its usefulness and significance as a local resource.

Historical notes of provenance: Construction date possibly c. 1930s-1940s.

Royal Charles Bacon (1901-1963) is first recorded as a confectioner at Mackey Street, Dungog during WWII. By 1949 the business is described as a cordial factory and his son Roy Thomas Bacon was cordial maker at that time. The Bacon factory was on leased land.

Another son, Henry John Bacon was also involved in the business. The Bacon family in Dungog were also in the butchering trade in Mackay Street. The timing of the Bacon's entry into the trade indicates that he purchased the business of Bradbury, or filled the void left by the closure of this plant in Fosterton Road c. 1943.

R.C. Bacon also ran a plant or depot at Gloucester between c. 1953 and 1958.

The Dungog factory still stands at 62 Mackay Street, Section 36, part Lot 8. The timber factory (not inspected for this study), has boarded-up windows and the remnant of a loading dock on the Simmonds lane side.

Aerated water bottles used by the company are labelled in the style:

"Bacon, R. & Sons/Dungog" embossed, and "Bacon's/Dungog & Gloucester" (Ceramic label).

Themes: National theme

State theme

Local theme

3. Economy

Industry

Designer:**Builder:****Year started:****Year completed:****Circa:** No

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Physical description: Extant on the study site is a single storey timber structure with brick and cement render foundations and a corrugated iron pitched roof, formerly used as Bacon's Cordial Factory. The structure is disused and windows have been boarded up. The collapsing remnants of an earthen ramp loading dock with timber reinforcements are also present on the western face of the structure.

Physical condition level:

Physical condition: Although disused the building is in fair condition. The external cladding is intact and the building has retained its structural integrity. The yard space of the property is the most likely to contain intact archaeological potential as it does not appear to be impacted by any post-cordial factory developments.

Archaeological potential level:

Archaeological potential Detail:

Modification dates:

Recommended management: The study site is considered locally significant due to its historical importance as a remnant of local 20th century cordial manufacture, good material condition, survival rarity and archaeological potential. Therefore it is recommended that an archaeological assessment of the site be conducted prior to the approval of any further development or impact to the current ground surface.

Management:	Management category	Management name
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Further comments:

Criteria a): The study site is considered locally significant according to this criterion. There were only a few working cordial factories at any given time in the history of Dungog. The study site represents a particular economic feature of small industries in Dungog as it is an example of the purchase and relocation of an older business that was originally conducted on nearby Fosterton Road. The study site demonstrates the local historical continuity of the cordial industry in Dungog by showing the translation of activity from one site to another.

Criteria b):
[Historical association significance]

Criteria c):
[Aesthetic/ Technical significance]

Criteria d):
[Social/Cultural significance]

Criteria e): The study site is considered locally significant according to this criterion. The study site is thought to have a high potential for intact archaeological remains and could be a useful material resource for understanding historical local manufacture in Dungog.

Criteria f): The study site is considered locally significant according to this criterion. Firstly because the site as an archaeological resource appears to be in good condition and secondly because the mostly intact survival of such a site is rare in the local area.

Criteria g): The study site is considered locally significant according to this criterion. The structure is possibly from the 1930s or 1940s and is representative of purpose built small industrial factories. Although possibly not representative of standard cordial factories as it is missing the standard elevated area called a syrup room that gravity fed the manufacturing process. The site may have had one though it is no longer extant.

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Intactness/Integrity: The study site is considered locally significant according to this criterion. The study site and the extant structure appear to be in good condition with no modern redevelopments to impact potential archaeology. As such the site is thought to retain its historical integrity which increases its usefulness as an archaeological resource.

References:	Author	Title	Year
	Carney, Martin	NSW Cordial Factories	2011
	Land Title	Volume 5347 Folder 60, Volume 1029 Folder 95	
	Directory	Universal Business Directory, 1953-1973	

Studies:	Author	Title	Number	Year
	Carste Studio	Dungog Heritage Study Review		2013

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