

**NAME:** Former Well, 3 Park Drive, MCLAREN VALE

**PLACE NO.:** Local, HID 5227

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**CURRENT USE:** Commercial premises

**FORMER USE:** Former well

**DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION:** c.1844

**LOCATION:** 3 Park Drive, MCLAREN VALE

**LAND DESCRIPTION:** CTs 6191/445, Section 798, Hundred of Willunga

**OWNER:**

**REGISTER STATUS:** Local, HID 5227



3 Park Drive, McLaren Vale (GGA, 2021)

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**DESCRIPTION:**

The well at 3 Park Drive, McLaren Vale was most recently described by 2007 McLaren Vale Township Local Heritage Register Survey. The 2007 Survey identified that the c.1844 well was reconstructed with recent bricks to the rim above ground level with a later canopy roof. The 2007 Survey noted that the inner walls below ground level likely retained their original bricks.

Following a site inspection, it is evident that the well rim and canopy roof have been removed since 2007, any original fabric relating to the well shaft appears to have been filled in and covered.

It is recommended that the former well at 3 Park Drive, McLaren Vale be delisted as a Local Heritage place.

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**STATEMENT OF HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:**

Not applicable

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**RELEVANT CRITERIA (As defined in Section 67(1) of the PDI Act 2016):**

An assessment of the heritage values of the former well at 3 Park Drive, McLaren Vale has been undertaken according to the Local Heritage criteria of Section 23 of the *Development Act 1993*. The heritage value of the place has **not** been identified with any criteria, as such delisting as a Local Heritage place has been recommended.

*a) it displays historical, economic or social themes that are of importance to the local area;*

The removal of the former well has disassociated any historical, economic or social significance relating to the physical fabric of this item from the site. **Criteria a) is not met.**

*b) it represents customs or ways of life that are characteristic to the local area;*

The removal of the former well has disassociated any significance relating to characteristic local customs or ways of life relating to the physical fabric of this item from the site. **Criteria b) is not met.**

*c) it has played an important part in the lives of local residents;*

The removal of the former well has disassociated any historical or social significance relating to the physical fabric of this item from the site. **Criteria c) is not met.**

*d) it displays aesthetic merit, design characteristics or construction techniques of significance to the local area;*

The demolition of the former well has removed all physical fabric associated with this heritage item from the site. **Criteria d) is not met.**

*e) it is associated with a notable local personality or event;*

Following the removal of the physical fabric of the well from the site after 2007, no physical fabric remains that might be associated with any notable local personality or event. **Criteria e) is not met.**

*f) it is a notable landmark in the area;*

The former well has been removed and no physical fabric remains on site. **Criteria f) is not met.**

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### RELEVANT HISTORIC THEMES (Historic Themes for South Australia):

Not applicable

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### BRIEF HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

The 1985 Fleurieu Peninsula Heritage Survey noted the presence of an early well located on the site of 3 Park Drive, McLaren Vale. This well was described as 12 metres in depth and constructed of bricks likely made on the site. Dated to 1844, the well described as constructed by a Frederick Scott of 'Brownson'; Scott reputedly had temporary hut and 'brick fields' on the site at this time. The 1985 heritage survey found Local heritage significance in the well at 3 Park Drive, McLaren Vale as an early documented example of a well dating from the district's earliest settlement.

The site was again assessed by the 2007 McLaren Vale Township Local Heritage Register, which identified the well as constructed within one of the township's earliest landholdings and a historic meeting site. Assessing the heritage value of the site against Local Heritage criteria (a) & (c), the 2007 Survey also provided a clear photograph indicating the well's location to the immediate west of the site's commercial premises.

City of Onkaparinga's Heritage Advisor Andrew Stevens has noted that the well was evident approximately 10 years ago (ie. 2011) close to the south-west boundary of the allotment near Kangarilla Road. As noted, the well has been removed since documentation in 2007.

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### EXTENT OF LISTING:

Not applicable

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### REFERENCES:

Department of Environment and Planning, 1985, *Fleurieu Peninsula Heritage Survey, District Council of Willunga*, Item Ref. No. 5

City of Onkaparinga, 2007, McLaren Vale Township Local Heritage Register, Place No. 192, p.54-55.

## SITE MAPPING:



Site of 3 Park Drive, McLaren Vale; former site of well shown within red rectangle (Planning SA SAPPa)

## HISTORICAL IMAGES:



c.1985 photograph of former well at 3 Park Drive, McLaren Vale (1985 Fleurieu Peninsula Survey, District of Willunga).



2007 photograph of former well at 3 Park Drive, McLaren Vale, now removed (2007 McLaren Vale Township Local Heritage Register)



2007 photograph of former well at 3 Park Drive, McLaren Vale, now removed (2007 McLaren Vale Township Local Heritage Register)