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# HERITAGE SURVEY

## ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEET

HERITAGE SURVEY REGION 5

Item Ref. No. 28

ITEM NAME: Loveday Internment Group  
Historic Site  
Former or other

Office Use  
ITEM No.  
DOCKET No.

### HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

This site includes the most extensive collection of ruins of the large Loveday Internment Group Camp. This was a large camp which was divided into four compounds each of which was designed to hold 1,000 prisoners. The first prisoners took up residence here in June 1942. By May 1943 there were 5,382 prisoners at the camp being supervised by 1,374 army personnel. The site is now derelict, with only the concrete foundations of many of the huts remaining. It is particularly significant because it is that of the major War Internee's Camp in South Australia, and is thus a rare memorial of the Second World War. The several buildings associated with the camp were auctioned soon after the war and many were spread throughout the district. Some materials were purchased for use at the Gerard Mission. Though the site is now derelict, it is of considerable archaeological interest.

This site included Compound 9, which housed internees who were Italians from the Middle East, who included an Italian Prince and his retinue. They were British Government internees.

### LOCATION

Address Thiele Pd.

Town Loveday

Postcode

Section

Hundred Loveday

County

L.G.A. Barmera

S.H.P. Region 5

A.M.G. Ref. 6929-II  
54 44980 620570

### SUBJECT

3.4

### PERIOD

State

Study Area

1941-present

### REFERENCES

Woolmer, The Barmera Story: A History of Barmera and District, pp 69-71

Lamshed, The River's Bounty: A History of Barmera and its People

United Aborigines' Mission, God Cares for the Aborigines, pp 5-6

Verbal Daniel Manning, former Aust. Army Sapper (at Archival photographs Loveday, 1942-1944)

### TYPE OF ITEM

LAND Natural feature ☐

Historical site ☒

Historical Gdn. ☐

BUILDING ☐

STRUCTURE ☐

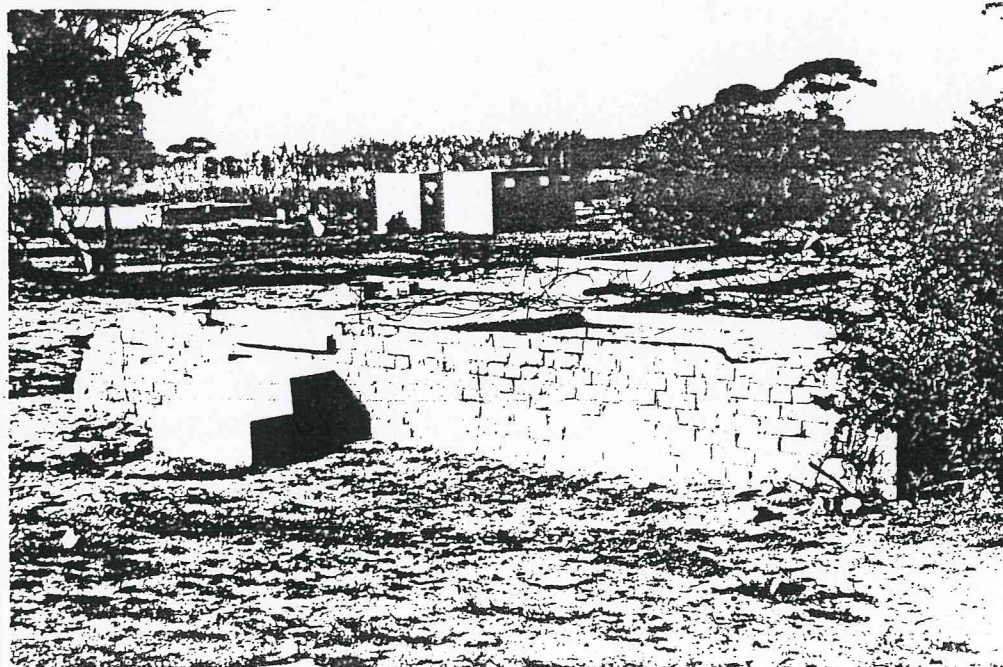
PHYSICAL CONDITION ☐

### PHOTOGRAPH

Film No. 806

Negative No. 2

Direction of view to SE



### STATUS

Reg. of State Her. Items

Reg. ☐ Interim L ☐

Nominated ☐

National Estate

Reg. ☐ Proposed L ☐

National Trust

CL ☐ RL ☐ File ☐

Other

### RECOMMENDATION

(A) State ☒ (B) Local ☐

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ITEM NAME: Loveday Hall  
Former or other Loveday Internment Group

Office Use  
ITEM No.  
DOCKET No.

### HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

This hall was built soon after June 1942 when prisoners of war occupied the main camp at Loveday. It was built as a recreation hall for the inmates of the camp. It is of particular significance because of its identification with the Loveday Internment Group Camp which was the major camp in South Australia. This is the most integral of the remains of this camp. It has been preserved intact, because it was taken over by settlers of the area for use as a community hall.

The galvanised iron structure is in largely original condition and is of very high historical significance.

The hall also acted as the General Headquarters. Adjoining the hall was No. 10 compound, which housed a mixed group of British Government internees, Germans and Italians, including Italian workers from Scottish dockyards. Many of these internees were described as a "rough lot", and there were one or two murders and some attempted escapes.

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L.G.A. Barmera  
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A.M.G. Ref. 6929-II  
54 44970 620570

### SUBJECT

3.4

### PERIOD

State

### Study Area

1941-present

### REFERENCES

Woolmer, The Barmera Story: A History of Barmera and District, pp 69-71

Verbal Daniel Manning, 1984  
Archival photographs

### TYPE OF ITEM

LAND Natural feature ☐  
Historical site ☐  
Historical Gdn. ☐

BUILDING ☒

STRUCTURE ☐

PHYSICAL CONDITION

### PHOTOGRAPH

Film No. 806 Negative No. 8

Direction of view to NW

### STATUS

Reg. of State Her. Items

Reg. ☐ Interim L. ☐

Nominated ☐

National Estate

Reg. ☐ Proposed L. ☐

National Trust

CL ☐ RL ☐ File ☐

Other

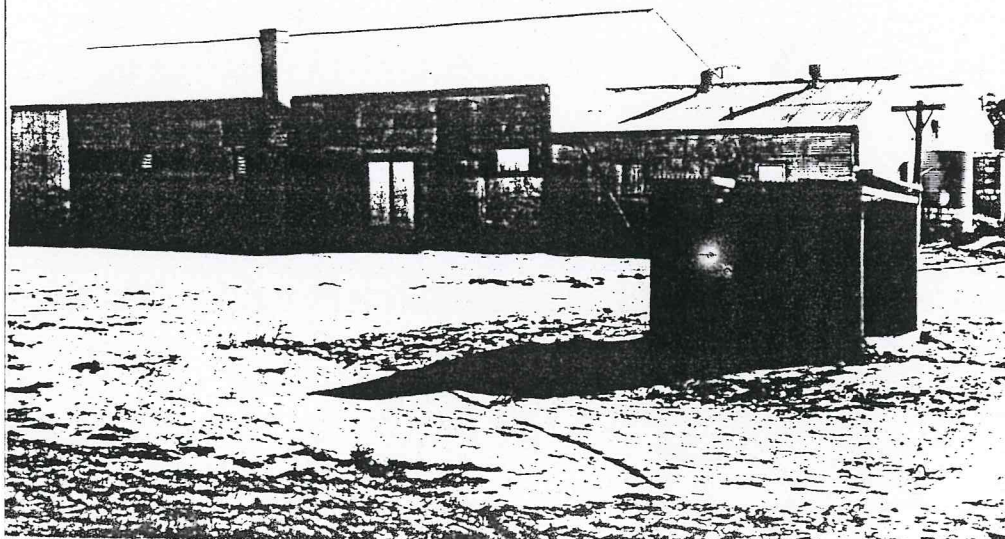
### RECOMMENDATION

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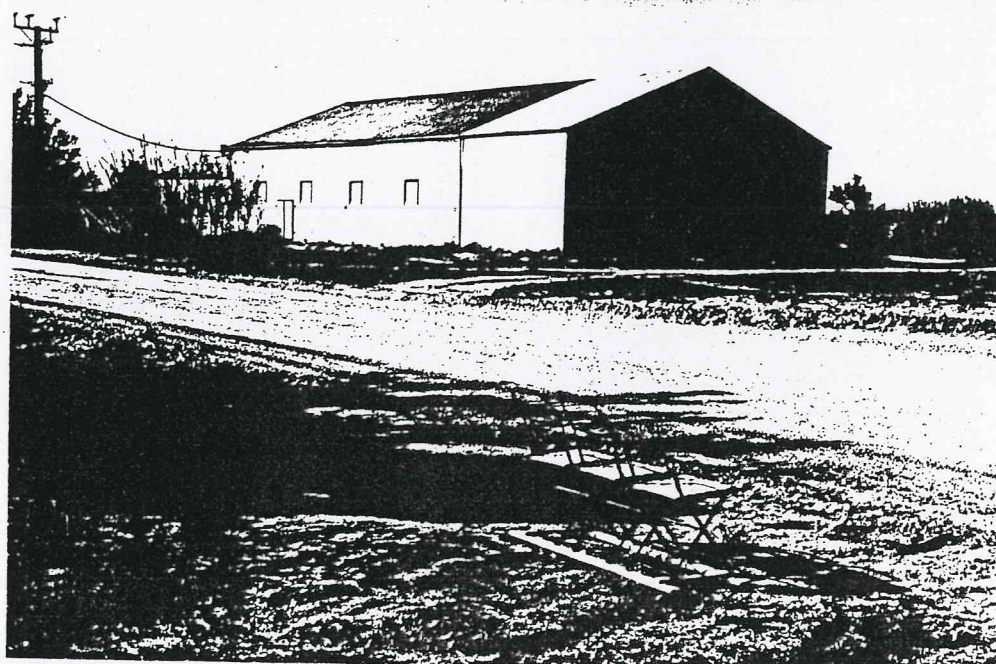
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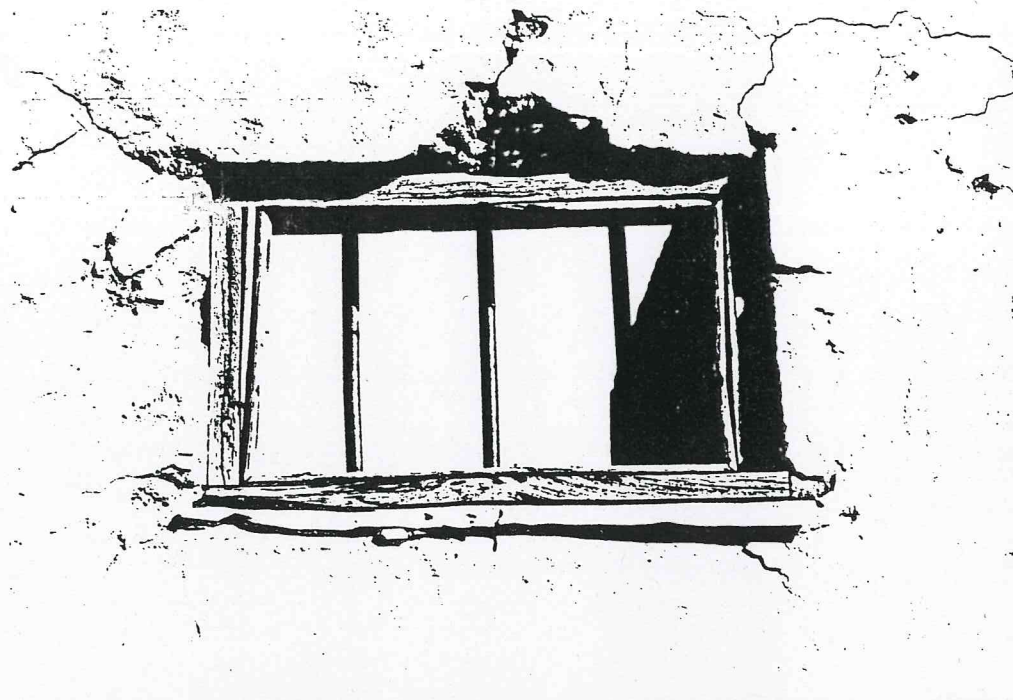
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Direction of view





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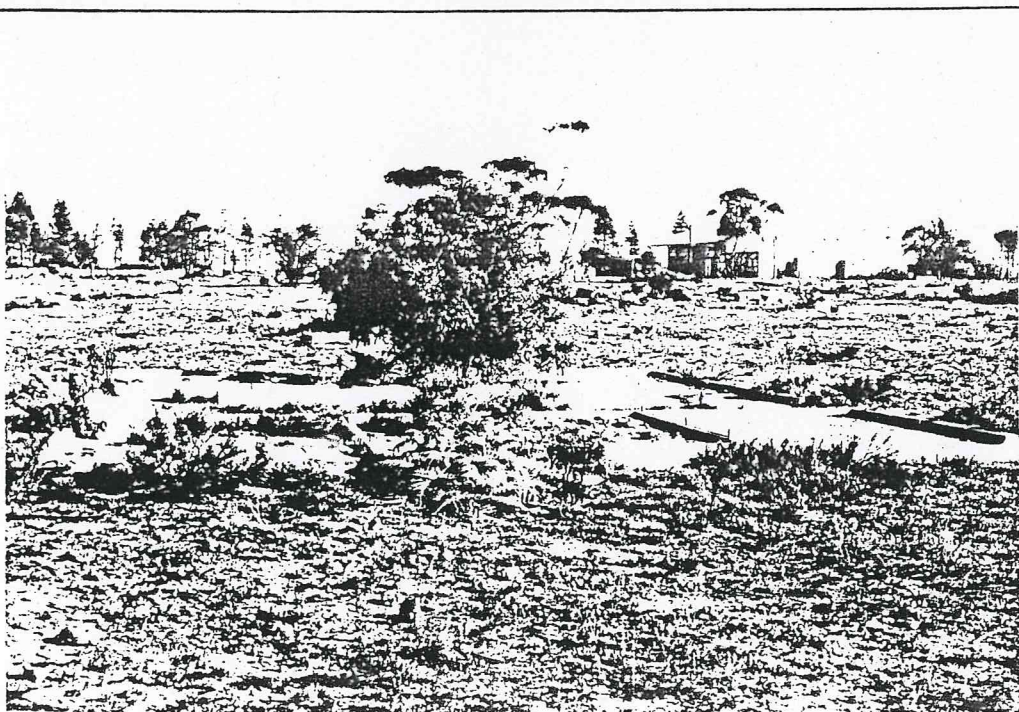
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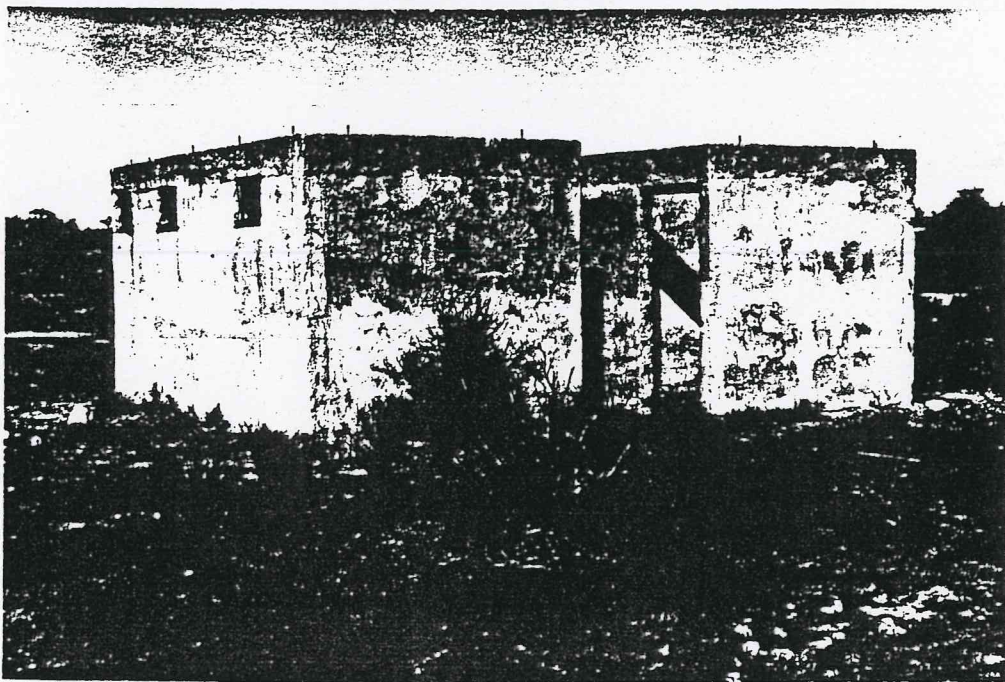


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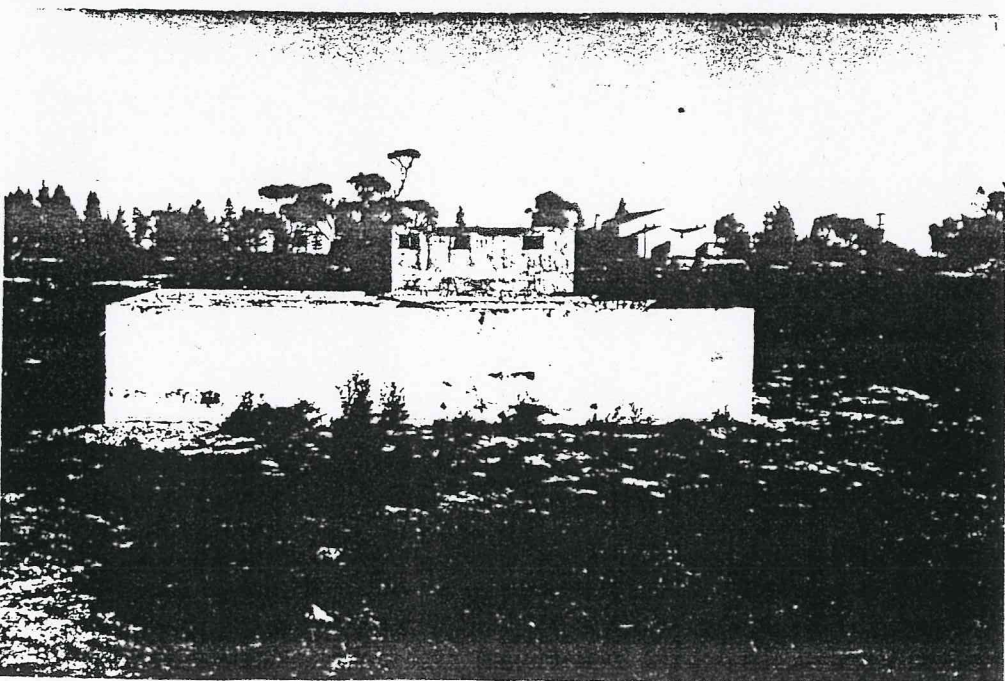
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Direction of view to S



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Direction of view to W