Well, White's Creek

LMC Heritage Advisory Committee
Marghanita da Cruz, 15 November 2014
Surgeon John White

- Surgeon-general to first fleet on sea and land
- Less than impressed by Cook's view of Botany Bay
- Commissioned charlotte medal
- Duel with Balmain
- Returned to England 17 December 1794 with new son.
- Rachel Turner (son's mother) married Thomas Moore in 1796
- 1823 son returns sells land to Redmond
- Journal with plates by Thomas Watling
Land Grants along White's Creek

- John White (Hammond Hill Farm)
- George Johnston (Annandale Farm)
- John Piper (Piperston)
- Martha Moore (possibly Thomas Moore and Rachel Turner's daughter or John White's daughter)
- Macquarie 1816 proclamations prohibiting natives to carry weapons within 1 mile of British Subject's farms.


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Ponds & Brooks 1822

Piperston
1843, High Road

- Brick Cottage
- Annandale House Pond (Marrickville LGA)
- Dam (Reserve St)
- Drain at Bridge
- 2nd cottage possibly Daub & Wattle
1843 Well

- Well
- Truncated Watercourse western side (Piper Estate)
- Watercourse eastern side (Johnston Estate)
1843 Water in Subdivision of Piperston

Lots 31 to 37 are upon High-street [Catherine Street], with **Johnstone's Creek at their back**.

Lots 38 to 40 are with: frontages on Piper Street, with the same access,

Lot 41 is a large corner piece of land of twelve acres, with reserved access to Piper street and appears the **commencing point of land of Johnstone's Bay. being partially a flat tea tree brush**, small farm of twelve acres acres.

There are **several water-courses** described on the property; two of which are crossed by High Street

**towards the creek to a light sandy soil**;

Reservoirs & Tanks (1860s)

Cowan – Israel Soap and Candleworks, Johnston’s Point:

“Near to this place are **two reservoirs** of water, the larger of which is cut in the solid rook, and measures 100 feet by 60, with depth of twenty feet; these are kept constantly full by surface drainage from the high land near.” 1864

‘COLONIAL INDUSTRY.’, Empire (Sydney, NSW: 1850 - 1875), 12 May, p. 5, viewed 5 November, 2014,

“The premises are plentifully supplied with water from a large underground tank.” 1867

'Advertising.', The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW: 1842 - 1954), 12 October, p. 10, viewed 5 November, 2014,

MAIN BALMAIN ROAD, opposite its junction with the reserved road leading to Helsarriiel, the property of G. W. Lord, Esq; together with the genteel verandah COTTAGE residence erected tho'oon, containing passage, four rooms, and kitchen, with stable, Bhd, &c A never failing supply of water is obtained from a bricked cemented reservoir, estimated to contain nearly 2000 gallons. This is a very desirable small suburban residence, conveniently situated within easy walking distance of the Petersham railway station and tho omnibus stand at Petersham. The land is good, and well adapted for an orchard and garden. Plan at the Rooms. - 1867 'Advertising.', The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW: 1842 - 1954), 12 October, p. 10, viewed 5 November, 2014,
Sydney Water Supply (1867)

The Balmain Council Clerk wrote in his submission to the Sydney Water Supply Commission, to support the municipality's case for a connection to mains water:

“The municipality is supplied at present by private wells, rain water collecting off roofs in tanks and by a small creek that is fast becoming a second tanks stream…”

The city council did not even entertain the idea of a pipeline via Glebe Island.” p171 of 1869 Report
1890 Subdivision of Annandale

- Cottage (under Young St)
- Annangrove
- Annandale Cottage
- Pond (Johnston’s Farm)

White's Creek Aqueduct & Canal

Construction of Stormwater Channel 95

- 1898 Rozelle Bay to Booth S
- 1909 Styles St to Ferris Ln
- 1925 Booth St to Hill St & beyond Styles St
- 1935 Walls raised Piper St to Parramatta Rd

X - Monier structures. Elevation of White's Creek and Johnstone's Creek aqueducts, AE Cutler
Open Journals, University of Sydney

The Whites Creek Sewage Aqueduct was completed in 1897. Northern Main Sewer extension of the Bondi Ocean Outfall Sewer...."
Industry along White's Creek

- Wishaw **Dairy** 31 White Street

- Francis Hemming, Thomas Elliott, Isaac Tester and Peter Trancred had **bone boiling** operations between Piper Street, where Hemming Operated and Johnston's Bay.  
Conversion of Stream to Canal

Straightening White's Creek Tributary into a Channel

Source: Leichhardt Stormwater Drainage Channel (White's Creek) Land Resumption 1912-1916 State Records NSW 9713-7-2598-3
Annangrove Cottage

- Stanley Jevons lived at Annangrove cottage around 1850 and left us a diary, with description of cottage and photographs.

- Chimineys of Cottage visible behind shop façade cnr of Parramatta Road and Macquarie St.
Annandale Cottage

• Also known as Macquarie Lodge
• Narcissus Arguimbau RN (Leichhardt Councilor 1890)
• Later Queen Victoria Hospital
• Now Holy Family Convent
• Bricks from 1980s
• Modifications to building
Dam, Styles Street

- Rare Sandstone Wall (1990) Catchment Study

Thorp W. White's Creek Catchment Study. Heritage Assessment. 1990.

http://dx.doi.org/10.4227/11/504596EC61B27
Old fashioned hand water-pump above a well (circa 1930)

Hood, Sam, 1872-1953 SL NSW hood_06714
A Well in Rozelle

• Petocz D. A Well in Rozelle: Report of the Excavation and Analysis of the Well at 63 Nelson Street, Rozelle, N.S.W.. 1984. NSW Archaeology Online: Grey Literature Archive

http://dx.doi.org/10.4227/11/5045A705D9FDB
Excavation (Orchard), White's Creek Valley 10 October 2014
Recommendation

Motion:

That Leichhardt Council establish a framework and program to document, list, explore and protect sites of potential Archaeological Heritage & Infrastructure including but not limited to Annangrove Cottage, Annandale Cottage, Sandstone Wall (Styles St), reservoirs, wells, dams, clay pipes in the White's Creek Catchment.


Marrickville Council Archaeological Summary Sheet AR02 ANNANDALE HOUSE, Stanmore c1799 (Demolished 1905)

“No specific archaeological sites have been identified in this or past studies and no field work has been undertaken in the study area. In Leichhardt the Heritage Study proposed a framework for the management of archaeological sites in the development process rather than attempting to identify the individual, and largely invisible, resource. It has been noted, however, that nearly all of the sites identified as inventory items could and are likely to contain sub-surface evidence of past use and occupation that could be exploited in an archaeological manner to provide evidence of past activity.

The Leichhardt framework, which has not been formally adopted by Council at this time, recommends a course of action commensurate with the chronological age of the item or area to be disturbed, age being the only indicator of possible rarity. Until a specific proposal is defined it is impossible to determine a likely archaeological resource underlying the heavily developed urban area.” – White’s Creek Catchment Study: Heritage Assessment pg 22 (Special Environment Programme, Catchment Management Study, Whites Creek SWC No 95. Main Report August 1990 Water Board/New South Wales Gov.

“The Wide streets of Annandale provide an idal opportunity for the development of green corridors. The excess tar oud be removed and replaced with native plants, which allow more water to infiltrate the soils and reduce flooding and pollution” - Water is Life 3: Councils The Big Landholders,Ted Floyd, Convenor, Friends of the Earth, 1996.