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Street Address	Foreshore and western end of Wharf Street road reserve, Thompsons Point, Macleay Island		
GPS/RPD	534464.90, 6946794.56		
Place Type	Archaeological		





Remnants of wharf, Maclay Island (AHS, 2017).

Condition	Fair	Integrity	Good
Statutory Listings	Local Heritage Place		
Non-Statutory Listings	No current listing		
Inspection Date	11/01/2017		

Historical Context

Re-e-map (RCC, 2017).

Campbell's Wharf is the remnants of an early wharf built on Macleay Island. Located at Thompson's Point, it is named after early settler John 'Tinker' Campbell, one of the first European landowners on the Southern Moreton Bay Islands. South Sea Island labourers built this wharf from local stone and timber in 1865.[1] The jetty facilitated the export of Campbell's future agricultural and industrial endeavours on the island.

The wharf was built over the top of an early rafting ground. During the 1850s, a timber industry was established on Macleay Island, where trees were hauled by bullock teams to a rudimentary rafting ground built in c.1847 by ex-convict William Porter.[2] Using South Sea Island labour, Campbell built the wharf over this earlier raftering ground. [3]

In 1866 Campbell built a salt works on the Island, which was profitable for a time, before engaging in sugarcane farming on the north-western end of the island.[4] He then turned towards cotton growing, continuing to use South Sea Islander labour.[5] After cotton, he turned to sponge-collecting, followed by burning shells and coral, growing castor oil, and breeding angora goats.[6] His pioneering attempts all failed.[7] The wharf Campbell used for these ventures remains on Macleay Island and is a reminder of his early agricultural and industrial efforts there, and the use of South Sea Islander labour in the early history of the Redlands.

Physical Description

Campbell's Wharf was constructed from local ferruginous stone with timber and logs. Today only remnant of the constructed wharf remain, however the form and scale can still be understood at low tide, where significant stone and associated timber logs are evident.

Statement of Significance

Campbell's Wharf is a locally significant place which embodies historical heritage values. It is important in demonstrating the development of the timber industry through the initial rudimentary rafting ground through to the establishment of the wharf. There is also a known connection with South Sea Islander labour which requires further investigation.

Criteria A

The place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of the region's history.

Campbell's Wharf is significant in demonstrating the development of various industries and settlement patterns on Macleay Island, and on the Islands and region more generally. It further demonstrates the use of South Sea Island labour in the development of early industries, particularly those associated with cotton and sugar.

Criteria G The place has a strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons important to the region.

Campbell's Wharf has the potential to yield information about the use and experiences of the early history of the Island and potentially the connection with South Sea Island labourers in the Redlands.

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Criteria H

The place has a special association with the life or work of a particular person, group or organisation of importance in the region's history.

Campbell's Wharf is associated with early Macleay Island settler, John Campbell. It is also associated with the South Sea Island community and represents an example of their early use for physical labour in the Redlands.

Primary Themes			
2.0 Exploiting, Utilising and Transforming the Land	2.04 Agricultural activities		
	2.02 Exploiting natural resources		
4.0 Working	4.06 Working as exploited/indentured labour		
5.0 Moving Goods, People and Information	5.04 Using shipping		

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