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REMAINS OF OLD INN ON WINDSOR ROAD GAIN STATE HERITAGE STATUS

The remains of an 1820s roadside inn established on one of the oldest roads in NSW has been added to the State Heritage Register, Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams announced today.

“The White Hart Inn dates back to 1827 and was one of several early inns established to provide food and accommodation to travellers on Windsor Road,” Mr Williams said.

“It was of course the main route between Sydney, Parramatta and Windsor and one of the first roads in the colony.

“The site reflects the development and use of Windsor Road and demonstrates the importance of the colony’s early road network.

“The remains provide a rare, surviving archaeological resource with the potential to yield valuable information about the design, construction, operation and management of early inns in NSW.

“The artefacts excavated from the site are typical of those expected to have been used in a colonial inn and include items for preparing and serving food and drinks and other household objects.

“The site was discovered and excavated in late 2013 as part of early works for the Sydney Metro Northwest project.

“The site was excavated to reveal and record the full extent and integrity of the former inn structures and then reburied to conserve it.

“I understand Department of Planning and Environment, Transport for NSW and Hills Shire Council are currently investigating interpretation options so that the public can understand its ongoing significance,” Mr Williams said.

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