
FORMER MOUNT MORIAC BLACKSMITH'S SHOP SITE

Location

460 HENDY MAIN ROAD MOUNT MORIAC, SURF COAST SHIRE

Municipality

SURF COAST SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7721-0437

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Interpretation of Site

According to the landowners, metal artefacts - including horse shoes and files - continue to erode from the site. Because this is the known location of the former 19th century blacksmith, the artefacts are likely to be the remains of any metal objects left in the ground after the site was destroyed. Given that the petrol station was not built over the whole property, part of the original structure may also remain below ground.

Archaeological Significance

The site is of medium significance, as being representative of three 19th century blacksmith's shops in the area. It is the only known remnant of many other local industries associated with the boom in settlement at Mt. Moriac in mid-19th century. The site is therefore also representative of the industries associated with the Princes Highway between Waurin Ponds and Winchelsea at this time. While only artefacts have been located so far, there is also a likelihood that not all the building features have been destroyed by subsequent development. Further assessment of these features will provide more comparative information for understanding the industry as a whole.

Historical Significance	The significance of the site may be linked to several historical themes (based on Victoria's Framework of Historical Themes):
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History

Wynd 1992:86-87 notes that from the 1860s there were several blacksmiths in the town of Mount Moriac - which later dwindled to one. This site was likely to be this one. A petrol station was later built in part of its former location (Wynd 1992:86 and oral history).

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

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