
MT MORIAC BLUESTONE RUINS SITE

Location

1200 PRINCES HIGHWAY MOUNT MORIAC, SURF COAST SHIRE

Municipality

SURF COAST SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7721-0436

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Interpretation of Site	The chimney is likely to predate the road cutting for the Princes Highway and is most likely a 19th century site. This type of chimney structure is commonly associated with early pastoralist huts and other ad-hoc structures. However, it is in the vicinity of an established cypress grove and hence, may also represent the remains of a permanent settlement.
Archaeological Significance	The site is highly significant locally and perhaps regionally within the Surf Coast Shire, as an example of a simple rural hut located away from the Shire's major town centres. As such, it is a likely representative of the 19th century pastoralist beginning of the shire. The chimney is relatively intact and lies in a large undisturbed area, that has the potential for yielding further artefact material (through archaeological excavation) and additional structural features that will provide a range of information regarding pastoral settlement in this part of rural Victoria (particularly between Waurn Ponds and Winchelsea).
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Property
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History

The site does not appear within local histories (Wynd 1992) or early maps of the adjacent Princes Highway or the Parish.

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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