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# MT. MORIAC HOUSE SCATTER

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## Location

460 HENDY MAIN ROAD MOUNT MORIAC, SURF COAST SHIRE

## Municipality

SURF COAST SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7721-0433

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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Interpretation of Site	The site is located within private property in Mount Moriac, with local history suggesting that the remains were associated with a household belonging to the Gower family (the current owner of remembers it as being there when she was a child but the exact age of the house is unknown). The scattered artefacts are largely 19th century in origin and are domestic in nature.
Archaeological Significance	A rare and almost complete domestic household remains representing the 19th century settlement of Mt. Moriac, one of the major farming settlements within the Parish of Dundeed. With the absence of detailed histories of 19th century domestic life in this area of the Princes Highway - other than in respect of wealthy landowners - the investigation of this archaeological site has the potential to provide further information regarding a range of aspects of domestic life in this area and more generally, to add to the ever-growing corpus of information regarding early settlement in Victoria.
Historical Significance	The house remains are significant locally as being representative of the 19th century beginnings of Mt. Moriac.

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## History

Oral history suggests that there was a house on this property dating to the 19th century Mt. Moriac boom period. The house is not mentioned in local histories (ie Wynd 1992) or appear on Parish Maps. It was probably destroyed in the early to mid-20th century.

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