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# ST CLAIR TOWNSHIP

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## Location

WARBURTON-WOODS POINT ROAD MATLOCK AND WARBURTON-WOODS POINT ROAD JERICHO,  
MANSFIELD SHIRE, BAW BAW SHIRE

## Municipality

MANSFIELD SHIRE

BAW BAW SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8122-0080

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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### Interpretation of Site

Heritage Inventory Interpretation: Site represents the commercial initiative of one family, the Sinclairs, who were partly responsible for the speed and manner in which the town of Matlock developed and the construction of the 'Yarra Track' through this area. St Clair was a 'sattelite' settlement developed concurrently with the goldmining areas around Matlock and Jordon Valley. There are several other such towns along this road. Although individually they are of moderate significance, as a group they should be seen as highly significant on a regional if not state level.

Hermes  
Number

10790

Property  
Number

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## History

Heritage Inventory History of Site: John Sinclair and his family squatted in a natural clearing containing numerous springs by at least 1862, if not earlier. With the discovery of gold in the nearby Jordon Valley, Sinclair made every effort to have the 'Yarra Track' run past his property. He constructed accomodation, stables and provisions stopping point in St Clair 1863. T Crawford also established at this point by 1864.

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