
Woolpack Hotel, 374 Sunraysia Highway, ST ARNAUD



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Location

374 Sunraysia Highway ST ARNAUD, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

Heritage Listing

Northern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - August 18, 2004

The Woolpack Inn hotel, 374 Sunraysia Highway, St. Arnaud, has significance as the only surviving hotel building in the former New Bendigo area. This building was originally constructed in 1875 when the New Bendigo area boasted three hotels, shops, school and cemetery. During the population decline of the area in the 1930s, the building appears to have experienced alterations and additions.

The Woolpack Inn is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It demonstrates original and early design qualities of an eclectic Victorian and interwar style. These qualities include the broad hipped roof form that traverses the site, together with a broken back skillion verandah that projects towards the front and rear minor

hipped roofs. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the unpainted and lapped galvanised corrugated iron roof cladding, brick wall construction (unpainted), modest side eaves, unpainted brick chimneys with soldier course cappings, timber framed double hung windows, timber framed doorways and the square timber verandah columns.

The Woolpack Inn is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is the only the surviving 19th century building in the former New Bendigo area that had been established as a result of the gold rush in the mid 1850s and early 1860s. In particular, this building has associated with J.S. Moore, original owner, who had the hotel built in 1875. This building formed part of a small township that also included another two hotels, shops, school and cemetery. The township declined in the 1930s, possibly during the time when major alterations and additions were carried out on the Woolpack Inn.

The Woolpack Inn is **socially** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is recognised and valued by the St. Arnaud community as a legacy of the former New Bendigo township and as a meeting place for locals.

Overall, the Woolpack Inn is of **LOCAL** significance.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Northern Grampians - Shire of Northern Grampians - Stage 2 Heritage Study, Wendy Jacobs, Vicki Johnson, David Rowe, Phil Taylor, 2004;
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Physical Description 1

The Woolpack Inn hotel, 374 Sunraysia Highway, St. Arnaud, is set amongst rural bushland, with the building positioned along the front, roadside boundary.

The single storey, brick, eclectic Victorian and interwar styled hotel building is characterised by a broad hipped roof form that traverses the site, together with a broken back skillion verandah that projects towards the front, and minor hipped roof forms at the rear. These roof forms are clad in lapped, unpainted galvanised corrugated iron. Two unpainted brick chimneys with soldier course cappings adorn the roofline. Modest overhangs are features of the eaves at the sides. The timber framed double hung windows along the front and side facades appear to be early, as do the timber framed doorways. The verandah is supported by square timber columns.

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