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# FORMER MT MORIAC HALL AND STORE

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## Location

PRINCES HIGHWAY AND HENDY MAIN ROAD MOUNT MORIAC, SURF COAST SHIRE

## Municipality

SURF COAST SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7721-0441

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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Interpretation of Site	There are no visible remains on the surface. Current conditions - comprising unoccupied road reserve - post date the 1960s, when the hall appeared to have been demolished.
Archaeological Significance	The site is of medium significance, being relatively undisturbed/undeveloped and thereby having the potential for archaeological remains of several 19th century commercial establishments associated with the Princes Highway and the beginnings of Mount Moriac. Such sites are rare along the highway - particularly between Waurnd Ponds and Winchelsea. Most are pubs, schools; some of which have survived relatively intact. The former Mt Moriac store and hall therefore is able to provide another reference for understanding the local and regional transport history and early settlement.
Historical Significance	The significance of the site may be linked to several historical themes (based on Victoria's Framework of Historical Themes): 5. Building Victoria's industries and workforce; 5.7 Working, 6. Building towns, cities and the garden state; 6.5 Living in Country towns.
Other Names	MT MORIAC HALL,

Hermes  
Number 115046

Property  
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## History

Wynd's (1992: 84-88) history of the town refers to the Parish Hall (at least 1860s - 1962) and includes several references to a store/stores in the town (see photo in Wynd 1992:87, also Ms Hovey Pers. comm.). According to Wynd, at least one store lasted until 1929 and the hall survived until 1962 (Wynd 1992: 87).

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