
FORMER MONTPELLIER HOTEL RUINS

Location

8-10 WESTBURY TERRACE HIGHTON, GREATER GEELONG CITY

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7721-0445

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Archaeological Significance	The Montpellier Hotel ruins are highly significant for the intactness of the above ground in situ garric, its association with other archaeological features in the area and in the context of the parkland setting. The site has considerable potential for buried deposits relating to the house and former buildings and structures within the surrounding park.
Interpretation of Site	In 1843 the site was a private residence and part of a large farming estate. In 1858, it was known as the Montpellier Hotel.
Historical Significance	The site is significant for its association with John Highett, a notable Geelong landowner and agriculturalist.
Other Names	Montpellier Hotel, Montpellier Park and Ruins,
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History

Built in 1843 for John Highett who subdivided the estate in 1850, while retaining the house. The Montpellier Hotel was opened in 1858 by Edwin Hooper as a hotel and picnic grounds. Buildings built in 1926 were damaged by a tornado. The ruins and park were purchased by the Geelong City Council in 1960. So stone ws reused at 35 Reigae Road in Highton.

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