
BUCKEYE HOTEL

Location

CALDER HIGHWAY RAVENSWOOD, GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7724-0322

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Interpretation of Site	Remains of Buckeye Hotel dating at least to 1855. May have been a Cobb & Co staging post.
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History

The hotel was granted a license on 9 August 1854. The earliest known licensee was Mr Courtwright, who is thanked in an 1855 newspaper article for hosting a 4th of July celebration which 'American patriotism was mingled with respectful compliment to the queen' (The Aurgus, 13 July 1855). In December 1855, Courtwright transferred the license to Mr J Bodkin. The hotel was the final stop of the Cobb & Co company on the route to Bendigo. The stop was used to change horses before the grueling and dangerous ascent up Big Hill (Rutherford, 1971: 11). The hotel was a well known and popular establishment for those travelling to the goldfields or working on major railway infrastructure projects at nearby Big Hill. In 1857, it was used as a venue for a coronial inquest into the death of James Walkerm who was killed by a fall from his dray.

An 1855 surveyor general map marks the site as 'Buck Eye Inn', depicted on the eastern side of the main road to Bendigo. A later 1864 parish map uses the name 'Buckeye Creek Hotel'.

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