

# FORMER PETERBOROUGH HOUSE

## Location

2 HAMILTON STREET PETERBOROUGH, MOYNE SHIRE

## Municipality

MOYNE SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7420-0006

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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| Interpretation of Site      | Historic early 20th century photos show Peterborough House in the approximate location of the current Schomberg Inn Hotel. It is unclear if the building shown in these photos are a substantially modified version of the original 1860s structure. Compared to the current layout of the buildings it would appear that Peterborough House fronted Irvine Street. It is possible that remains of the footings, subfloor deposits, even a cellar and surface drains of the House maybe present in the parking areas to the south and north of the current building. Highly disturbed remains of the building could be present under the current building. |
| Archaeological Significance | The archaeological remains of Peterborough House can provide information on the living conditions and standards of those living and passing through what would have been a remote frontier area in the middle years of the 19th century.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Historical Significance     | The historical significance of Peterborough House lies in it being one of the earliest dwellings in Peterborough servicing travellers along the coast as well as catering for the nascent tourism industry along what is now known as the Shipwreck Coast.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Other Names                 | SCHOMBERG INN HOTEL, PETERBOROUGH HOUSE HOTEL,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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| Hermes<br>Number   | 146616 |
| Property<br>Number |        |

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## History

In 1886, large timber cottage guest house, Peterborough House, was constructed by James Irvine, a local pioneer. By 1887, Peterborough House was already receiving high acclaim in regional newspapers, praising the accommodation and the hospitality provided by Irvine and his family.

In 1891, Irvine undertook improvements to Peterborough House. By the mid 1890s, the Irvine family were hosting numerous large social events at Peterborough House, including concerts, balls, aid benefits, prominent birthday parties and sports days.

Irvine's family continued to operate the hotel after his death in 1919, until it was sold in 1937. Peterborough House Hotel burned down in 1965.

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