
THISTLE PLACE LIME KILN SITE

Location

2, 8 AND 10 THISTLE PLACE PORT FAIRY, MOYNE SHIRE

Municipality

MOYNE SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7321-0069

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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| Interpretation of Site | Of the wide area where the kiln may have been located, the locale nominated in this site card seems the most promising. The area does not appear to have been greatly disturbed in recent years and is covered in grass. |
| Archaeological Significance | The archaeological significance of this lies in the techniques employed for the creation of lime as well as the materials used. |
| Historical Significance | This lime kiln was most likely one of the sources of mortar used in the construction of the earliest brick and stone buildings at Port Fairy. |
| Hermes Number | 149910 |
| Property Number | |

History

The site is marked on an 1850 plan of James Atkinson's Special Survey, falling within property leased to Mr Thomas Sinnot, one of the group of pioneer farmers that followed Atkinson to Port Fairy in the early 1840s. It is

not known if Sinnot himself owned and/or operated the kiln. The annotation on the plan states that it is an "old lime kiln" thereby suggesting that it was likely in operation during the 1840s, yet by 1850 it was no longer in use. Further details regarding the type or form of construction and the size of the kiln are not known. The kiln appeared to be in operation for only around a decade, coinciding with early construction and establishment of Port Fairy township. The siting of the kiln close to the coast suggests that the kiln may have used shell from amongst the local dunes.

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

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