
FORMER ALISON & KNIGHT FLOUR MILL COMPLEX

Location

5 LYDIARD STREET ROSEBROOK, MOYNE SHIRE

Municipality

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Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7321-0100

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO13

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Archaeological Significance The flour mill footings, quarry and infrastructure works are an unusual example of a commercial investment in an industry to encourage settlement.

Historical Significance The remaining footings of the mill and surrounding infrastructure imprints are a very early example of flour mill/dairy processing factory, potentially the earliest surviving in the State. The housing, for both manager and labourer, are the oldest in Victoria. The flour mill complex is of social significance as one of the earliest surviving examples of industrial workers accommodation in Victoria.

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History

The large basalt flour mill at Rosebrook was built by James Atkinson in 1846 for the Melbourne millers, Alison & Knight. The grain grinding equipment at the Rosebrook mill was disposed of after milling ceased, but the mill became the Rosebrook Cheese & Butter Factory in 1888, when Charles Lydiard and T F Rutledge formed a cooperative to take advantage of government subsidy to export butter to England in 1888. The massive structure, with natural airflow cooling, provided good conditions for milk processing without refrigeration. The business flourished for a decade or so, but the export trade was challenged by Danish product and Melbourne producers offering for local product moved by rail. The factory introduced Reid kerosene gas generation, moved to dried and then condensed milk production, but when the business failed, the factory was sold for materials in 1917.

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