
RESIDENCE (FORMER MOOLAP INN)

Location

342-350 BELLARINE HIGHWAY MOOLAP, GREATER GEELONG CITY

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7721-0538

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - September 18, 2019

This place is included on the Victorian Heritage Inventory, for its potential to contain historical archaeological remains associated with the settlement and growth of the early Moolap region. The Residence (former Moolap Inn) is assessed as having archaeological value in a local context under the 'peopling Victoria's places and landscapes' framework in Victoria's Framework of Historical Themes. The site is associated with a former structure that was present in 1923. Under the terms of the Heritage Act 2017 there is protection for all historical archaeology sites and objects in the state.

Archaeological Significance	The dwelling on the corner of Moolap Street and the Bellarine Highway was the Moolap Inn built in the 1850s. The building has undergone many changes but retains the bluestone cellars and other intact fabric. Based on the known history of the Moolap Inn area, there is potential for archaeological deposits associated with occupation of the site at the rear of the property. There has been little development in the area to the rear of the inn. The area currently contains a garden and shipping containers. The 1996 Bellarine Heritage Study undertaken by Huddle (1996a), indicated that there was archaeological potential associated with the inn. The site comprises the former inn building, currently a residence. There is potential for archaeological features, deposits and/or artefacts associated with the inn and its occupants to be present.
Historical Significance	The dwelling on the corner of Moolap Street and the Bellarine Highway was the Moolap Inn built in the 1850s. The building has undergone many changes but retains the bluestone cellars and other intact fabric. Based on the known history of the Moolap Inn area, there is potential for archaeological deposits associated with occupation of the site at the rear of the property. There has been little development in the area to the rear of the inn. The area currently contains a garden and shipping containers. The 1996 Bellarine Heritage Study undertaken by Huddle (1996a), indicated that there was archaeological potential associated with the inn. The site comprises the former inn building, currently a residence. There is potential for archaeological features, deposits and/or artefacts associated with the inn and its occupants to be present.
Other Names	FORMER MOOLAP INN,
Hermes Number	204606
Property Number	

History

The following information is reproduced from Wynd (1988):

The Moolap Inn dated to at least 1855 when Westly Boucher was granted a renewal of licence. He was followed in 1856 by Martin Priest, who died soon after. His wife Esther carried on for two years and attempted to supplement her income by leasing a well-watered paddock next to the hotel which she was willing to let out for grazing cattle at 3s. 6d. per week. She was followed by Thomas Knapp, Thomas Lawrence and William Thompson. Henry Dowling held the licence during the early 1870s but it seems to have lapsed, for in 1878 Michael Fallon was asking Council's assistance to obtain a licence for the 'old' Moolap Inn. As we have seen this was granted in 1879. Fallon was also a veterinary surgeon and probably carried on a useful business in this field in conjunction with his hotel. His wife, Mary, died in August 1880; he auctioned off his effects in September, and in October transferred the licence to Thomas Sutterby took over the licence but offered the building for sale in 1883 when it was described as:

a well built, two-storey, brick building, with slate roof, containing bar and three sitting rooms, with good dry cellar, kitchen and store room; and, on the first floor, five well finished bedrooms. There is also a good underground tank and 3-stalled stable, and about four acres of capital land with the option of other 6 acres, if desired. The house is well placed for business, and a good paying trade is being done.

The hotel does not seem to have sold. Sutterby transferred the licence to Jane Fitton for six months, took over himself at the end of 1883, but did not continue the business beyond this period. The house still stands at the corner of Moolap Station road and Queenscliff Road (Wynd 1988: 96-97).

Rates and valuations research undertaken for this assessment supports Wynd's summary with the following information obtained for the period of time when Lawrence Thompson was recorded as being the Moolap licensee.

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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