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# PAKENHAM AUCTION MART AND SAWMILL

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## Location

1 STATION STREET, PAKENHAM VIC 3810

## Municipality

CARDINIA SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7921-0128

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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## Statement of Significance

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Archaeological features associated with early commercial and industrial buildings within the Pakenham township are significant for their role in the early economic development of the area. Additionally, the early sawmill located within the site is also significant for its contribution to manufacturing industries within the township. The auction mart also possesses social significance as a place of meeting, exchange and commerce in the early stages of Pakenham's development.

In addition to their social, historical and economic significance, any remaining features / structural foundations would also be technically significant, as they would be representative of early 20th century life within a regional centre of Victoria.

### Interpretation of Site

Due to the age and function of the auction mart and sawmill / hardware store buildings, as well as their listing on the Cardinia Shire LPS, any features or deposits associated with these structures, should they survive, should be considered an archaeological site under the Heritage Act 2017.

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## History

The Pakenham area originally formed part of the territory of the Bunurong tribe. The development of Pakenham as an area of European settlement began in the mid 19th century, based on its use as a resting point for those travelling between Melbourne and Gippsland. European settlement within the area expanded throughout this period, with a pastoral run established along Toomuc Creek in 1843 and a hotel constructed in 1850. Soon after its construction, the hotel became a coach staging post and a central point of settlement in the surrounding area.

Historical use of the 1 Station Street site dates to the early development of Pakenham. It is likely that the earliest development to take place within the site was in 1917, when a small auction mart constructed on the site (Figure 2, Figure 3). By the 1920s, development within the site had expanded to include a sawmill and hardware business. The general condition and extent of the auction mart and sawmill / hardware business, as it was then used, can be inferred from 1947 aerial imagery (Figure 4). The current brick building which stands in the western corner of the property was not constructed until 1957. It is reasonably clear that the remains of any features or deposits which predate the 1957 building, should they survive, may be considered to be an archaeological site under the Heritage Act 2017.

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