
FORMER KEW MING STORE, RESIDENCE AND MARKET GARDEN

Location

25A WOOLPACK ROAD ST ARNAUD NORTH, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7524-0119

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The site is the location of the former New Bendigo Chinese Camp, the Kew Ming Store and Hotel and the Kew Ming Residence. It contains archaeological structures (including stone and brick building foundations/footings) and large numbers of artefact scatters/deposits, that date from the mid 1850s onwards.

How is it significant?

The site is of regional historical and archaeological significance.

Why is it significant?

The site is historically significant for its association with the development of Victoria through the discovery of gold. This site has the potential to contain archaeological deposits associated with a continuous and small Chinese settlement in a remote goldfield in northwest Victoria. There is not enough historical information available to determine the full extent of the camp. The known occupation period of the camp was at least forty years prior to a devastating fire in 1900. The Kew Ming family continued to occupy the site until the 1960s.

The site is of archaeological significance and has the potential to show what life was like in a small rural Chinese camp, and how it functioned. The site also has the potential to provide information about how traditional and Christian Chinese interacted.

Hermes Number 209653

Property Number

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