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Location

459 Lower Heidelberg Road HEIDELBERG, Banyule City

Municipality

BANYULE CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO41

Heritage Listing

Banyule City

Statement of Significance

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The Old England Hotel complex is of local architectural and historical significance. The complex spans a long period of building activity, from 1848 to 1890. The remnant original section is the second oldest building in Heidelberg, the oldest being Banyule, and one of the oldest buildings in Victoria. It may be the oldest functioning hotel in the state. The hotel was also associated with the Heidelberg Impressionist school of painters.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Banyule - Banyule Heritage Study, Allum Lovell & Associates, 1999; Banyule - Heidelberg Conservation Study, Graeme Butler and Associates, 1985;
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Historical Australian Themes

Hotels were always central to social and economic life in the early colonial settlements and Heidelberg was no exception. Despite spirited opposition to the grant of its licence, for many years community life in Heidelberg revolved around the Old England Hotel. The hotel was the venue for all manner of meetings and festivities, including the meeting at which it was decided to petition for local government in the area.

Usage/Former Usage

Original: Hotel

Current: Hotel

Physical Conditions

Good

Physical Description 1

The Old England Hotel comprises three main stages of construction. The original 1848-51 'Staging Post Bar' has a simple hipped roof and apparently stone structure, now rendered, and includes a similar building to the south-west and the lower storey of the Coach Room Lounge Bar. The second stage of 1872 includes the upper storey, of red brick with a gabled corrugated iron roof and bracketed eaves. Stage 3 includes the two-storey timber verandah and polychrome brick residential section.

The building has been considerably altered, the third stage being the least altered although an unsympathetic bottle shop has been added to the north, and the verandah balustrading and frieze work has been removed. The half-timbering in the gable ends, gable finials and north verandah have also been removed. The simple roof and plan of the first stage have been obscured by numerous additions, alterations, covered ways, outbuildings and fences. The modern Bottle Shop obscures the formerly gabled east facade of original section. The original garden has been replaced by a carpark.

Intactness

Poor

Physical Description 2

CAs 1-4/2, Warringal. Grantees: S Benjamin (1-2/2) 11.11.1846; H Baker (3/2) 22.7.1847; J Cook (4/2) 22.7.1847

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