
Edinburgh Tannery



190638_Mandurang_Tannery
Lane_145_img01

Location

145 Tannery Lane, MANDURANG VIC 3551 - Property No 190638

Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO799

Heritage Listing

Greater Bendigo City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The timber and corrugated iron hide shed and archaeological ruins at 145 Tannery Road is significant. The house is not significant.

How is it significant?

145 Tannery Lane is of local historic and technical significance to the City of Greater Bendigo.

Why is it significant?

The Edinburgh Tannery was a large and important industry for the Mandurang area and provided the name of Tannery Lane. The location on the Sheepwash Creek was chosen in order to supply the tannery with the large amount of water required for the process. Although all the early buildings from the 1850s were destroyed in a fire, the tannery reopened after rebuilding in 1894 and continued to operate for another 10 years until closing in 1904. The place has associations with J.H. Abbot who established *The Diggers Advocate* that was the first newspaper on the goldfields. Abbott later served as MLC in 1876 and later as mayor of Bendigo. The tannery industry was integrated with the shoe shop in Pall Mall also established by Abbott. *Criterion A*

The remaining building which is thought to be the hide shed is a fine example of a vernacular building type with high roof form and open sided verandah allowing space for hanging hides. It represents the only building left from the 1894 rebuilding of the Edinburgh tannery. The hide shed is of technical significance for its demonstration of part of the complex and multi tasked process of hide tanning. *Criterion F*

The archaeological remains of the tannery dating from two different periods (1855 and 1894) have potential to lead to a greater understanding of the layout and function of the tannery. *Criterion C*

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Bendigo - Former Shires of Mclvor and Strathfieldsaye Heritage Study, Context P/L, 2008;
Construction dates	1855, 1894,
Hermes Number	32994
Property Number	

Historical Australian Themes

5. Building Victoria's industries and workforce

5.1 Processing raw materials.

Physical Conditions

Hide Shed - good

Tannery - ruins

Integrity

Hide shed - High

Tannery - Archeological

Physical Description 1

The site of the Edinburgh Tannery contains some archaeological evidence of the former tannery buildings. This consists largely of masonry rubble, although much building material has been removed. One building from the tannery remains and is reputed to have been used as the hide shed. This is a large open sided shelter with a hipped roof supported on round bush poles. A wide verandah surrounds the central part of the building which is of weatherboard cladding. The roof forms a high hip with a central apex.

There is also a new house on the site but this is not of interest.

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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