

# LADY OF THE LAKE HOTEL

## Location

1640 PRINCES HIGHWAY BUCKLEY, SURF COAST SHIRE

## Municipality

SURF COAST SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7721-0434

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Interpretation of Site	The site comprises a range of features, the construction of which is likely to date throughout the period the hotel was occupied; including animal corals, the stone foundations dating to its earliest phase; the round silo storage feature, which appears to be made of hand-made bricks and may relate to a distillery phase (landowner pers. comm.).
Archaeological Significance	Apart from the still standing and occupied Mount Moriac Hotel, there are no commercial structures along the Princes Highway between Waurin Ponds and Winchelsea that date to the 1860s. There is also little historical detail regarding commercial and domestic life along the road. Further historical and archaeological analysis of this site has the potential to provide information regarding commerce over a longer period; information that could be used as a comparison with changes in transport and other industries, for example.
Historical Significance	Lady of the Lake is representative of an important early commercial centre and one of the original coach stops from Geelong on the way to Colac. Further assessment has the potential to add to a better understanding of this aspect of the transport industry (through archaeological excavation).

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## History

According to Wynd 1992:94-95, the hotel was first opened in 1854 by James Callaghan - *the first in a line of publicans bearing Irish names* - and he further notes that the hotel had *four sitting rooms and five bedrooms, and was coaching stop on the road to Colac.... and that the Duke of Edinburgh stopped there in 1870*. The license for the hotel lapsed in 1912 and it then became a private home, surviving until 1965 *when a fire destroyed the weatherboard building*.

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