
WILLOUGHBY BEAN'S PARSONAGE

Location

BREWERY ROAD ALBERTON, WELLINGTON SHIRE

Municipality

WELLINGTON SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8220-0019

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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Significant as the site is the residence of the first permanent Anglican minister in Gippsland. Also significant as potentially intact short-occupation site with a pre-gold rush component.

Interpretation of Site	The geophysical survey results are consistent with a contemporary image showing two buildings on the site. A garden (divided by a fence) appears to be located north of the structures. The artefact scatter is remarkably coherent for this type of Australian site and is consistent with the geophysical results.
Hermes Number	14273
Property Number	

History

Reverend Willoughby arrived in Gippsland in 1848 as the first resident minister (after a previous, financially unsuccessful, stint as a settler in the central coast region of NSW), establishing his residence between Alberton and Tarraville by 1851. He travelled widely in Gippsland in his official role, but his home base remained this residence until he left Gippsland in 1858. The house burned down in 1861 and there has been no known development since. It is possible that Bean held church services in his house, particularly in the first 2-3 years of occupation.

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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