

# DROVER'S REST HOTEL SITE

## Location

WEBBS TRACK SHADY CREEK, BAW BAW SHIRE

## Municipality

BAW BAW SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8121-0056

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO320

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Interpretation of Site	The large terrace is likely to be remains of the Drover's Rest Hotel. A large hole nearby is likely to be a cellar. Bricks and domestic refuse are scattered around the site.
Archaeological Significance	The land is unoccupied and substantial surface features, including artefactsare present, and therefore the site has a high potential to contain sub-surface features related to the operation of the Drover's Rest Hotel.
Historical Significance	The site is significant in relation to the 19th century settlement of Shady Creek and possibly to the development of the coach service between Melbourne and Sale in the mid 1860s.
Hermes Number	156656
Property Number	

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## History

The site of the Drover's Rest Hotel is identified on an 1861 parish plan. Nicol Brown, who is recorded as the licensee of the Drover's Rest on the plan, was also co-owner, with William (Billy) Hillier, of the 5370 acre Scrubby Forest Run, near Yinnar from 1848 to 1868. It is possible that Brown grew horse feed on this property, which he carted to Shady Creek, possibly to his hotel, to supply the horses of Cobb and Co, running through Shady Creek in the mid 1860s.

Brown was married 3 times, with his first wife and his daughter dying at Shady Creek and being buried at the Shady Creek Cemetery. He later served 8 years of a 20 year jail term for shooting the lover of his second wife. He moved to Rosedale in 1903, and died there in 1916.

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