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Location

Cambridge Street,, INVERLEIGH VIC 3321 - Property No T12149

Municipality

GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

Level of significance

Regional

Heritage Listing

National Trust

Statement of Significance

Last updated on -

Important landmark, contribution to landscape of historic town
Historical value

The River Red Gum (*Eucalyptus camaldulensis*), known as "Lawson's tree" is the site of William Lawson's home. William Lawson, was a blacksmith at Weatherboard Station, property of the Derwent Company which settled the area around the junction of the Barwon and Leigh Rivers between 1836 and 1838. He is credited with the beginning of the Inverleigh township which was formerly called Lawsons.

Lawson set up home here under what is now known as "Lawson's Tree" near the ford on the road to Geelong. It is not known what sort of accommodation he made for himself, whether a canvas topped timber walled shack or something more or perhaps less elaborate. He possibly settled in this spot so that he could do some freelance work, shoeing horses of travellers from or to Geelong who would come this way to cross the ford.

By 1842 he had opened the Horseshoe Inn, just across the track and opposite the site of the present hotel. The Horseshoe Inn was originally a slab hut, which he later rebuilt with local timber and bricks. He left the district in 1852.

Measurements: 04/2010

Spread (m): E-W 20; N-S 19

Girth (m): 3.0 at 1.4m above ground level

Height (m): 20.0

Estimated Age (yrs): 180+

Condition: Good

Access: Unrestricted

Classified: 18/04/2011

Other Names River Red Gum, Lawson's Tree,

Hermes Number 161834

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