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# BLACK DOG CREEK INN

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## Location

LOT 9C AND 10C BRIDGE STREET CHILTERN, INDIGO SHIRE

## Municipality

INDIGO SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8225-0139

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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Interpretation of Site	The site comprises the inn which, based on current condition, has been sympathetically renovated and appears to be intact. The accompanying allotment was not inspected, but it has not been developed and, as such, the archaeological remains of the police stables, the jail and other earlier features of the inn may still be in existence below the surface.
Archaeological Significance	The site is of high archaeological significance. While representing long-term occupation, it appears sufficiently intact and undeveloped, thereby having the potential for sub-surface remains of earlier structures and outlying features, such as the stables commented on by Burke. The adjoining gaol is likely to remain between the inn and the creek.
Historical Significance	The site is highly significant as one of the earliest settled allotments in the region, of the Ullina Run, of the Thomas family, and of the location of its more notorious commercial establishments. Also associated with the site is the history of Robert O'Hara Burke and John Dillon, whose name is the source of the nearby Dillon's Bridge, as well as the lone grave on Mr Terrill's Farm at Rutherglen (separate Heritage Inventory - see History).
Other Names	The Horse and Jockey Inn,
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## History

According to Ashley 1974:10:

On the 26th May 1845 John Thomas was granted a Wine and Beer Licence for the Black Dog Creek Inn. It was an initially rough low roofed wooden structure used by the mailman to change horses. A Rev. J. Lang, famous Presbyterian and republican minister, called at the inn in 1846 but was reputedly displeased by the name of the Inn. In 1849 John Thomas sold it to John Dillon and his licence was cancelled in 1920 and, a few years after this, the hotel passed out of the hands of the Dillon family.

In 1851 John Dillon erected a brick inn which was opened in 1852. From 1854 to 1857 it was used as a police barracks, and between the hotel and the creek was a slab goal (gaol) which stood into the twentieth century. The inn used by Robert O'Hara Burke in 7 April 1854, who recorded that the stables were in disrepair and that the landlord wanted money from him for repair. Dillon died in 1861 and his wife Catherine carried on until 1888 when she died.

A notable event which occurred at the hotel in 1850 was an argument between two shepherds from the Ullina Run. The police report states that a fight broke out and shearing blades used whereby one man was mortally wounded and died before the doctor could arrive from Albury. The man is buried at Mr Terrill's farm on the Rutherglen Road, at the Site known as James Morrison Grave (H8225-0121).

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