

# ORANA ROAD STRUCTURE RUINS

## Location

102-158 ORANA ROAD HIGHTON, GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7721-0457

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Interpretation of Site	The building apperas to have been constructed using locally sourced and introduced building materials on a platform constructed in a hollow. The configuration of structural remains, in addition to the artefacts identified in the debris field are consistent with domestic occupation in the period 1850-1900. Detailed examination of the configuration suggests that the building had a fireplace, indicating a domestic dwelling rather than an outbuilding. The presence of roofing slate in the immediate environs indicate that at least part of the structure was roofed in slateThe absence of the structure in both plans and aerial photographs for the period after 1914 indicate the building was no longer standing at this point
Archaeological Significance	The identifiable significance of the site rests almost entirely on the presence of visible physical remains, and its potential to contain physical evidence beneath the surface.
Historical Significance	Historical significance is difficult to establish as there is no known documentary evidence relating to a structure on this site. The site may have been related to European viticulture in the area, and may have some significance in its association with this industry.
Hermes Number	162359

## History

The site is located on a property that appears to have been one of the Portions of Crown land auctioned on 5 February 1840. A 630 acre section in the parish of Barrabool was sold to W. Robertson of Hobart for 1638 pounds. At the same auction, Roberston purchased three other Sections. This W. Robertson is William Robertson, who was mentioned in Gellibrand's exploring party of 1836.

In 1840, Section 25 (within which this site is located) was bordered in the east by suburban blocks associated with Geelong.

Captain Charles Hutton is shown on later parish plans as owner, suggesting Robertson may have sold property to Hutton at some point between 1840 and 1846. Section 25 was subdivided into 3 allotments in 1846.

The site is located in an area that was squatted during the earliest phases of European settlement in the Geelong district. This area was later subject to formal granting and subdivision. No precise documentary evidence relating to the physical remains on this site has been located. The only detailed plan of the property is a topographic plan from 1914. This does not show any structure in the location of the site, and this suggests that the structure had been removed by this date.

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