
FORMER HOPWOOD'S TOLLHOUSE AND TOWN MORGUE

Location

2 WATSON STREET ECHUCA, CAMPASPE SHIRE

Municipality

CAMPASPE SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7825-0031

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Historical Significance	Echuca Wharf is of historical significance for its role in the economic growth experienced by the Victorian colony in the second half of the 19'h century, as part of the Port of Echuca which became Victoria's largest inland port.
Interpretation of Site	Echuca Wharf is the only wharf, which illustrates the 19'h century river trade on the Murray Darling River system. Although other wharves existed on the Murray River, none of these were of the same scale or economic importance.

The archaeological survey of the Port of Echuca did not identify footings associated with Hopwood's former toll house and later town morgue. The survey did record a raised mound of red clay brick fragments within close vicinity to where the building is supposedly located.' The brick fragments were found in a sandy matrix which could be associated with disintegrated mortar. This feature was not observed elsewhere in the northern area and may be associated with *Hopwood's former toll house and later town morgue*.

Archaeological
Significance

The site is considered to have archaeological potential as subsurface remains may still exist because development over the site since its demolition in the 1940s appears to have been minor. It is unclear at present as to how the building was constructed. The presence of red clay bricks and weak sand mortar indicates it was a brick structure; however, these bricks may represent later additions to an original timber building or a later phase of construction over the site.

The sub-surface remains that can be expected are post holes, sill beams and/or brick strip footings with the possibility of underfloor deposits should the building have had floor boards.

There may also be rubbish pits, brick and/or stone pavement, surface drains and possibly water/sewer pipes associated with the structure.

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