MT BLACKWOOD HOTEL SITE

Location

MT BLACKWOOD ROAD KOROBEIT, MOORABOOL SHIRE

Municipality

MOORABOOL SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7722-0065

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Historical Significance It is of local historical significance as a representative embodiment of a way of life and the social values of the 1860s and for its association with a significant event, the rush for gold.

Archaeological Significance

The site is of medium archaeological significance as it may contain features and relics associated with the first occupation of the building in 1864.

Interpretation of Site

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Other Names

Drury's Hotel,

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183922

Property Number

History

The Mt. Blackwood Hotel was built in 1864 for John Drury, a shrewd businessman. who knew the appeal of strong liquor for miners *en route* to the Mt. Blackwood goldfields. Other licensees included Elizabeth Drury (1905-07) and William Drury (1907-II), wife md son respectively of John Drury. In 1911, the hotel was delicensed, with compensation of £230 (S460) paid. The Mt. Blackwood Hotel was destroyed by fire in February 1921.

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