
FORMER CARLTON INN SITE

Location

154-160 LEICESTER PLACE CARLTON, MELBOURNE CITY

Municipality

MELBOURNE CITY

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7822-2376

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - July 19, 2019

This place is included on the Victorian Heritage Inventory, for its potential to contain historical archaeological remains associated with the settlement and growth of early North Melbourne. The site is a representation of an inner suburban pub of this time period. Under the terms of the Heritage Act 2017 there is protection for all historical archaeology sites and objects in the state.

Please visit the Heritage Victoria website to find out more about the Heritage Inventory.

Historical Significance

The site is associated with early-mid nineteenth century development of North Melbourne. Evidence suggests the former structures, beyond the recently demolished Carlton inn, were likely cellars, cesspits, stables and subfloor deposits. The site is a representation of an inner suburban pub of this time period.

Archaeological
Significance

Documentary evidence suggests 154-160 Leicester Place is the early location of the recently demolished Carlton Inn, established in 1856. The vacant site is currently covered in demolition rubble and rubbish. Remnants of the eastern wall and smaller sections of the original associated walls remain. Archaeological material is likely to be in the form of subfloor deposits, cellars, cesspits, yard deposits and associated buildings. Later twentieth century additions are likely to have been disturbed, but also potentially capped significant archaeological deposits, features or artefacts.

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Property
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History

A quarter-acre crown allotment 11 section 25, at the of south east corner Leicester and Pelham Streets Carlton was sold to R. Hepburn in 1853, who subsequently subdivided the land into numerous small allotments with the corner lot measuring 70 by 70 feet (Vale Collection State Library Victoria, Vol 3 p.37. Subdivision of allotments no 8, 9, &20, Section 30 and Allotments 10 & 11 section 25 North Melbourne at Carlton, no date).

Construction of the hotel was underway by early February 1856, as evidenced by an advertisement for bricks ("Advertising" The Argus (2695). Victoria, Australia. 13 February 1856. p. 1. Retrieved 21 September 2017 - via National Library of Australia).

The completed Carlton Inn was licensed in 1856 to George Edmonds. Soon after it was transferred to John Cozens ("LICENCING BENCH." The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957) 7 December 1859: 3. Web. 19 Oct 2016).

The Noble family were proprietors for about a century from 1863, when a Mrs Noble was listed as owner in the rate books, through to William K. Noble of Mirboo who was owner in 1923 to 1936, and then the estate of W. K. Noble in 1954. (C197 C198 City North Heritage Review 2012 RBA Architects 5 Feb 2013 pp.41-43, City of Melbourne).

In 1933, architects Thomas Watts & Sons designed a new rear addition valued at £500 including new kitchen, and alterations to the front bar. The works were carried out by builder G. G. Edwards of North Brighton. In 1936 a new two-storey section was built on the eastern boundary costing £700. Additional bedrooms and relocation of the kitchen (which had previously been a billiard room), were undertaken by Harry J. Johnston with designs by architect J. A. Trencher of Caulfield. In 1954 architect Harry J. Little designed further alterations, including single-storey sections for laundry, toilets, garage and fuel store, replacing former outbuildings. Building was undertaken by R. J. Johnstone of Mitcham (C197 C198 City North Heritage Review 2012 RBA Architects 5 Feb 2013 pp.41-43, City of Melbourne)

In recent years the hotel was known as the Corkman Irish Pub, with a large student clientele, and traditional Irish music sessions.

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

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