

HERITAGE PLACE

NAME OF PLACE: BUNYIP HOTEL

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE: Scott Street Barker Street CAVENDISH

STUDY NUMBER: 357

HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:

**OTHER NAME/S
OF PLACE:** WADDLE'S INN

PRECINCT: Cavendish

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Southern Grampians Shire

ALLOTMENT: 9 **SECTION:** 1 **PARISH:** PARISH OF CAVENDISH

ACCESS DESCRIPTION:

CFA 432J H3; VicRoads 228 J8; located in the north-west corner of the intersection of Scott and Barker Streets in the centre of the township of Cavendish.

SIGNIFICANCE RATING: Local



Bunyip Hotel, Barker and Scott Streets, Cavendish

Image Date: 2/11/01

EXTENT OF LISTING:

To the extent of: 1. All the hotel including the principal interiors such as the public bar, the main hall and passages, the dining room and bedrooms, but excluding the bathrooms and toilet block and all of the land.

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The Bunyip Hotel is a large single storey asymmetrical building located on the north west corner of Scott and Barker Streets in the centre of the township of Cavendish. The hotel is constructed from rendered and painted bricks, the early sections are constructed of locally made bricks. The roof is hipped and covered in terracotta tiles.

The curved façade of the hotel fronts both Scott and Barker Street, and unlike most hotels, there is a row of windows rather than a door located on the corner of the two streets.

HISTORY:

According to the Hamilton History Centre file on old hotels, the first owners of the hotel were Philmore and Waddell, who held it from 1842-1855. They were followed by Alexander and Bridget Donaldson, until 1859. Subsequently, the hotel has been owned by 26 different owners, most of who have held the hotel for 5 years or less. Only 3 owners have had lengthy tenures. Allan McCallum owned it from 1868-1874, Norman and Sarah McLeod were there from 1935 to 1952, and Beverley Ron Whykes from 1970-1980. The building was substantially remodelled in about 1938 during the ownership of the McLeods, and underwent minor changes while owned by Geoff and Lorraine Barnes in about 1984.

C G Anderson called "tenders for bricklayers, plasterers and carpenters work in an addition to a Public House for Mr. A Donaldson at the Wannan" on May 8, 1855 (Tonkin, 90). Charles Gregory Anderson, the publican of the Commercial Hotel, Warrnambool died there in December, 1858. An Irishman, he was only 35 years old (VPI, Reg. No. 8346). His obituary states that he "was by profession an architect, and for some time followed his profession in Warrnambool. The funeral was one of the largest we have seen in the district, the deceased being universally respected by all classes of men" (Tonkin, 17). In 1854 he had announced himself as a "builder, contractor, &c" taking up premises opposite the Rising sun Hotel, "prepared to contract for all kinds of work" (Tonkin, 88).

The hotel is indicated on the Township Plan dated 1858 as "Donaldson", the only building marked on the plan. It's footprint is irregular in shape and the structure is not positioned at the corner.

THEMATIC CONTEXT:

3. Developing local, regional and national economies

3.12.5 Retailing foods and beverages

3.22 Lodging people

3.23 Catering for tourists

4. Building settlements, towns and cities

4.5 Making settlements to serve rural Australia

8. Developing Australia's cultural life

8.4 Eating and drinking

8.14 Living in the country and rural settlements

CONDITION:

Very good condition

INTEGRITY:

high degree of integrity externally to the pre WW2 appearance.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

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What is significant?

The Bunyip Hotel, a single storey rendered brick building, is located on the corner of Scott and Barker Street, in the central of the township of Cavendish. The hotel has been located on the same site from the beginnings of the township as an Inn at a river crossing. The hotel is in very good condition and retains a high degree of integrity externally to the pre WW2 appearance.

How is it significant?

The Bunyip Hotel is of architectural and historical significance to the township of Cavendish and the Southern Grampians Shire Council

Why is it significant?

The Cavendish Hotel is architecturally significant as a typical example of an Interwar country hotel. Historically, this hotel served as important meeting places for the community in the early stage of the town's development.

COMPARISON:

148 Cricketers Arms Hotel (former), Hamilton Highway, Peshurst

171 Western Hotel, 20 Glendinning Street, Balmoral

307 Mac's Glenthompson Hotel, Station Street, Glenthompson

ASSESSED BY: tfh

ASSESSMENT DATE:

12-Jan-04

EXISTING LISTINGS:

HERITAGE STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS:

Include in VHR Include in RNE Include in Local Planning Scheme

No Recommendations for Inclusions

REFERENCES:

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