

ST CLAIR TOWNSHIP

Location

WARBURTON-WOODS POINT ROAD MATLOCK AND WARBURTON-WOODS POINT ROAD JERICO,
MANSFIELD SHIRE, BAW BAW SHIRE

Municipality

MANSFIELD SHIRE
BAW BAW SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8122-0080

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Interpretation of Site	Heritage Inventory Interpretation: Site represents the commercial initiative of one family, the Sinclairs, who were partly responsible for the speed and manner in which the town of Matlock developed and the construction of the 'Yarra Track' through this area. St Clair was a 'sattelite' settlement developed concurrently with the goldmining areas around Matlock and Jordon Valley. There are several other such towns along this road. Although individually they are of moderate significance, as a group they should be seen as highlly significant on a regional if not state level.
Hermes Number	10790
Property Number	

History

Heritage Inventory History of Site: John Sinclair and his family squatted in a natural clearing containing numerous springs by at least 1862, if not earlier. With the discovery of gold in the nearby Jordon Valley, Sinclair made every effort to have the 'Yarra Track' run past his property. He constructed accomodation, stables and provisions stopping point in St Clair 1863. T Crawford also established at this point by 1864.

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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