

ALL SAINTS BRICK KILN

Location

315 ALL SAINTS ROAD WAHGUNYAH, INDIGO SHIRE

Municipality

INDIGO SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8126-0001

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Interpretation of Site	The interpretation for the site is consistent with that on the original inventory. This site comprises a pit and kiln, with associated brick scatter. Both are likely to date to the late 1860s and the construction of the Winery. The location is close to the Murray River.
Archaeological Significance	The site is of local archaeological significance, in an area where such pits are common. However, it is one of the larger kiln sites and associated with the development of an important wine establishment. The site has the potential to have features related to brick kiln construction and have comparative potential for regional kiln construction. In addition, there is potential for other buildings and occupation deposits.
Historical Significance	The site is historically of state significance as being part of the All Saints Winery Complex.
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History

The kiln, constructed around 1869, is located in allotment 71 in the all Saints Estate and was used for the construction of the first buildings at All Saints Winery. The estate was originally established in 1864 by George Sutherland Smith and John Banks, has since then been a winery (Brian Lloyd and John Kennedy 2007: 155). The estate was purchased by the Brown Brothers of Milawa in 1993 and in 2005 the Indigo Cheese Co, begins to operate in the estate (Brian Lloyd and John Kennedy 2007: 156). The kiln is one of a number of historical features at the winery, which includes Chinese workers camps (late 19th century).

The land around the kiln has been recently re-vegetated and is surrounded by new gums. The root system of the older trees has however enveloped some of the artefact scatter.

'The castle' building was constructed in 1880 and may post-date the use of the kiln.

There is little information concerning the kiln and it is located in an area of the estate that is now disused. It is likely the kiln was abandoned rather than demolished, and it is in an area of the estate set aside for revegetation. It is not known when the kiln ceased operation, but it is likely it was used specifically for construction of the estate; as noted on the original inventory, it is likely that these bricks were made c. 1869 for use in the construction of the first buildings at All Saints Winery.

A mud brick hut was on the site of 'the castle', but was demolished for the new building. It is possible that the mud brick hut used the bricks from the kiln, but no evidence was identified to confirm this.

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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