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# BARONGAROOK HOUSE

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## Location

70 COLAC-FORREST ROAD COLAC, COLAC OTWAY SHIRE

## Municipality

COLAC OTWAY SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7621-0016

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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Interpretation of Site    Heritage Inventory Interpretation: Pioneer homestead remains.

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Property Number

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## History

Contextual History:History of Place:

Heritage Inventory History of Site:

The European pioneer settler of Colac was Hugh Murray who arrived in 1837. His first hut was built on the site where the Botanic Gardens (Melbourne) were later situated. His second home was in Church Street. In 1851 he commenced building a two storey brick residence on the slopes to the east of Colac, but the gold rush meant labour shortages, and the building was considerably delayed. Barongarook House, as it was named by Murray, was completed in 1853, and he lived there until his death in 1869. The family retained ownership of the house until 1936, when it was purchased by Albert and Walter Parker. During WW 2 the interior of the house was

damaged by soldiers when the army used the property for exercises. The house was unoccupied, and was demolished around 1948. The Parker family sold the property in 1987.

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