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# LYNDOCH HOME AND HOSPITAL FOR THE AGED

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## Location

10-46 HOPKINS ROAD AND 14 MARFELL ROAD WARRNAMBOOL, WARRNAMBOOL CITY

## Municipality

WARRNAMBOOL CITY

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7421-0012

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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### Interpretation of Site

The location of the former 19th century 'Ferry Hotel' is uncertain but is thought to have been in the general area of the Lyndoch Facility near the old crossing point on the western side of the Hopkins River adjacent to the current bridge. Anecdotal evidence suggests that remnant walls from the the hotel existed somewhere within the hospital site into the 20th century. However, other anecdotal evidence puts the hotel closer to (or at) the Ferry Reserve site further north along the river beyond Proudfoot's Boathouse. This may be a later reincarnation of the earlier hotel (or its license).

This is an early, extensive and complicated historical site complex that requires detailed site inspection as well as additional historical research.

### Archaeological Significance

The site has the potential to provide archaeological information on the use of the site as an early hotel at a river crossing, a boarding school and a large residential estate. Such information could be in the form of building foundations, underfloor deposits, surface and buried drains, external formed surfaces, retaining walls, jetty piles, boatshed remains, post holes from fencing, the foundation of the windmill and underground water storage tank(s).

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| Historical Significance | The historical significance of the site revolves around the differing activities that took place on the site since the years of the mid 19th century, which represent some of the historical themes associated with the Warrnambool area. The site was first used as a resting and recreational place for travellers and was later converted to a private school then transformed into a country estate, before becoming an aged care facility. |
| Other Names             | MARINE HOUSE, HOPKINS FERRY HOTEL,  |
| Hermes Number           | 146637  |
| Property Number         |   |

## History

Little is known at present about the Hopkins Ferry Hotel. The hotel was a two storey stone building destroyed by fire in 1862. Only the walls of the building were left standing. A private grammar and boarding school was built on the site by Henry Kremmis in 1868. The school was run from a new building named Marine House which was constructed on the site of the Hotel. It had facilities for boating, rowing, swimming and fishing. The venture on the site was not a success and the school was moved to Ellerslie House in 1872.

Marine House was bought in the late 1870s by George Rolfe, a tea merchant from Melbourne. By 1883, the original purchase of two acres of ground and the house was expanded to 50 acres. The land was resoled, with a water supply reservoir, tanks, pumps, a reticulation system and windmill constructed. The windmill was constructed on an old English model and provided power for sawing and pumping water. It was demolished in 1937. Apart from garden landscaping, the waterfront of the property was also modified with an embankment faced with stone, a jetty and a boathouse being constructed. The house was pulled down in 1919 to be replaced with the present Lyndoch House in 1925 by Anne and Florence Lake. The aged care complex was established in the 1950s and features a number of phases of development that have both extended and replaced earlier structures.

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