
FORMER WARRNAMBOOL TOLL HOUSE

Location

SOUTH WESTERN CORNER OF PRINCES HIGHWAY AND 1 IMPALA AVENUE AND 4-10 OWEN STREET
WARRNAMBOOL, WARRNAMBOOL CITY

Municipality

WARRNAMBOOL CITY

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7421-0013

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Interpretation of Site

The ground along the southern edge of the Princes Highway is cut along its northern edge, probably for a much earlier road alignment. This has formed an upper terrace and has created an embankment ranging in height from 1 to 2 metres, the base of which runs along the edge of a footpath. On the north side of the footpath the ground slopes down by 1 to 1.5 metres over a distance of around 5 metres to the Princes Highway. On the upper terrace there is some discolouration in the grass nearer to the western side of the site, suggesting the possibility of buried features just below the surface. Four limestone fragments were seen exposed in the embankment near the discoloured grass. One of the fragments appeared squared.

The remains that could be expected to be present of the toll house would be footings (post holds, strip footings of brick or rock), possibly underfloor deposits, surface drains, refuse and cess pits, as well as post holes associated with fencing. Such remains would be more fragmentary within the residential allotments.

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| Archaeological Significance | The archaeological remains of the site would provide information on the living conditions of those who lived and worked in the toll house. |
| Historical Significance | The toll house represents the increasing importance of Warrnambool as a regional centre as evidenced through the increase in vehicular traffic which required the establishment of good roads and the means with which to pay for their construction |
| Hermes Number | 146640 |
| Property Number | |

History

Little is known about the toll house other than it was on the road to Allansford Bridge and was established in early-mid 1850s. The construction materials used in the toll house are not known,

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