

CORNISHTOWN TOWNSHIP SITE

Location

CHRISTMASTOWN ROAD, CORNISHTOWN ROAD AND HALL ROAD CORNISHTOWN, INDIGO SHIRE

Municipality

INDIGO SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8225-0143

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

1859 the town was established

Interpretation of Site 1875 the primary school was completed

1957 the Primary School closed and the area was largely abandoned

Archaeological Significance Most of the original township buildings have been demolished and removed and the archaeology provides the only tangible links to the former settlement. The archaeology could provide information on settlement patterns by a particular group of immigrants; the Cornish. This may be reflected in construction methods and commodities that are within an archaeological deposit.

Historical Significance The township is significant through its association with regional settlement following the late 1850s and early 1860s mining boom within north east of Victoria.

Hermes Number 162335

Property Number

History

Cornishtown was established in 1859 and was home for Cornish immigrants who came to this area after the collapse of tin mining. The town once had several houses, businesses, hotels and a primary school that was completed in 1875 and closed in 1957 due to low enrolments. The school is extant but many of the buildings have been removed. In 1860 a recreation reserve was established and included a cricket pitch that is still in operation (Fuge 1997).

The township is also marked on Everett's 1868 map of Indigo, Chiltern, and Wahgunyah, as well as an 1889 Parish Map and latter 20th century example.

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