
WANNON INN (FORMER)

Location

Brung Brungle Road WANNON, Southern Grampians Shire

Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The Wannon Inn was one of the earliest hotels outside Hamilton and, typically, was located at a river crossing. The township of Wannon, formerly known as Redruth was created around the site. The first publican was William Stuckey who established the inn in 1849. Before a bridge was built at least four people drowned in the flooded river and were buried nearby. Stuckey was superseded by John Quigley in 1854. Quigley was an important figure in the district, being a councillor from 1858 until 1870 and Shire President from 1863 to 1866 only to resign due to his financial downfall. The inn took advantage of its proximity to the famous Wannon Falls. The third licensee was Angus Cameron. The Wannon Inn was delicensed in the early twentieth century as a result of the Licence Reduction Board's review of small hotels in the district. The whole complex has been demolished. The site remains undeveloped and of high archaeological potential including the graves.

How is it significant?

The site of the Wannon Inn is of archaeological and historical significance as a Heritage Inventory Site.

Why is it significant?

The site of the Wannon Inn is of archaeological significance for its potential to demonstrate the situation and condition of a typical mid-nineteenth century coaching inn and the occupants' lifestyles.

The site of the Wannon Inn is of historical significance for its associations with the various publicans, especially the community leader and entrepreneur, John Quigley.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1850,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered archaeological place,
Other Names	REDRUTH INN, QUIGLEY'S INN,
Hermes Number	23209
Property Number	

Physical Conditions

Substantial archaeological potential.

Physical Description 1

No above ground fabric remains in place, however the stone foundations survive, such as a stone threshold, as do brick scatters and timbers. There is a fence and gate along the Brung Brungle Road frontage. The exact location of the graves is not known.

Historical Australian Themes

Theme 3: Developing local, regional and national economies

3.19 Marketing and retail

3.22 Lodging people

3.23 Catering for tourists

Theme 8: Developing Australia's Cultural Life

8.1.4 Enjoying the natural environment

8.3 Going on holiday

8.4 Eating and drinking

Usage/Former Usage

abandoned site

Integrity

No fabric remains above ground.

Physical Description 2

William Stuckey, first publican

John Quigley, second publican

Angus Cameron, third publican

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