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## PRINCE OF WALES HOTEL (FORMER)



23225 Prince of Wales Hotel  
Watton St Penshurst 0884



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23225 Prince of Wales Hotel  
Watton St Penshurst shop  
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### Location

106-8 Watton Street, PENSHURST VIC 3289 - Property No 003

### Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

### Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

### Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

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### Statement of Significance

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The Prince of Wales Hotel (former) is located on the north side of Watton between Burchett and Martin Streets, in

the middle of the township. The former hotel is a small rock faced bluestone . Substantial parts of the eastern wing original Prince of Wales Hotel has been much altered; to the east of the building, ruined bluestone walls indicate where the main bar and connecting corridor once stood, and the facade shows where two arched doorways have been bricked in. A small single fronted timber structure with skillion verandah is located to the west of the main building, and directly behind the main building are two storey bluestone and timber stables with a painted one word sign 'Hotel'. It is believed that the hotel was constructed in 1860, and the first publican was Hugh McWilliam. The central core of the Prince of Wales survives in good condition, although the integrity of the structure has been compromised.

How is it Significant?

The Prince of Wales Hotel is of historical significance to the township of Peshurst and the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

The former Victoria Hotel is of historical significance as one of the few surviving buildings which housed early hotels in Peshurst. Although there is only one hotel still operating in the township, prior to 1907, there were as many as seven in operation. The hotel serves as an important remnant of an earlier, more prosperous period in the history of the town, indicating a previous way of life nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1860,
Hermes Number	23225
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## Physical Conditions

The physical condition of the former Prince of Wales hotel is fair. An undated photograph (after 1972) in the Hamilton History Centre, provides a useful comparison with the present condition of the building. Part of the structure, which appears to be the main bar, of Edwardian appearance, has been demolished, while the remaining section has been re-roofed in recent times. The bricking-in of the front doors appears to be old work, and the remaining structure may be the oldest part of the hotel.

## Physical Description 1

The former Prince of Wales Hotel, located at 104 Watton Street Peshurst, is a coursed, rock-faced bluestone structure with a new cross-gabled roof clad in corrugated iron, brick chimneys, and the framework of a timber verandah. The facade formerly contained two arched doorways, which have been bricked in at a later date. Two arched double hung sash windows have been retained. Visible to the east side of the building are the remains of other bluestone walls, which were part of the hotel now demolished. To the west of the main building is a small single-fronted, gable roofed timber structure, with a skillion verandah. Behind the central wing there is a corrugated iron and weatherboard extension of a later date. To the east there are ruined walls of the former main bar and connecting corridor. Behind the site of the main bar is a freestanding stone hut which may be a former detached kitchen. Several metres behind this structure is a two storey stable building, built with bluestone on the lower floor and extended in timber and weatherboard above. A sign painted on the weatherboards is visible from Bell Street. It is one word, "Hotel". It appears that access for the stables was possible from Bell Street.

## Historical Australian Themes

Theme 3: Developing local, regional and national economies

3.12 Feeding people

3.12.5 Retailing foods and beverages

### 3.22 Lodging people

#### **Usage/Former Usage**

residential

#### **Integrity**

Low

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