
Moorabee Hotel (former)



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Eppalock Road_011_img01

Location

11 Knowsley-Eppalock Road, KNOWSLEY VIC 3523 - Property No 216164

Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO786

Heritage Listing

Greater Bendigo City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - November 14, 2008

What is significant?

The former Moorabee Hotel, including all the fabric of the 1870s timber building and the later additions added prior to 1889, is significant.

How is it significant?

The former Moorabee Hotel is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Greater Bendigo.

Why is it significant?

The former Moorabee Hotel is aesthetically significant as a key building defining the township of Knowsley. Other buildings that reinforce the town are the store and residence at 4 Knowsley Eppalock Road. *Criterion E*

The former Moorabee Hotel contains elements characteristic of hotels in the region, such as a gabled roof, with a number of doors opening directly onto the verandah linking extensions to the original building. Although less intact than other hotels in the region, the former Moorabee Hotel is in fair condition. It is historically significant for its association with the subdivision of early pastoral properties following the 1860s Land Acts. Built by David Wise Kelly about 1875, on land that was originally part of the Campaspe Plains Run, the former Moorabee Hotel also has historical significance as an example of hotel ownership by a major brewery, Cohn Bros. in the early part of the twentieth century, and later as a reminder of the influence of hotel licensing requirements for alterations and improvements. *Criterion D*

The former Moorabee Hotel has historical significance for its association with the members of the Long family who were associated with the Hotel from 1898. Prior to this time, frequent changes of ownership and publicans may reflect changes in social circumstances or financial inability to improve their facilities. Although owned by Cohn Bros. Victoria Brewery of Bendigo from 1909, the Hotel has historic significance for its association with Alice Hunter from 1908. Her daughter Irene Hamilton ran it from the early 1930s until she surrendered the licence in 1958 after the Licensing Court imposed orders for renovations and improvements on the building. *Criterion A*

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Bendigo - Former Shires of Mclvor and Strathfieldsaye Heritage Study, Context P/L, 2008;
Construction dates	1876,
Hermes Number	32926
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Physical Description 1

11 Knowsley Eppalock Road occupies a prominent corner at the entrance to Knowsley, and was built in several stages. The original five roomed section was built in the early 1870s and the building almost doubled in size to 11 rooms by 1889. There are two gable roof forms set perpendicular to each other, and an outbuilding that appears to have been incorporated into the main part of the house. The original cladding material appears to be weatherboard, although later alterations have replaced this with fibre cement sheet cladding, especially to the gable ends. There are some original twelve pane sash windows, although some windows have been replaced with plain sashes. A straight profile verandah links the two parts of the building and ties them together. A number of doors open directly onto the verandah which is characteristic of hotels. One gable end is still clad in weatherboards and has a small bargeboard of looped profile. Some of the timber verandah posts have been replaced with iron pipes. Overall the building shares many of the characteristics of early hotels, but is less intact than others in the study area.

Physical Conditions

Fair

Integrity

Altered

Historical Australian Themes

6.0 Building towns, cities and the garden state

6.5 Living in country towns

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