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## Knowsley Hotel (former)



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### Location

2948 Mclvor Highway, KNOWSLEY VIC 3523 - Property No 216167

### Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO787

### Heritage Listing

Greater Bendigo City

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### Statement of Significance

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*What is significant?*

The former Knowsley Hotel site, including all the fabric of the 1850s timber building and later additions, and the large timber framed and weatherboard woolshed at the rear of the main building, is significant.

*How is it significant?*

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

#### *Why is it significant?*

The former Knowsley Hotel is historically significant as a nineteenth century hotel built prior to the McIvor gold rush era. As one of the first hotels built in the township, the former Knowsley Hotel is historically important as for its ability to demonstrate this time of great change in Victoria's history. The site is historically significant for its associations with Cobb & Co, and with miners on their way to the McIvor and Bendigo gold fields. The former Knowsley Hotel is also important for its early association with the Matheson family, from the time Donald Munro Matheson applied to Crown Land Commissioner Frederick Powlett to build the Hotel in 1851, until his widow Mary Ann chose not to renew the lease in 1879 after which it was sold. *Criterion A*

The former Knowsley Hotel is architecturally significant for its Georgian styling as demonstrated by the front door, fanlight and sidelights, and twelve pane sash windows across the front elevation. A later wing probably dating from the 1860s has been built in complementary style. Although the verandah posts and brackets have been altered probably c. 1920, the building is recognisably of Georgian origins.

The shearing shed is notable for its size and appearance although it is of a later date of construction than the hotel.

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Greater Bendigo - Former Shires of McIvor and Strathfieldsaye Heritage Study, Context P/L, 2008; |
| Construction dates        | 1851, 1860,  |
| Hermes Number             | 32928  |
| Property Number           |  |

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## Physical Description 1

The former Knowsley Hotel comprises two main forms, including a high hipped roof with integral verandah, and a hipped roof wing to one side. The roof form of the main part does indicate an early date of construction that may be consistent with the mid 1850s as mentioned in the history. The verandah posts and brackets would appear to be from a later date possibly around 1920. The front door, fanlight and sidelights are notable and are designed with simple horizontal or vertical glazing bars in a Colonial Regency style. The windows across the front elevation are twelve pane sashes and appear to be original. There are two brick chimneys. At the rear of the hotel is a large timber framed and weatherboard woolshed that is of interest. It is probably associated with a later ownership after 1879 when the hotel changed to residential use.

## 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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