

Waurn Ponds Hotel Stable, 20 Marendaz Road, Waurn Ponds

Statement of Significance

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Heritage Place: Waurn Ponds Hotel Stable, 20 Marendaz Road, Waurn Ponds	PS ref no: HO2028
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What is significant?

The Waurn Ponds Hotel Stable is a single storey red brick commercial outbuilding constructed in a vernacular style in 1856.

The following features contribute to the significance of the place:

- Hipped roof clad in lapped sheets of galvanised corrugated iron.
- Two unusual, pointed arch openings on the eastern elevation, which were likely to have originally been fixed vents or shutters.
- Unpainted, handmade bricks.
- Structural iron S-ties.
- Potential for archaeological research including evidence of four previous structures associated with the hotel complex and artefact scatters such as old farming equipment.
- Visibility of the Stable from Marendaz Road and Waurn Ponds Drive.

Features that do not contribute to the significance of this place includes a large opening on the east elevation, possibly a mid-20th century change to accommodate a motor vehicle and temporary timber structure within the opening of the eastern elevation

How is it significant?

The Waurn Ponds Hotel Stable at 20 Marendaz Road, Waurn Ponds is of historical, aesthetic, scientific and associative significance to the City of Greater Geelong.

Why is it significant?

The Waurn Ponds Hotel Stables is significant as a rare example demonstrating the growth of local farming settlements from the mid-19th century and the early development of licenced premises to service the resident populace and travellers along Colac Road. (Criterion A).

The site has potential for archaeological research due to structures such as the hotel and other outbuildings that were extant in 1856 when the Waurn Ponds Hotel was operating. Further research will increase understanding of the post contact history of European occupation and cultural history of the area, particularly as the site of an early inn. (Criterion C).

The Waurm Ponds Hotel stables are a modest-sized vernacular stable from the mid-19th century but of particular interest as a brick structure when most stables around that time were likely timber, and includes unusual, pointed arch openings of uncertain origin and function. (Criterion E).

The Waurm Ponds Hotel is associated with Charles Simmons, a well-known colonist and landowner who was on the board of patrons for the Non-Vested National School at Waurm Ponds. (Criterion H).

Primary sources

Waurm Ponds Hotel Heritage Assessment, Janine Barrand 3 August 2024, updated and peer reviewed by David Scott 6 August 2024.

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