

Place name Criterion Hotel

Survey Date: 4/07/2004

Other name-

Id: 1137

Street 90 to 94 Macalister Street

Last Update 4/10/2004

Locality Sale

Postcode

Official Locality

Property No Section 2N, CA 8

Local Government Area Wellington Shire

Precinct: Precinct - Sale Town Centre

Easting

Northing

Map

Workshop number

Workshop votes

Field survey number

Community priority

Designer

Builder

Ownership

Built Date 1865, 1878 **Change Date**

Description The National Estate citation describes this hotel as 'one of the most impressive of the nineteenth century hostleries in Victoria, complete with the double storey cast iron verandah and, being erected in 1865, is one of the oldest in Gippsland.'⁽¹⁾

Located on the corner of Macalister and York Street, it appears that the original hotel was symmetrical about the corner bar. A survey of the building carried out in 1977, noted that extensions had been added to the main section of the west wing and to the services section behind.⁽²⁾ Originally the separate quarters designed as a commercial travellers' sampling room were detached from the main building and are now integrated into the rear section of the hotel (1).

The building is most striking for its verandah which was erected in 1878s and features highly ornamental lace work. The posts on the ground floor are copies of the original. The window openings are uniform, with some conversion to doorways on the west side. The Classically-derived architrave mouldings are unusual. The verandah detailing, west wing addition and rendered ornamentation of the chimneys all appear to date from the same period, the late 1870s.

Condition & Integrity: The hotel building retains the overall form of its original 1865 design, with additions to the west wing identical to the earlier section. The verandah and the chimney decoration probably date from the late 1870s, when the verandah is also believed to have been added.

Place type: Commerce

Condition

Integrity

History In August 1865, Charles Boykett of Emerald Hill placed an advertisement in the Argus calling for tenders for the building of a 'large hotel at Sale' for John Cobain. The first publican was James W. Alister. (4)

John Cobain was a substantial landowner who owned Spring Park at Bundalaguah.

Alterations to the building have occurred over the years. The first major identifiable change was the addition of the verandah, designed by Thomas Guthridge, was added in 1878 at a cost of 2000 pounds. Hutchinson of City Foundry supplied the iron.⁽⁵⁾ The verandah had to be rebuilt in 1906 after an unfortunate accident involving a runaway horse caused the collapse of the whole verandah.⁽⁶⁾

Probably at the same time, the original seven bay facade on the Macalister Street side was extended to eleven bays, slightly altering the plan which was believed to be symmetrical about the corner originally. The Macalister Street facade has also been altered with the introduction of three entrance openings (2).

| Heritage Protections Register | Reference | Zoning | Status |
|-------------------------------|-----------|--------|--------|
| National Trust Register | B2290 | | Listed |

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| Planning Scheme | HO85 | Listed |
| Register of the National Estate | 004778 | Listed |
| Victorian Heritage Register | H215 | Listed |

National Estate

Research Required

Recommendations

Fieldwork priority?

Stage 1 Ranking Assessed & protected **Stage 2 priority** No Action: Already include

Final Ranking State significance **Final Recommendation**

Statement of significance The Criterion Hotel, the second oldest Sale hotel, is a significant part of the heritage of Sale, and of Victoria, as an early Gippsland example of a two storey corner hotel, retaining its overall plan, architectural detailing, and a commercial travellers' sampling room, with an elaborate two-storey cast iron verandah built a few years later, creating an impressive landmark.

One of the most impressive of the nineteenth century hostelries in Victoria, complete with the ornate double storey cast iron verandah and, being erected in 1865, is one of the oldest in Gippsland. The facade is a notable disciplined composition with unusual Classically derived window architraves and mouldings. The Hotel, being located on a corner, has a significant impact on the Sale city townscape. (RNE 004778)

Extent of designation The total exterior of the buildi

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Notes

Follow up

Bibliography Sale Heritage Study

- (1) Australian Heritage Commission file no. 004778 2/09/272/0001/01.
 - (2) National Trust file no. 2290.
 - (3) 'A Walk Around Historic Sale'.
 - (4) Lewis, M. B., 'Australian Architectural Index'.
 - (5) 'Gippsland Times', 1878.
 - (6) Photograph held at Criterion Hotel, dated 1906.
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Context

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