

HERITAGE PLACE

NAME OF PLACE: SHOP

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE: 165 Graham Street WONTHAGGI

STUDY NUMBER: 524

HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER: HO159

OTHER NAME/S OF PLACE: FORMER CO-OP BUTCHERS, FORMER WONTHAGGI WORKMEN'S CO-OPERATIVE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Bass Coast Shire

PARISH: PARISH OF WONTHAGGI

SIGNIFICANCE RATING: Local



Shop, 165 Graham Street, Wonthaggi

Image Date: July 2004

EXTENT OF LISTING:
Whole allotment.

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HPD Number 215 HI Number VHR Number
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Precinct Group Number
Extra Files

Location 165 Graham Street WONTHAGGI
PARISH OF WONTHAGGI COUNTY OF MORNINGTON
WONTHAGGI (T)

Planning Authority Ward Hovell

Access Description

Map Number 0 Map Scale 1:100000 Latitude Longitude

UMG Zone Easting Northing

Location Validity Spatial Accuracy

Extent of Listing

Whole allotment.

Published Extent of Listing

Significance Local

Statement of Significance

The former Co-op Butchers shop in Graham Street, Wonthaggi, is of local historic and social significance. The shop is socially and historically significant as a co-operative butcher-shop established during the the 1920s, during the first phase of development of the township. It is of some aesthetic significance as a 1920s style shop which demonstrates its original function by pressed cement lettering on the parapet.

Gazettal Details

Permit Exemptions

Exemptions Policy

Assessment Against Criteria

AHC A.4 Importance for association with events, developments or cultural phases which have had a significant role in the human occupation and evolution of the nation, State, region or community.

Assessed 13/08/2004 Assessed By F Woodhouse

Comparisons

Rare Assessment

Intact Assessment

Include in VHR Include in RNE Include in Local Planning Scheme No Recommendations for Inclusions

Recommended Management

Heritage Act Categories

Heritage place

Heritage Item Groups

Commercial

Heritage Item Categories

Restaurant (food outlet)

Title Details

Physical Description

The shop at 165 Graham Street is a single storey rendered brick building. The original facade at ground floor level is highly altered, with modern window glazing and pink tile cladding. The cantilevered awning is clad with metal sheeting and appears to be an original element, though is now heavily obscured beneath advertising hoardings. The brick parapet features the words 'Co-operative Society' in rendered lettering.

Physical Condition and/or Archaeological Potential

Usage Shop.

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Associated People

Historical Notes

Wonthaggi was established as a mining town in 1909 to supply the Victorian Railways with black coal, and thus make Victoria independent of the privately owned New South Wales coalfields, the previous source of coal for the railways. The decision to proceed with mining coal from the Powlett Coalfield was prompted by the coal miners in New South Wales strike in 1909. When established, the coal was worked by the State Coal Mine from the Dudley and Kirrak Basins. The township of Wonthaggi is located on a ridge between the two basins. Initially the miners lived in a tent city; by 1910 the Government had laid out a model township. By 1921 Wonthaggi had a population of 5,000, making it one of the largest towns in Gippsland at the time. Wonthaggi's population peaked at around 12,000 in the mid-1920s when the mine was at its operational peak. The township was divided into commercial and residential areas. Its infrastructure provided for housing, water, churches, schools, and other social facilities.

This shop is located on Allotment 28 in Section 5 of the Township of Wonthaggi, which was first sold to M Carroll on 5 August 1914. The building is believed to have been occupied by the former Butcher's Co-op Butchering Company, which first appears in the Sands & McDougalls Directory in 1923. The co-operative movement was prevalent from the earliest days of Wonthaggi's establishment, and may have been the result of the influence of the Communist Party in Wonthaggi. It may also have been prompted to alleviate the poverty of some of the workers attracted to work in the Mine at Wonthaggi.

Historic Themes

Thematic Environmental History

13.1 Larger Centres: Wonthaggi, the site of the former State Coal Mine, was established to supply coal to the Victorian Railways and eventually other industries. Today it is a flourishing town and the largest shopping centre in South Gippsland. Wonthaggi's commercial area includes an extensive range of shops. As a tourist destination, the area supports hotels, motels, caravan parks and accommodation for holiday rentals. Nearby attractions include Cape Paterson and its fine surf beaches and the adjoining Bunurong Marine Park. The State Coal Mine and Mining Museum, now a tourist attraction, is managed by Parks Victoria.

Listings

References

Author	Title	Year	ShelfLocation
Department of Land and Survey	Parish Plan of Wonthaggi, Parish of Wonthaggi, County of Mornington		
John M Coghlan	The State Coal Mine and Wonthaggi	1979	
Les Blake	Place Names of Victoria	1974	
T.J. Gannon (ed.)	Wonthaggi and District: Past and Present	1934	

Conservation Plans

Owner Type

Section 32 Recommendation

Owners/Occupants/Managers

Other Notes

Application Detail

Adviser Comments

Planning Scheme Amendments

Overlay Controls

Planning Scheme Schedule

External Paint Controls?	Yes	Included in Vic Heritage Register?	No
Internal Alteration Controls?	No	Prohibited uses may be permitted?	Yes
Tree Controls?	No	Name of incorporated plan	No
Outbuildings/fences not exempt?	No	Aboriginal Heritage Place?	No

