

HERITAGE PLACE

NAME OF PLACE: INVERLOCH ESPLANADE HOTEL

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE: 1 A'Beckett Street INVERLOCH

STUDY NUMBER: 177

HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER: HO82

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Bass Coast Shire

PARISH: PARISH OF KIRRAK

SIGNIFICANCE RATING: Local



Inverloch Esplanade Hotel, 1 a'Beckett Street, Inverloch.

Image Date: March 2002

EXTENT OF LISTING:

Whole allotment.

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Extra Files

Location 1 A'Beckett Street INVERLOCH

PARISH OF KIRRAK

COUNTY OF BULN BULN

INVERLOCH (T)

Planning Authority

Ward Townsend

Access Description

Map Number

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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 Inverloch Esplanade Hotel is of local historic and aesthetic significance. The site is historically significant as part of the original landholding of one of the earliest settlers in Inverloch, George Wrigley. The site has been licensed since 1896 and this building replaced an earlier one destroyed by fire. The hotel is aesthetically significant as a largely intact example of an inter-War corner hotel, designed by notable architects Gawler and Drummond.

Gazettal Details

Permit Exemptions

Exemptions Policy

Assessment Against Criteria

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.

B.2 Importance in demonstrating a distinctive way of life, custom, process, land-use, function or design no longer practised, in danger of being lost, or of exceptional interest.

E.1 Importance for a community for aesthetic characteristics held in high esteem or otherwise valued by the community.

Date Assessed 11/08/2004 Assessed By F Woodhouse

Comparisons

Rare Assessment

Intact Assessment

Good

Include in VHR

Include in RNE

Include in Local Planning Scheme

No Recommendations for Inclusions

Recommended Management

Restrict signage to current amount

Investigate original paint colours when due for a repaint

Heritage Act Categories

Heritage Item Groups

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Title Details

Architect/Designers

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Gawler & Drummond

Construction Started 1934 Circa No Completed Circa No

Physical Description

The Inverloch Esplanade Hotel is a double-storey inter-War corner hotel with rendered brick walls and a jerkinhead corrugated galvanised steel roof with dormer windows and tapered brick chimneys. The splayed corner is screened by a balcony with an infilled balustrade, supported on rendered piers. The a'Beckett street elevation contains a timber-framed entry porch with a jerkinhead corrugated galvanised steel roof. First floor windows are original four-pane timber-framed, double hung sashes. There is also a modern addition with a steel-framed porch abutting the end of the Ramsey Boulevard elevation and a bottle-shop at the end of the a'Beckett Street elevation. The aluminium-framed windows to the ground floor are not original. The roof has recently been reclad, the balcony balustrade re-rendered.

Physical Condition and/or Archaeological Potential

Good

Usage Hotel.

Associated People

Historical Notes

The first leasehold in South West Gippsland was obtained by George Raff in 1842, but this was later absorbed into George Black's Tarwin Meadows Run in 1851. Black later cleared the land for grazing and farming. When cattle runs were opened for farming by the Land Act of 1869, selections made in South West Gippsland included Inverloch.

The seaside town of Inverloch was first named Anderson's Inlet after the first permanent European settler in Western Port, Samuel Anderson. A lowland Scot, Anderson had worked for the Van Diemen's Land Company until he sailed across Bass Strait in 1835 and settled on the Bass River. Here he successfully grew wheat and encouraged his brothers from Scotland to join him. The township of Anderson Inlet was proclaimed in 1886, and renamed Inverloch in 1889, in honour of Sir Henry Brougham Loch, Governor of Victoria from 1884-89. The nearby township of Loch, was also named after the Governor. The name also derives from the Gaelic 'inver' meaning 'at the entrance to' and 'loch', meaning 'lake'.

Inverloch developed as a fishing village and as a small-ship port to service the farms being established around the Inlet. By the late nineteenth century it was established as both a seaside resort and a port for transporting local produce to Melbourne. In the 1890s, when coalmines were opened in Korumburra, Outtrim and Jumbunna, Inverloch was the nearest seaside holiday resort. When the State Coal Mine opened at Wonthaggi in 1909, the coal was initially shipped to Melbourne from Inverloch until the Nyora-Wonthaggi line was opened in 1910. Many of the mine-workers lived in Inverloch, and cycled to Wonthaggi every day. When the mine closed in 1968, some of the miners' cottages were transported to Inverloch as holiday homes.

The Esplanade Hotel is situated on land originally sold to George Wrigley in the late nineteenth century. The original hotel was a timber building, which was first licenced in 1896. By 1910 the proprietor is listed in commercial directories as L J Lohr. By the mid-1910s it was being run by Robert Bair, then E F McNamara by 1930. In 1934 the old hotel building was destroyed by fire. Architects Gawler and Drummond designed the new masonry hotel building, in works commissioned by Mrs C R Frongerud. Its interior is believed to have incorporated timber from the Frogerunds home 'Waverley' at 5 Halford Street, which they demolished.

Historic Themes

Thematic Environmental History

13.2 Coastal Towns and 13.3 Tourist Resorts: The coastal town of Inverloch, established on Anderson's Inlet in 1886, became a popular resort in the late nineteenth century with locals from mining districts, and from 1909, with miners from Wonthaggi. When roads and motor transport became more accessible in the 1930s and 1940s, it became popular with holidaymakers from Melbourne. Families enjoyed holidays of four weeks or more in the same rented house, and many families stayed in the area until Easter. Many holiday residents have retired to Inverloch permanently. The guesthouse or hotel holiday was the complete holiday, where the meals were prepared and served, beds made and all free time was available to the family.

Listings

References

Author	Title	Year	ShelfLocation
	Sands & McDougall Commerical Directories	1905	
		1950	

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Department of Lands and Survey	Parish plan of Kirrak	
E P Brewster (ed.)	Looking Back at Inverloch	1988
Inverloch Historical Society Inc.	Anderson Inlet Inverloch: A Short A-Z History	1997
Les Blake	Place Names of Victoria	1974
Les Blake	Vision & Realisation, Vol. 3	1973
Miles Lewis	Australian Architectural Index	
Norman R Deacon (ed.)	Anderson Inlet Inverloch: Inverloch, and District Identities and Pioneers	2000
R V Billis and A S Kenyon	Pastoral Pioneers of Port Phillip	1974
Thomas Horton and Kenneth Morris	The Andersons of Western Port	1983

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? No

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