

# HERITAGE PLACE

**NAME OF PLACE:** HOUSE

**ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE:** 37 Pier Road INVERLOCH

**STUDY NUMBER:** 158

**HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:** HO97

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**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA:** Bass Coast Shire

**PARISH:** PARISH OF KIRRAK

**SIGNIFICANCE RATING:** Local



House, 37 Pier Road, Inverloch

**Image Date:** March 2002

**EXTENT OF LISTING:**

Whole allotment.

**HOUSE**Heritage Overlay No **HO97**

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HPD Number **186**

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Extra Files

Location **37 Pier Road INVERLOCH**

PARISH OF KIRRAK

COUNTY OF BULN BULN

INVERLOCH (T)

Planning Authority

Ward **Townsend**

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 house at 37 Pier Road, Inverloch 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, W M Vale. The house is aesthetically significant as a largely intact example of a late-Victorian or early-Edwardian style villa.

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

DateAssessed **10/08/2004** 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

Investigate original paint colours when due for a repaint

Heritage Act Categories

Heritage Item Groups

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Title Details

Architect/Designers

Unknown

Builders/Makers

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Unknown

**Physical Description**

The house at 37 Pier Road Inverloch is a single-storey Edwardian weatherboard villa, with gabled corrugated galvanised steel roof and bullnosed return verandah. The verandah is supported on turned timber posts with decorated brackets and has been partly infilled with weatherboards to match the original design. The verandah is flanked by a projecting gabled bay which contains a paired timber-framed double-hung sash window with a pressed metal awning. The front boundary is enclosed by a recent ripple iron fence with stop-chamfered timber posts. The property also contains a gable roofed weatherboard garage. The property is located on a double block, and includes some elements from the Wonthaggi Railway shed (p.c.).

**Physical Condition and/or Archaeological Potential**

Good

age Residence/Holiday House

**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, presumably 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.

This house is situated on land originally part of Allotment 13 in Section 2 in the Township of Inverloch, which was first sold to W M K Vale in September 1890. It is believed that the building was first constructed in Bendigo, before being moved by Bullock dray to Wonthaggi and then to its present location in Inverloch (p.c.). The move from Wonthaggi occurred in the 1960s for Graham Simmons, who was probably associated with the mine (p.c.). The Inverloch Police Station was located next door.

**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. 13.7 Relocations: Throughout the Shire of Bass Coast, a number of houses have been identified as having been relocated from other sites, frequently other parts of Gippsland. This trend, visible from the turn of the century when houses were relocated from the State Coal Mine suburb of Dudley, has continued. When the State Coal Mine at Wonthaggi closed in 1968, some of the miners cottages were transported to Inverloch as holiday homes. In the 1980s, when the nearby coal-mining towns of Moe, Morwell and Yallourn, ceased production of brown coal, and the population began to shift elsewhere, leaving valuable housing stock behind. Many of the houses which have been relocated are late-Victorian or early Edwardian, and sit comfortably with the existing building stock of the township to which they are relocated. They are important examples of their type, notwithstanding their relocation, and are evidently valued by the community.

**Listings****References**

Author	Title	Year	Shelf	Location
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**Extra Files**

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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
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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
Trevor Richards	pers. Comm.	2004

**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