



SHADED AREA:
GRAND FLOOR 1872
FIRST FLOOR 1886

GRANT STREET

HISTORY: A beer licence was granted to James Vallence, the first proprietor of the Bridge Inn, in December 1867.¹ Vallence established a "beer shop" in his house at Maddingley Flat, and in 1872, following his successful application for a publican's licence, erected a six-roomed hotel "of brick and plaster". In 1886, a second storey and balcony was erected by Messrs. Taylor and Reece,² presumably to compete with the Railway Hotel (ref: 71) opposite, opened that year and to capitalise on the new railway link to Melbourne opened 1887, (ref: 85).

VISUAL DESCRIPTION: Two-storey corner rendered brick hotel, with single storey attached buildings. It has a hip-roof with three Classical-moulded chimneys and a splayed corner whose first-floor window has a round head. The northern early addition appears to have been stables and a western early addition, a kitchen with a massive external chimney.

COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS: There are six nineteenth century operating hotels and a further four hotel sites in the Shire. Each has its own significance. As a town hotel, the Bridge Inn is most comparable to the Railway (opposite), the Court House, the Border Inn and the Royal Hotel (refs: 71, 149, 153 and 157).

SIGNIFICANCE: A two-storey brick rendered corner hotel built in 1872 and enlarged in 1886 to capitalise on the (then) new rail link to Melbourne.

It is of local historical significance as a representative example of and retaining relatively intact characteristics of its type: a town hotel of the late nineteenth century.

Finally it retains local social significance to the community as a known and valued part of its identity and a local landmark.

INTACTNESS: Reasonable. Lacks its magnificent and unusual balcony, its corner entrance and ground floor windows have been altered. Brickwork has been painted. (It was not rendered, originally).

CONDITIONS & THREATS: Very good.

¹ *Bacchus Marsh Express*, 20 December 1867.

² Moore and Oomes, *Bacchus Marsh: A Pictorial Chronicle*, p.56.

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NAME: Stoney's Bridge Inn Hotel.**PREVIOUS NAME:** Bridge Inn**ADDRESS:** Grant Street (NW cnr Labilliere Street), Maddingley.**TITLE DETAILS:****USE:** Hotel.**CONSTRUCTION DATE:** 1872 **SOURCE:** 2**ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS:** **DATE:** 1886 **SOURCE:** 2**BUILDER:** Taylor & Reece **SOURCE:** 2**CRITERIA:** H2, 4, 5; Ar3/ H1.2; Ar3; So1**HISTORIC THEME:** Township/Community life.**DESCRIPTION:** **STYLE:** Early **STORIES:** 2 **DETACHED.**
MATERIALS: **WALLS** Brick **ROOF** Iron **STRUCTURE** Lb.**CONDITION:** Very good **INTACTNESS:** Reasonable **THREATS:** -**SIGNIFICANT INTACT ELEMENTS:**

FORM.

CHIMNEYS.

SIGNIFICANCE:**TYPE:** HISTORICAL. ARCHITECTURAL. SOCIAL**LEVEL:** LOCAL.**DESIGNATION EXISTING:** Nil**RECOMMENDED CONTROL PLANNING SCHEME.**
AREA.**MAP NO:** U3.08 **SURVEY:** DC & RP **DATE:** 4.2.94 **NEGS:** 6.10