

Building: Former "Village Belle" hotel  
Address: 5-7 Abbotsford Street



<u>Allotment Reference:</u>	Lot 76
<u>National Estate Register:</u>	-
<u>Historic Buildings Council Register:</u>	-
<u>National Trust Register:</u>	-
<u>Location within Precinct:</u>	Collingwood Flat Precinct
<u>Photo Date:</u>	June, 1988
<u>Grantee:</u>	C.J. Garrard, 13.2.1839
<u>Original Owner:</u>	Jonathan Falkingham
<u>Present Owner:</u>	
<u>Original Use:</u>	Hotel and Shop
<u>Present use:</u>	House
<u>Construction Date:</u>	1875 (?)

**Architect:**

**Builder:**

**Description:**

A substantial two storeyed former shop and residence with single storeyed residential entrance to Hunter Street and single storeyed section and verandahed shop to Abbotsford Street. A second residential entrances faces Abbotsford Street. The street elevations are stuccoed with ashlar markings, simple cornice line and plain string course at first floor level. The former shop window is arcaded with colonettes and the chimney stack has terra cotta pots. The Hunter Street single storeyed wing has a bracketted frieze, hipped corrugated iron roof, recessed entrance surmounted by a round arch with drip mould to the porch, and altered windows. It has been built later than the corner building. The single storeyed shop to Abbotsford Street retains its original window and timber posted verandah and has an altered parapet.

**Condition:**

Good

**Integrity:**

Good, main windows at corner are recent.

**History:**

In 1864 George Young, a grocer, owned and operated a wood shop on the south-west corner of Abbotsford and Hunter Street. In 1867 the building was listed as having four rooms. In 1868 the property was listed as a wood hotel of six rooms with Young owner/occupant and still listed as a grocer, (1864, 1867, 1868, R.B.). In 1869 Edwin Dobbs, a publican purchased the property and in 1872 James Douglas was owner/occupant. Between 1869 and 1872 the property was listed as a shop, however it is likely that it operated as a hotel or licensed grocer shop as the occupants were publicans, (1869-1872 R.B.).

In 1874 Jonathan Falkingham, a publican and grocer became owner/occupant and in 1875 the building became known as the "Village Belle" hotel. The property had its share of lady publicans - in 1891 Margaret Price when the owner was James Sleeth and in 1900, Nellie Hayes when the owner was Charles Nelder, (1891, 1901, R.B.).

**Significance:**

The former "Village Belle" hotel is important an early Collingwood hotel and is local distinctive for its lack of ornamentation. forms a key element in the intact Hun Street/Abbotsford intersection.

**Recommendations:**

Recommended for planning scheme protection.

**References:**

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