

**Wine Hall(Fmr)  
232 Yarra St,m Warrandyte.**

This late Victorian building has historical significance as a remaining purpose-built Wine Hall, which has been an important local landmark and a focus of community life over a long period. Heinrich(Henry) Kruse, miner, was rated in the 1898-99 Shire of Templestowe records for a house, wine shop and garden in the Warrandyte township.<sup>510</sup> The registered owner of the Yarra Street site in 1901 (Allotment 3 in Section 15) was Henry's wife, Dora Amelia Kruse.<sup>511</sup>

The Wine Hall, it has been claimed, commenced business in 1900. The main patrons were German friends of the patron, old miners and tourists.<sup>512</sup>

It has been claimed, also, that earlier buildings were incorporated into the later structure. These included a small two-roomed cottage to which a Port Melbourne cottage was added about 1901. The Wine Hall, Cellar and a large upstairs room were added somewhat earlier in 1898.<sup>513</sup> Early photographs show the two-storey building with the wine hall on the ground floor and the upstairs rooms with a verandah, used as a residence..<sup>514</sup>

In 1921, Gertrude May Robertson and Albert Robertson, storekeepers, were rated as the new owners of the property.<sup>515</sup> The transfer was registered in 1923.<sup>516</sup> The Wine Hall continued to operate until 1924 when the Robertsons surrendered the licence.<sup>517</sup> At first, the property became a boarding house..<sup>518</sup> Later, the Robertsons lived on the upper floor and converted the ground floor into a sweet shop and tea rooms.<sup>519</sup> About 1931, the adjacent residence (now the River Clay Shop) was constructed for the Robertsons to cater for the increasing tourist trade.<sup>520</sup>

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<sup>510</sup> Shire of Templestowe RB 1898-99 Warrandyte Riding No.279.

<sup>511</sup> Title vol.2861 fol.572.

<sup>512</sup> Kyle Hayes and Derek Naughtin,"Warrandyte Wine Hall," Conservation Study, July 1992,p.55.

<sup>513</sup> Hayes and Naughtin,p.55.

<sup>514</sup> Hayes and Naughtin,pp.61,70.

<sup>515</sup> Shire of Doncaster and Templestowe RB 1921-22 Warrandyte Riding No.915.

<sup>516</sup> Transfer 1113398.

<sup>517</sup> Hayes and Naughtin,p.55.

<sup>518</sup> Shire of Doncaster and Templestowe RB 1925-26 Warrandyte Riding No.1085(Wine Hall crossed out).

<sup>519</sup> Hayes and Naughtin,p.55.

<sup>520</sup> Shire of Doncaster and Templestowe RB 1931-32 Warrandyte Riding No.459. See research into the River Clay Shop.

The Robertson family became well known within Warrandyte and throughout the district for the many special events associated with the former Wine Hall. The building became a traditional meeting place, for instance, to see the New Year in.<sup>521</sup>

Later, after a subdivision of Allotment 3, the cafe in Lot 2 (the former Wine Hall site) was leased to Mr Gilholm and became known as Gilholm's Store.<sup>522</sup> After the death of both Gertrude and Albert Robertson, the former Wine Hall and the adjacent house (230 Yarra Street) were in separate ownerships. By October 1978, the former Wine Hall property was transferred to the Robertsons' daughter, Joyce Bellingham. Joyce, who had lived there as a child, retained the upstairs residence, but leased the downstairs section for use as the present Folk Art Shop.<sup>523</sup>

The former Wine Hall is of *regional historical significance*, as an extant and relatively intact example of an 1890s purpose-built wine hall associated with the Kruse family, and of *local significance* for its landmark and social value within the Warrandyte township.

### **Grand Hotel** **Yarra St., Warrandyte.**

Francis Tresize, hotel keeper, was rated for a hotel in the Warrandyte township as early as 1889.<sup>524</sup> The valuation of this property increased slightly between 1894 and 1895, when a new hotel was reputedly built on the site, replacing the earlier Andersons Hotel.<sup>525</sup> The 1895 date is confirmed in the RVCole Collection of Hotel Records.<sup>526</sup> An early view of the hotel shows it as a two-storeyed brick structure with a column supported verandah. It is a most substantial building in the little township, just as it is today.<sup>527</sup>

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<sup>521</sup> Hayes and Naughtin, pp.55-56.

<sup>522</sup> Lodge Plan 35609 (shows subdivision); City of Doncaster and Templestowe Property Record Card Nos.22603,22604.

<sup>523</sup> Hayes and Naughtin, p.56.

<sup>524</sup> Shire of Bulleen RB 1889 Warrandyte Riding No.496 (NAV 45 pounds).

<sup>525</sup> Shire of Bulleen RB 1894 Warrandyte Riding No.197 (NAV 45 pounds); 1895 No.303 (NAV 48 pounds).

<sup>526</sup> RVCole Collection of Hotel Records. vol.4, p.194.

<sup>527</sup> Ted Rotherham, *History of Warrandyte's Licensed Premises*