

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.⁵²¹

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 Store⁵²² 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.⁵²³

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 1889.⁵²⁴ 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.⁵²⁵ The 1895 date is confirmed in the RVCole Collection of Hotel Records⁵²⁶ 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.⁵²⁷

⁵²¹ Hayes and Naughtin, pp.55-56.

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

⁵²³ Hayes and Naughtin, p.56.

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

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

⁵²⁶ RVCole Collection of Hotel Records. vol.4, p.194.

⁵²⁷ Ted Rotherham, *History of Warrandyte's Licensed Premises*

By the First World War period, F. Tresize, hotel keeper's property was identified as the Grand Hotel in Yarra Street. It stood in Allotment 3 in Section 4 in the Township of Warrandyte.⁵²⁸ This allotment was originally owned by F.H. Dale.⁵²⁹ There may have been additions in the 1920-21 period when the valuation almost doubled and the property was extended over Allotments 3 and 4 in Yarra Street. Tresize was the owner still at this time and Reginald John Clay, hotel keeper, was the licensee.⁵³⁰

Following Tresize's death in 1921, the Tresize family continued to manage the hotel as well as other Yarra Street properties. These included a small shop opposite the hotel occupied by John J. Moore, storekeeper, and a shop/residence adjacent occupied by Charles Stewart, baker.⁵³¹ The licensee of the Grand Hotel at this time was Charles Dickson Miller. Later licensees in the 1920s were Vera Marks, Percy Carroll and James Walsh.⁵³²

In the later 1920s and 1930s, and into the Second World War years, the Tresize sisters, Isabella Tresize and Emily May Robertson managed the hotel.⁵³³ The Tresize association ended when the hotel was sold in the 1960s.⁵³⁴

During the subsequent ownership by Hillside Hotels Pty Ltd with Daniel Anthony McLoone as manager, the old hotel was much altered with an extension at the rear. In 1968, the Grand Hotel was rated as a brick hotel on land 260 feet by 165 feet, now covering Allotments 2,3,4 and part of 5 in Yarra Street⁵³⁵

Of local historical significance. as an example of a grand late 19th century hotel within a small rural township, and for its associations with the Tresize family from the 1890s to the 1960s.

⁵²⁸ Shire of Doncaster RB 1916-17 Templestowe Riding No.514 (NAV 48 pounds).

⁵²⁹ *Township of Warrandyte and Warrandyte North*, Parish Plan

⁵³⁰ Shire of Doncaster RB 1920-21 Templestowe Riding No.599 (NAV 70 pounds); 1921-22 No.889 (NAV 130 pounds).

⁵³¹ Shire of Doncaster RB 1921-22 Templestowe Riding Nos.890,909.

⁵³² Shire of Doncaster RB 1920-21 Templestowe Riding No.599;1925-26 No.986; 1927-28 No.106.

⁵³³ Shire of Doncaster and Templestowe RB 1929-30 Warrandyte Riding No.613 (NAV 140 pounds).

⁵³⁴ Rotherham.

⁵³⁵ City of Doncaster and Templestowe Property Record Card, Warrandyte Riding 1968 No.23592(NAV 4425 dollars).