



Former Rosemary Branch Hotel **77 Maud Street**

History

This building, constructed in 1855, was originally known as the Rosemary Branch Hotel. The rate books described it as a two storey brick bar with ten rooms. Thomas Mackie was the first publican. The *Geelong Advertiser* 26 August 1863 reported John Williams, the Rosemary Branch's second publican had died on the hotel premises. Following his death, there were a number of different owners and publicans. In 1901 Thomas Glynn was listed as the hotel keeper, a position he still held in 1925. By 1930 the rate books listed Thomas Glynn's profession as a grocer and presumably this building no longer functioned as a hotel. In 1942 George Griffiths, grocer was the registered ratepayer. In recent years the building has functioned as a residence.

Description

77 Maud Street, formerly the Rosemary Branch Hotel, is a double storey Early Victorian brick building with a rear skillion, which is reasonably intact. The facade consists of typical Victorian window openings on the first floor, however the ground floor openings have been replaced with fixed panes and have a different proportion to the windows above. It is evident from alterations to the brickwork that these windows have been changed. The main corner entrance has also been replaced with a fixed window and the entry is now to the centre of the side facade. The flat arched openings have simple projecting sills. The corrugated iron hip roof has been reclad and there are simple brick chimneys with corbelled tops. The building has a bluestone foundation and is sited to the street line on both frontages. Brick fences enclose a rear garden.

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Significance

77 Maud Street is a locally significant property of architectural and historic importance. The form, brick construction and siting of the building make it a representative example of Early Victorian commercial development. The change of function for the building, constructed as a hotel then used as a grocers and now residence, is of historical interest.