

Residence

Former Wattletree Hotel

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196 Wattletree Road,
MALVERN VIC. 3144

Wattletree Road

BUILDING CITATION

The former Wattletree Hotel at 196 Wattletree Road, Malvern is a single storey weatherboard clad timber structure constructed prior to April 1855 as an eight room Wayside Inn with stables and originally conducted by Thomas Griffiths.

The colonial vernacular style hostelry was conducted by a succession of publicans until c 1890, when the establishment became a private residence.

The former Wattletree Hotel, a building of simple forms, with timber verandah and restrained colonial details, is of architectural interest as an early hotel which survives to illustrate the vernacular building traditions of early Melbourne. The meticulously maintained wayside inn is of local historical importance being the oldest surviving intact building in Malvern and closely connected with the social history and physical development of that suburb.

The former Wattletree Hotel is in an excellent state of preservation and of high integrity. The building has been maintained in such a way that the original character and materials of construction can be readily appreciated.

Of local significance.

PRINCIPAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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