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# 1 INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 Purpose

This report, which provides a ‘desktop’ review of the *Traralgon Heritage Study* (1992) was prepared by Context Pty Ltd for Latrobe City and comprises Volume 4 of the *Latrobe City Heritage Study 2005* (the Study). In accordance with the Brief for the Study, the purpose of this ‘desktop’ review is to:

- Review the significance of the heritage places that the 1992 study assessed as being of individual local significance to determine whether this level of significance is still appropriate.
- Prioritise the places confirmed as being of local significance for future inclusion in the Heritage Overlay of the Latrobe Planning Scheme, and make recommendations as appropriate.

It is noted that the Brief did not require review of the approximately 160 places of ‘contributory’ heritage significance or eight heritage areas identified by the 1992 study. However, four of the Heritage Precincts assessed by the 1992 study will be reviewed as part of the broader *Latrobe City Heritage Study 2005*.

## 1.2 Background

The *Traralgon Heritage Study* (1992) identified, assessed and documented heritage places and precincts within the former City of Traralgon. It identified 140 individual heritage places of local significance, in addition to approximately 160 places of contributory significance as well as four residential heritage areas/precincts, one commercial heritage area/precinct, and four ‘heritage interest areas’. On this basis, it made recommendations for statutory protection of places and precincts of local significance, as well as other recommendations. However, these were never fully implemented. Currently, only three places identified by the 1992 study are listed in the Heritage Overlay of the Latrobe Planning Scheme:

- Former Presbyterian Church – South east corner Church and Kay Streets (HO3)
- Court house and Post Office building complex – South west corner of Franklin and Kay Streets (HO4)
- Traralgon Engine Shed and Turntable, Queens Parade (HO7) – this is part of the Traralgon Railway Station complex

Consequently, the *Traralgon Heritage Review* (the 2001 review) was prepared by Latrobe City in 2001. The key purpose of the 2001 review was to outline how the recommendations of the 1992 study could be implemented in accordance with new planning scheme controls that were introduced since the 1992 study was completed. While it did not undertake any further detailed research or investigation into the heritage places and precincts assessed by the 1992 study, it did identify 6 places of local significance that had been demolished or moved. (Refer to Appendix 2)

The recommendations of the 2001 review were not implemented as it was decided to incorporate them into a comprehensive heritage study for the whole of Latrobe City. On this basis, one of the key tasks of Brief for the Study is the review of the surviving places of local significance identified by the 1992 study (i.e. those places originally identified as being of local significance with the exception of those that have been demolished or moved) plus approximately 20 new places that had been identified by community consultation carried out by the 2001 review.

### 1.3 Methodology

As this is a 'desktop' review it was carried out on the basis of the existing information in the *Traralgon Heritage Study* (1992) and, in accordance with the Brief, no further research or site inspections were carried out. In total, 152 places were assessed having regard to the significance of the place and the completeness of the information in the existing place citation. On this basis, places fell into one of the following categories:

- Local significance
- Potential local significance
- Contributory to precinct
- Local interest
- Insufficient information

#### Local significance

Places of local significance are those that have adequate documentation in terms of Heritage Victoria guidelines, and the reasons for significance are clearly expressed and justifiable. Specifically, they fulfil one or more of the following broad criteria:

- They are of primary significance in the illustration of key themes in the *Latrobe City Thematic Environmental History 2005*. They are key places in terms of representing the theme rather than simply representative.
- They are architecturally/aesthetically significant, particularly as a good/superior/unique example of its type. They have a high degree of integrity, particularly when compared to similar places.
- In many cases, they are rare examples of their type such as very early buildings.

They may also be places that are threatened by alteration or demolition, or simply from neglect.

#### Potential local significance

These are places where the existing documentation is inadequate to justify local significance and for the majority the 1992 study recommended that further investigation or research be carried out. In many cases, little or no historic research has been done. In some other cases (e.g. 'Traralgon Park') a more detailed physical inspection is required. Further assessment of these places would also require comparative analysis to ensure an appropriate and proportional inclusion of places that represent the historical development of the whole municipality.

#### Contributory to precinct

These are places that are of contributory significance to one of the heritage precincts/areas or heritage interest areas identified by the 1992 study and the significance of these places should be assessed as part of the review of these precincts. Some of these places may be of potential local significance, but would require further research to establish this.

#### Local interest

These are places that do not meet the threshold for individual local significance and are not situated within a precinct.

**Insufficient information**

These are places where the 1992 study (and 2001 review) contains insufficient information to enable a 'desktop' review to be completed. Usually this is because there is no image (or the image does not clearly show the whole of the place) or there is no citation for the property.

## 2 KEY FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS

### 2.1 Key Findings

The key findings of this Review may be summarised as follows

- There are 38 heritage places of individual local significance to Latrobe City as listed in the table in Appendix A.1.
- There are 20 places of individual local significance that are situated within one of four heritage areas of local significance identified by the 1992 study (Appendix A.2).
- There are 79 places are of potential local significance, but require further assessment (Appendix 1.3) To assist Council with allocating resources for future assessment they have been deemed as either High or Medium priority. High priority places are listed in Appendix 1.3.1, which should be given first priority for future assessment – These are places that require minimal further investigation or may be under threat. Medium priority places are listed in Appendix A.3.2.
- There are 7 places that do not meet the threshold for local significance and are of local interest (Appendix A.4)
- There are 26 places with inadequate information that cannot be reviewed at this stage (Appendix A.5).

### 2.2 Recommendations

The recommendations of this Review may be summarised as:

- The places of local significance listed in Appendix A.1 should be included in the Heritage Overlay of the Latrobe Planning Scheme as soon as is practicable either individually or as part of a precinct.
- There should be further assessment of:
  - The individual places of potential local significance listed in Appendix A.3. If all of the places listed in Appendices 1.3.1 and 1.3.2 cannot be assessed at once, then the recommended priority lists should be reviewed in consultation with the local community to determine the final order of assessment.
  - The three 'heritage interest areas' (Moore Street, Allard and Thomas Street and Traralgon Creek valley) to determine if they are of local significance.
  - The places with insufficient information listed in Appendix A.5.
- No further action is required for the places of Local Interest listed in Appendix A.4.



## APPENDIX A – SIGNIFICANCE OF PLACES

### A.1 – Local significance

No.	Address	Description
1.	15 Allard Street	House
2.	23 Allard Street	House
3.	Argyle Street (Victory Park)	Railway Signal Box
4.	017 Breed Street	House
5.	019 Breed Street	House
6.	069 Breed Street	House
7.	057 Church Street	St Michael's Church
8.	Dunbar Road	Farmhouse
9.	024-036 Franklin Street	'Laytons' Store (Former)
10.	116 Franklin Street	SEC Offices
11.	171 Franklin Street	Ostlers House & Traralgon (Ryans) Hotel
12.	203 Franklin Street	House
13.	Grey Street	Grey Street Primary School
14.	062 Grey Street	House
15.	002 Henry Street	House
16.	019 Henry Street	House
17.	034 Henry Street	'Thus Kaner'
18.	045 Henry Street	'Littlewood'
19.	Kay Street	Elm Memorial Avenue
20.	018 Moore Street	Shop & dwelling
21.	020 Moore Street	House
22.	046 Moore Street	'Cumnock' Private Hospital
23.	048 Moore Street	House
24.	069 Moore Street	House
25.	Peterkin Street	Star Hotel (former)
26.	Princes Highway	Infant Smythe gravesite in Railway Reserve
27.	Princes Highway	Traralgon Railway Station Complex
28.	040-050 Queens Parade	Army Drill Hall
29.	014-016 Roseneath Street	Victorian cottages
30.	011 Seymour Street	Traralgon Community Health Centre
31.	129 Seymour Street	House
32.	135 Seymour Street	'Danora' (Former)
33.	005 Shakespeare Street	'Hazel-lyn'

No.	Address	Description
34.	035 Shakespeare Street	'Ewington'
35.	050 Shakespeare Street	House
36.	003 Thomas Street	House
37.	005 Thomas Street	House
38.	006 Thomas Street	House

## A.2 – Individual significance within heritage precinct

No.	Address	Description	Precinct
1.	003 Bridges Avenue	House	Bridges Avenue
2.	004 Bridges Avenue	House	Bridges Avenue
3.	008 Bridges Avenue	House	Bridges Avenue
4.	013 Bridges Avenue	House	Bridges Avenue
5.	021 Bridges Avenue	House	Bridges Avenue
6.	015 Collins Street	'Etheldale'	Queens Parade
7.	093 Grey Street	House	APM Staff Houses
8.	008 Henry Street	House	Henry Street
9.	010 Henry Street	House	Henry Street
10.	012 Henry Street	House	Henry Street
11.	014 Henry Street	House	Henry Street
12.	015 Henry Street	House	Henry Street
13.	076 Kay Street	House	APM Staff Houses
14.	078 Kay Street	House	APM Staff Houses
15.	027 Queens Parade	House	Queens Parade
16.	029 Queens Parade	House	Queens Parade
17.	037 Queens Parade	House	Queens Parade
18.	041 Queens Parade	House	Queens Parade
19.	035 Shakespeare Street	'Ewington'	Queens Parade
20.	050 Shakespeare Street	House	Queens Parade

Note: The above properties are within Heritage Precincts that are recommended for inclusion in the Heritage Overlay. They should only be added to the HO as individual places if the HO for the precinct is not implemented.

**A.3.1 – Potential local significance – High priority**

No.	Address	Description
1.	Argyle Street	Victory and Newman Parks
2.	Breed Street (north end)	'Traralgon Park'
3.	072 Breed Street	Cottage
4.	007 Collins Street	House
5.	051-053 Franklin Street	Traralgon Newsagent (Former Coles store)
6.	Hickox Street	'Burnet Park'
7.	Hickox Street	Railway reservoir
8.	010 & 011-013 Janette Street	Victorian cottages
9.	093 Kay Street	'Hillcrest'
10.	061 Loch Park Road	House
11.	007 Munro Street	House
12.	019 Munro Street	House
13.	096 Princes Highway	House
14.	??? Traralgon Creek Road	Farmhouse & outbuildings
15.	??? Traralgon Creek Road	House

**A.3.2 – Potential local significance - Medium priority**

No.	Address	Description
16.	027 Albert Street	House
17.	003 Amy Street	Glenmore
18.	001-003 Argyle Street	Ikin Garage (Former)
19.	025-027 Argyle Street	Traralgon Methodist Church (Former)
20.	105 Breed Street	House
21.	001 Church Street	Garage (former Caltex Service Station)
22.	085 Church Street	House
23.	099 Church Street	House
24.	104 Church Street	House
25.	002 Coates Street	House
26.	006 Curran Street	House
27.	092-96 Franklin Street, cnr Seymour St	Chemart
28.	050 Franklin Street	'Marsh' butchers shop (Former)

No.	Address	Description
29.	058-062 Franklin Street	Chenhall Shops (Former)
30.	066-072 Franklin Street	Crown Hotel
31.	101 Franklin Street	Shop
32.	136 Franklin Street	Gippsland Trading Co. (Former)
33.	009 George Street	House
34.	020 Gordon Street	House
35.	026-028 Gordon Street	Houses
36.	029 Grey Street	Valley Picture theatre (Former)
37.	076 Grey Street	House
38.	Henry Street, cnr Fairview Street	Water Tower
39.	076-084 Hotham Street	Roland Hill Building
40.	017 Hickox Street	'Taversham'
41.	059 Hickox Street	'Lilitree'
42.	009 Hyde Park Road	House
43.	017 Kay Street	Police Station
44.	105 Kay Street	House
45.	151 Kay Street	Blundell Hall Kindergarten
46.	063 Loch Park Road	House
47.	069 Loch Park Road	House
48.	009 Mabel Street	House
49.	049 Mabel Street	House
50.	048 Moore Street	House
51.	069 Moore Street	House
52.	006 Moore Street	House
53.	052 Moore Street	House
54.	070 Moore Street	House
Note: The properties above are within the Moore Street precinct, which is recommended for review as a precinct and so may not require individual review.		
55.	017 Munro Street	House
56.	023 Munro Street	House
57.	Post Office Place	Former Ikin Garage – see 1-3 Argyle Street
58.	064 Princes Hwy, cnr Church Street	Royal Exchange Hotel
59.	037 Queens Parade	House
60.	041 Queens Parade	House

No.	Address	Description
61.	045 Shakespeare Street	House
62.	038 Shakespeare Street	House
63.	044 Shakespeare Street	House
Note: The properties above are within the Queens Parade, Railway and Shakespeare Street precinct, which is recommended for inclusion in the Heritage Overlay as a precinct and so may not require individual review.		
64.	006 Tennyson Street	House (May be demolished?)

#### A.4 - Local Interest

No.	Address	Description	Comments
1.	069 Breed Street	House	Local interest only
2.	034 Campbell Street	House	Local interest only
3.	013 Ethel Street	House	Local interest only
4.	052 Gordon Street	House	Local interest only
5.	105 Kay Street	House	Local interest only
6.	047-049 Princes Highway	Solicitor's Office	Local interest only
7.	006 Roseneath Street	House	Local interest only

#### A.5 – Insufficient information

No.	Address	Description	Comments
1.		Hackford House	No citation prepared
2.		Slab dairy at 'Fernhill'	No citation prepared
3.	001 Allard Street	House	No citation prepared
4.	007 Allard Street	House	No citation prepared
5.	011 Allard Street	House	No citation prepared
6.	Clarkes Road	Farmhouse & outbuildings	No citation prepared
7.	013-017 Franklin Street	Rodger's Buildings	No citation prepared
8.	008 Hickox Street	House	No citation prepared
9.	Kay Street, cnr Franklin Street	War Memorial	No citation prepared
10.	Maryvale Road (T intersection of)	House	No citation prepared

No.	Address	Description	Comments
11.	Minniedale Road South	Scarred Tree (Eucalyptus tereticornis)	No citation prepared
12.	050 Moore Street	House	No citation prepared
13.	Princes Hwy, east of Traralgon	Strzelecki Memorial	No citation prepared
14.	Scrubby Lane	Traralgon Cemetery, gatehouse & trees	No citation prepared
15.	013 Seymour Street	House	No citation prepared
16.	001 Thomas Street	House	No citation prepared
17.	Traralgon Creek south of Traralgon	Shearing shed at 'The Homestead'	No citation prepared
18.		'Hollydale'	No citation prepared
19.	052 Argyle Street	House	Further research required
20.	063 Breed Street	House	Further research required
21.	001 Byron Street	House	Further research required (image)
22.	005-007 Dunbar Road	Cottage	Further research required
23.	005 Ethel Street	House	Further research required
24.	043 Henry Street	Cottage	Further research required (image)
25.	002 Loch Park Road	House	Further research required
26.	018 Loch Park Road	House	Further research required

## APPENDIX B – DEMOLISHED PLACES

Places known to have been demolished or significantly altered since 1992 are:

- The 1879 Traralgon Methodist Church formerly at 25-27 Argyle Street, has been relocated to become the Tourist Information Centre at the Southside Central Railway Station development.
- House formerly at 52 Argyle Street, Traralgon has been moved to the Tyers-Traralgon Road
- ‘Arva’ or ‘Arva Hall Hall’, formerly at 37 Church Street, Traralgon (demolished 1993)
- Shops, formerly at 61-63 Franklin Street, Traralgon (demolished 2001)
- Brooklea, formerly at 1 Meredith Street, Traralgon (demolished 1993)
- Store, formerly at the rear of 106 Franklin Street, Traralgon (date of demolition unknown)
- Former Gippsland Central Hospital, 158-160 Princes Highway (date of demolition unknown)