

Victorian Heritage Database Report  
**Olinda Hotel**

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**Location:**

Main Street, Lilydale VIC 3140

**Heritage Status / Level of Significance:**

Included in Heritage Overlay

**Heritage Inventory (HI) Number:**

**Listing Authority:** HI

**Heritage Overlay Number:**

**Statement of Significance:**

What is significant? The property at 161 Main Street, Lilydale (otherwise known as the Olinda Hotel) is significant. The form, scale and detailing of the substantial Interwar Arts and Crafts style hotel is of local significance, along with the later Johnny Walker marketing signage on the hotel's facade. The rear bistro, pokies and BWS on the eastern portion of the site are not significant. How is it significant? The Olinda Hotel is of local historical and aesthetic significance to the township of Lilydale and Yarra Ranges Council more

broadly. It also has associative significance with architects Morsby and Coates. Why is it significant? The Olinda Hotel is a highly intact and unusual example of an early twentieth century Interwar Arts and Crafts style hotel. The Olinda Hotel is of historical significance to the township of Lilydale as a site of continued use as a public hotel and coaching stop, operating since 1870. It represents the nineteenth century development and commercial success of the Lilydale township, and later remodelling of the premises in the interwar years. (Criterion A) The Olinda Hotel is aesthetically significant as an intact Interwar Arts and Crafts style hotel in good condition. Physical characteristics that contribute to the site's aesthetic significance include the rectilinear built form, square columns with capitals and exposed decorative joists on a projecting balcony with timber panelling, rendered hotel name on the parapet, hipped roof form with terracotta tiling, dado tiling on the ground floor facade, pressed metal awning ceiling, and the brass plaques denoting the hotel amenities. Although it is a later addition, the mid-twentieth century Johnny Walker advertisement signage cantilevered on the facade, complete with "Olinda Hotel", is also considered to be contributory to the aesthetic significance of the site. Olinda Hotel has associative significance with architects Morsby and Coates, who were responsible for the 1928 remodelling of the building. (Criterion E)

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| Heritage Study / Consultant | Yarra Ranges - Shire of Yarra Ranges Heritage Study, Context Pty Ltd, 2000 |
| Construction Date Range     |  |
| Architect / Designer        |  |
| Municipality                | YARRA RANGES SHIRE   |
| Other names                 |  |
| Hermes number               | 116048   |
| Property number             |  |

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