

# Victorian Heritage Database Report **FORMER BRIND'S DISTILLERY**



## **Location:**

2830 OLD MELBOURNE ROAD DUNNSTOWN, MOORABOOL SHIRE

## **Heritage Status / Level of Significance:**

Registered

**Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number: H1013**

**Listing Authority: VHR**

## Heritage Overlay Number: HO33

### Statement of Significance:

During the 1860s Robert Dunn established the distillery beside a spring on the south slopes of Mount Warrenheip. It was soon taken over by a chemist, Henry Brind, and by 1893 Brind's distillery employed nearly one third of those working in the distillery industry in Victoria. By 1894 it was the only distillery in Victoria where pot-still whisky was made. During the 1920s the plant was taken over by Federal Distilleries Pty Ltd. Some of the buildings are now used for the bottling of the local spring water.

The former Brind's Distillery is historically significant as a complex of buildings representing the nineteenth century processes adopted for distilling whisky, and also the growth and evolution of the distilling industry in built form.

The former Brind's Distillery is significant as Victoria's last surviving example of a pot still distillery. The availability of grain from surrounding farms, an abundant supply of fresh spring water, proximity to the railway for transport of its products and the large population concentration of nearby Ballarat, all contributed to the siting, establishment and success of Brind's venture.

The utilitarian buildings are representative examples of industrial structures of their time, and together form an intact and uncommon example of a distillery complex.

Heritage Study / Consultant	
Construction Date Range	1860 -
Architect / Designer	
Municipality	MOORABOOL SHIRE
Other names	
Hermes number	3119
Property number	

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