

# Victorian Heritage Database Report

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## WINDMILL FARM



1 windmill windmill farm greenhill kyneton front view



2017, windmill and cottage.jpg



2017, cottage.jpg



2017, orchard.jpg



2017, barn.jpg



2017, shed.jpg



2017, cottage and windmill.gif



1985, barn.jpg



1974, windmill.jpg



1974 windmill.jpg



1974, windmill and barn.jpg



1974, windmill and cottage.gif



1964, view looking east.jpg



1938 view looking east.jpg



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2017, shed, kerosene can cladding.jpg



extent of registration - photo.jpg



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## Location

1203 KYNETON-METCALFE ROAD KYNETON, MACEDON RANGES SHIRE

## **Municipality**

MACEDON RANGES SHIRE

## **Level of significance**

Registered

## **Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number**

H0311

## **Heritage Overlay Numbers**

HO127

## **VHR Registration**

October 9, 1974

## **Amendment to Registration**

August 10, 2017

## **Heritage Listing**

Victorian Heritage Register

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## **Statement of Significance**

Last updated on - August 8, 2017

### **WHAT IS SIGNIFICANT?**

Windmill Farm including the bluestone windmill tower, timber residence and barn, outbuildings and remnant trees and hedges.

### *History Summary*

The land on which Windmill Farm is located was alienated from the Crown in 1855 by Joseph Hall who already had substantial land holdings in the area, including Park Hall and Sunbury Lodge, which was probably Hall's main residence. By this date, Kyneton and the surrounding districts were part of an important agricultural region and in 1856, at a cost of £3,160, Hall and his partner William Hoad, constructed a windmill on the property. It was one of the few mills in the area which relied on wind rather than steam power. The property was advertised for sale in 1857, and by this date a small two room timber cottage had been constructed and the windmill had been adapted to steam power. The sale was unsuccessful and the mill continued to operate only until the mid-1860s. Windmill Farm remained in Hall family ownership as a working farm. Hawthorn hedges were planted by the late 1860s, and a substantial farm building comprising stables, shearing shed, milking pen, garage, loft, yards and hay store was constructed in the early 1900s. The cottage was increased to more than double its size by the 1920s. In 1974, Windmill Farm passed to Hall family descendant, Robert Webster. On his death in 1983, his wife bequeathed the property to the National Trust of Australia (Victoria). In 2008, the Trust sold Windmill Farm and the subsequent owner completed restoration and reconstruction works to the cottage and outbuildings.

### *Description Summary*

Windmill Farm comprises a farm complex that includes a bluestone windmill, small timber residence, substantial timber barn and smaller outbuildings. The windmill is a battered circular tower constructed of random coursed bluestone. There are four main levels, with openings arranged above each other. The openings have been boarded up and no milling machinery or the cap or sails survive. The timber residence is located to the immediate south of the windmill and has intersecting corrugated iron gabled roofs. It was constructed in stages, each of which are evident in the building fabric. A large stable complex is located to the north of the windmill, and smaller outbuildings, including one which is partially clad with flattened kerosene tins are located around the windmill and residence. The windmill, residence and outbuildings are located on a small rise which slopes away to the west towards the Campaspe River, making the complex a landmark within the area. Remnant plantings are evident around the windmill and farm buildings most of which, apart from a few older trees and the hawthorn hedges, were probably planted in the 1940s. The area to the west of the residence has a remnant fruit orchard, while the area to the east has a white gravel surfaced area.

This site is part of the traditional land of the Taungurung people.

#### HOW IS IT SIGNIFICANT?

Windmill Farm is of historical significance to the State of Victoria. It satisfies the following criteria for inclusion in the Victorian Heritage Register:

##### Criterion A

Importance to the course, or pattern, of Victoria's cultural history.

##### Criterion B

Possession of uncommon, rare or endangered aspects of Victoria's cultural history.

#### WHY IS IT SIGNIFICANT?

Windmill Farm is significant at the State level for the following reasons:

The windmill at Windmill Farm is historically significant as the last known windmill in a region which contained many mills in the mid nineteenth century. The residence and associated farm buildings contribute to an understanding of the development of the place, from its original use as a flour mill to a farm which was established in the 1860s and remained in the ownership of Hall family descendants until 1983. [Criterion A]

The windmill at Windmill Farm is Victoria's only known surviving wind-driven flour mill. Built in 1856, it is a rare example of a stone windmill base and was one of six of its type in Victoria in the 1850s. Its technology was derived from English practice and it was fitted with Cubitt patent shutter sails which represented the state of the art at that time. In Victoria this was a late use of wind technology which had been generally replaced elsewhere by steam. The mill is one of very few surviving in Australia. Other examples are at Brisbane (Qld.), Nimmitabel (NSW), Stirling (WA) and Oatlands (TAS). [Criterion B]

## Permit Exemptions

Permit exemptions (under section 42 of the Heritage Act)

It should be noted that Permit Exemptions can be granted at the time of registration (under s.42(4) of the Heritage Act). Permit Exemptions can also be applied for and granted after registration (under s.66 of the Heritage Act)

##### General Condition 1

All exempted alterations are to be planned and carried out in a manner which prevents damage to the fabric of the registered place or object.

##### General Condition 2

Should it become apparent during further inspection or the carrying out of works that original or previously hidden or inaccessible details of the place or object are revealed which relate to the significance of the place or object, then the exemption covering such works shall cease and Heritage Victoria shall be notified as soon as possible.

#### General Condition 3

All works should ideally be informed by Conservation Management Plans prepared for the place. The Executive Director is not bound by any Conservation Management Plan, and permits still must be obtained for works suggested in any Conservation Management Plan.

#### General Condition 4

Nothing in this determination prevents the Heritage Council from amending or rescinding all or any of the permit exemptions.

#### General Condition 5

Nothing in this determination exempts owners or their agents from the responsibility to seek relevant planning or building permits from the relevant responsible authority, where applicable.

#### Specific Permit Exemptions

##### Landscape Exemptions:

- . Maintenance and care of existing plants.
- . The process of gardening, including mowing, hedge clipping (including trimming and maintenance of the Hawthorn hedges), bedding displays, removal of dead shrubs and replanting the same species or cultivar.
- . Disease and weed control including the removal of plants listed as noxious weeds (excluding the Hawthorn hedges) in the *Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994*.
- . The removal or pruning of dead or dangerous trees to maintain safety and replanting with the same species or cultivar.
- . Vegetation protection and management of possums and vermin.
- . Subsurface works involving the installation, removal or replacement of watering and drainage systems or services provided that there is no detrimental effect on heritage fabric.

##### Exterior

- . Minor patching, repair and maintenance which replace like with like.
- . Removal of non-original items such as air conditioners, pipe work, ducting, wiring, antennae, aerials etc in a manner that does not damage the heritage fabric.
- . Installation or removal of non-original external fixtures and fittings such as hot water services and taps in a manner that does not damage the heritage fabric.
- . Painting of previously painted surfaces provided that preparation or painting does not remove the original paint or other decorative scheme.

##### Interior (residence and farm buildings only, excluding the windmill)

- . Painting of previously painted walls and ceilings provided that preparation or painting does not remove any original paint or other decorative scheme.
- . Installation, removal or replacement of non-original carpets and/or flexible floor coverings.
- . Installation, removal or replacement of non-original curtain tracks, rods and blinds.
- . Installation, removal or replacement of hooks, nails and other devices for the hanging of mirrors, paintings and other wall mounted art.
- . Demolition or removal of non-original stud/partition walls, suspended ceilings or non-original wall linings (including plasterboard, laminate and Masonite), non-original glazed screens, non-original flush panel or part-glazed laminated doors, aluminium-framed windows, bathroom partitions and tiling, sanitary fixtures and fittings,

kitchen wall tiling and equipment, lights, built-in cupboards, and the like.

- . Removal of introduced door and window furniture including, hinges, locks, knobsets and sash lifts.
- . Removal of glazing to internal timber-framed, double hung sash windows, and replacement with clear or plain opaque glass.
- . Refurbishment of existing bathrooms, toilets and kitchens including removal, installation or replacement of sanitary fixtures and associated piping, mirrors, wall and floor coverings.
- . Removal of non-original tiling or concrete slabs in wet areas provided there is no damage to or alteration of original structure or fabric.
- . Installation, removal or replacement of ducted, hydronic or concealed radiant type heating provided that the installation does not damage original skirtings and architraves and that the central plant is concealed, and is done in a manner not detrimental to the cultural heritage significance of the place.
- . Installation, removal or replacement of electrical wiring provided that all new wiring is fully concealed and any original light switches, pull cords, push buttons or power outlets are retained in-situ. Note: if wiring original to the place was carried in timber conduits then the conduits should remain in situ.
- . Installation, removal or replacement of bulk insulation in the roof space.

#### Maintenance and Security

- . General maintenance including the removal of broken glass, the temporary shuttering of windows and covering of holes as long as this work is reversible and does not have a detrimental impact on cultural heritage significance.

#### Agricultural activities

- . Cultivation, cropping, harvesting, grazing stock, and other agricultural, pastoral, and viticultural activities.
- . Maintenance, repair or removal of any fence, gate, dam or structure necessary for the continuation of agricultural or pastoral activities.

## Theme

### 4. Transforming and managing the land

Construction dates	1854,
Heritage Act Categories	Heritage place,
Other Names	WINDMILL FARM,
Hermes Number	559
Property Number	

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#### Key references

Bick, D; Kellaway, C; Patrick, J (ed: Treweeke, A) (1993) *Windmill Farm Conservation Analysis*

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## Extent of Registration

### NOTICE OF REGISTRATION

As Executive Director for the purpose of the **Heritage Act 1995**, I give notice under section 46 that the Victorian Heritage Register is amended by modifying the following places in the Heritage Register:

Number: H0311

Category: Heritage Place

Name: Windmill Farm

Location: 1203 Kyneton-Metcalf Road,  
Kyneton  
Macedon Ranges Shire

All of the place shown hatched on Diagram 311 beginning at a point with the geographical co-ordinates 144.434563°S, 37.201399°E and continuing through points with the co-ordinates 144.435288°S, 37.200090°E; 144.435108°S, 37.200068°E; 144.434298°S, 37.198081°E; 144.436669°S, 37.198557°E; 144.436505°S, 37.199637°E; 144.436090°S, 37.199529°E; 144.434873°S, 37.201726°E and back to the beginning point encompassing parts of Lots 1 and 2 on Title Plan 894601.

Dated 10 August 2017

STEVEN AVERY

Executive Director

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*This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place data owner.*

*For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>*