
House, 760 Stuart Mill Low Road, STUART MILL



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Location

760 Stuart Mill Low Road STUART MILL, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

Heritage Listing

Northern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

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The homestead at 760 Stuart Mill Low Road, Stuart Mill, has significance as a moderately intact example of a 19th century farm in the area, with its Victorian styled house and 19th century timber outbuildings. Although the outbuildings are in poor and ruinous condition, the house appears to be in fair condition.

The house at 760 Stuart Mill Low Road is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. Although altered during the interwar (c.1920s-1940s) period, it still demonstrates original design qualities of the Victorian style. These qualities include the hipped roof form, together with the return hipped convex verandah that projects at the front and side, and the gable that projects at the side. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the asymmetrical composition, single storey height, stuccoed and rendered wall finish, green painted galvanised corrugated iron roof cladding, narrow eaves with paired timber bracket and rectangular panelling between, two rectangular face red brick chimneys with soldier course cappings (albeit of the interwar period), timber framed double hung

windows, (including the paired windows at the front and the tripartite window under the side gable), central and elaborate doorway with its decorative timber framing, sidelights and highlights, decorative flanking doorway pilasters and fluted upper door surrounds accentuated by vermiculated panels, decorative timber bargeboards to the gable end and the blind oculus in the gable end.

The timber outbuildings are **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. They demonstrate original design qualities for 19th century vernacular farm structures including the gable roof forms, skillion wings, drop timber slab, weatherboard and horizontal timber paling construction, and the timber doors.

The homestead at 760 Stuart Mill Low Road is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with farming developments at Stuart Mill in the 19th century.

Overall, the homestead at 760 Stuart Mill Low Road is of **LOCAL** significance.

RECOMMENDATION: Given the ruinous condition of at least two of the outbuildings, these buildings should be photographically recorded prior to any future demolition.

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Physical Description 1

The homestead at 760 Stuart Mill Low Road, Stuart Mill, is comprised of a house, early rear outbuildings, together with a number of more recent hay sheds and silos. Access to the homestead is by a gravel driveway flanked by grassed paddocks. The house garden is bound by a timber post and chicken wire fence, and has perimeter flower beds and shrubbery, together with some nearby mature pine trees and eucalypts.

The asymmetrical, single storey, stuccoed and smooth rendered, Victorian styled house is characterised by a hipped roof form, together with a return hipped convex verandah that projects at the front and side, and a gable that projects at the side. These roof forms are clad in early green painted galvanised corrugated iron. Early narrow overhangs with paired timber brackets and rectangular timber panels between are features of the eaves. The two rectangular face red brick chimneys with soldier course cappings appear to have been introduced during the interwar (c.1920s-1940s) period, probably replacing original stuccoed chimneys.

Early features of the design are the timber framed double hung windows, including the paired windows at the front and the tripartite window under the side gable. The central and elaborate doorway is also early, with its decorative timber framing, sidelights and highlights. The glazing in the sidelights, highlights and door has been introduced. Of particular interest is the door surround, featuring decorative flanking pilasters above that are fluted surrounds accentuated by vermiculated panels.

The decorative timber bargeboards to the gable end are also early, although part of the decorative timber detailing is missing. Another early feature is the blind oculus in the gable end.

The turned timber verandah columns, together with the face red brick piers, brick balustrade at the side and the concrete floor, have been introduced, probably during the interwar (c.1920s-1940s) period.

Three of the rear outbuildings appear to pre-date the house. There is a gabled outbuilding having a galvanised corrugated iron roof and drop timber slab wall construction. There are vertically boarded timber doors and some introduced weatherboard cladding. This building is in poor condition.

The other two nearby outbuildings are in ruinous condition and have gabled roof forms clad in galvanised corrugated iron. These buildings have timber weatherboard and horizontal timber paling wall cladding, with timber doors. One of the buildings also has a skillion wing that has almost totally collapsed.

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