

Mudbrick Structure, Devonshire Gully, STUART MILL



SM 26 - Mudbrick Structure,
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MILL: Map Name Redbank
North YE 031 264

Location

Devonshire Gully STUART MILL, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Municipality

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Level of significance

Rec for other form of protection

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7524-0025

Heritage Listing

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Statement of Significance

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The unusual structure is a small A-frame mudbrick structure which measures 2.7 metres by 2.1 metre, has one entrance, a small window and a small chimney opening. The structure rests on stone footings. The function of the building is unknown. There is a variety of opinions ranging from a smokehouse, oven to a kiln. The smoke blackened walls appear to support these types of uses. The structure is also reputed to have been associated with local Chinese activities in the 19th century. Apart from a very small dam, a scatter of red bricks, there is nothing in the vicinity which provides insight into its function. The National Trust of Australia (Victoria) file has a reference to the St Arnaud Mercury 16 March 1932 which referred in its

'70 year ago column' to "a small brick kiln built by Sam Fyfe, can be seen off the Stuart Mill Road."

This mudbrick structure, probably erected in mid to late 19th century, is of architectural, historical and scientific significance to the Stuart Mill district.

The use of local stone and mudbrick in its construction is notable. It is of importance for its potential to provide information that contributes to a greater understanding of the history of the settlement and establishment of the district, and has a strong presumption of archaeological research potential. Further historical research and archaeological investigation is recommended.

RECOMMENDED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Conservation Desirable

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Northern Grampians - Shire of Northern Grampians - Stage 2 Heritage Study, Wendy Jacobs, Vicki Johnson, David Rowe, Phil Taylor, 2004; |
| Hermes Number | 113715 |
| Property Number | |

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