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# STONE COTTAGE (NAREEN)

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## Location

Nareen-Chetwynd Rd NAREEN, Southern Grampians Shire

## Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

## Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The stone cottage and remnant garden is located approximately 500 metres south west of the intersection of the Chetwynd-Nareen Road and the Nareen Road, near the hamlet of Nareen. The cottage is typically that of a pastoral selector, symmetrically arranged, of four rooms with a passageway. It is constructed from coursed random rubble bluestone, and has a central four-paneled door with twelve pane double hung sash windows arranged either side. A timber verandah, now collapsed, has been attached to the front of the house, which faced north east overlooking the nearby creek. Two brick chimneys are symmetrically arranged at either end of the cottage, and the roof is a simple hip, clad in corrugated iron. A substantial timber extension (perhaps a detached kitchen) has been removed from the western side of the house, although the footings and timber stumps remain to show its extent. The garden that surrounds the cottage indicates the remains of a typical selector's garden, with a number of fruit trees, subsistence garden, and a range of ornamental shrubs, bulbs and trees. A large Stone Pine (*Pinus pinea*) is located to the south of the cottage.

How is it significant?

The stone cottage is of historical significance to the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

The stone cottage located on the Chetwynd-Nareen Road is of historical significance for its long association with the Healey family, typical Irish selectors, who retained ownership of the original land taken up by Martin Healey in 1876. This land remained in the family until the last of the Healey family for about 100 years. The cottage is of further historical significance because it reflects the major change in land ownership brought about by the land Selection Acts of the 1860s, particularly in the Nareen district.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1876,
Other Names	AVONDALE,
Hermes Number	23161
Property Number	

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## Physical Conditions

Poor condition but intact materials and detailing to the mid-twentieth century or earlier.

## Physical Description 1

A single storey symmetrical stone cottage with a timber verandah at the front, now collapsed. The walls are coursed random rubble bluestone. The main windows are 12-pane double-hung sashes. The front door is four panelled, with the upper two glazed. There is a rectangular fanlight above the door. The roof is a simple hip with corrugated iron. There are two stone and brick chimneys at either end of the main wing. The chimney at the northern end is covered with ivy recently poisoned. A detached kitchen wing, apparently in timber, is now collapsed and partially removed.

Towards the northwest of the house there is a mature lemon tree (*Citrus limon* 'Meyer') which appears to be in good condition. Towards the south-west of the house there is a senescent Stone Pine (*Pinus pinea*). The garden also contains a range of fruit trees, and the remains of a typical selector's garden with a variety of ornamental shrubs, bulbs and rhizomes (although only a few have survived grazing pressures).

## Historical Australian Themes

Theme 3: Developing local, regional and national economies

3.5 Developing primary production

3.5.1 Grazing stock

3.5.3 Developing agricultural industries

Theme 5: Working

5.8 Working on the land

## Usage/Former Usage

vacant and ruinous

## Integrity

Medium level of intactness

## Physical Description 2

Martin Healey

The Misses Healey

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