
FAIRVIEW

Location

Pigeon Ponds Road PIGEON PONDS, Southern Grampians Shire

Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

Fairview, Pigeon Ponds Road, Pigeon Ponds is a small homestead complex comprising a dwelling, a detached kitchen, a range of outbuildings and a woolshed. The land seems to have been taken up after the Lands Selection Acts of the 1860s, by W. Paton, however the history of the property and owners, and the exact date of construction of Fairview is not certain but it appears to date from about 1900.

How is it significant?

Fairview is of historical significance to the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

Fairview homestead is of historical significance as an example of a remarkably intact small homestead complex. No comparative examples have been found as yet for the use of limestone and brick construction. The old-fashioned style, compared with other homesteads, which date from the same period, such as Tulse Hill, Carapook, is also remarkable. Of further historical interest is the very old fashioned notion of a detached kitchen, which appears to have been constructed around the turn of the century when detached kitchens were no longer common.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1900,

Hermes Number 23172

Property Number

Physical Conditions

The whole complex has a high degree of integrity but is in poor condition, and in parts such as the interior of the house, it is in very poor condition.

Physical Description 1

The homestead at Fairview is a single storey, symmetrical stone building, set on a rise and facing north-east over the Pigeon Ponds Creek. The walls are made from coursed random rubble limestone with brick quoins around the door and window openings and at the corners of the walls. The walls are set on mass concrete footings with a gravel aggregate. The timber verandah is limited to the facade and is partly enclosed by corrugated iron sheeting. No decorative detailing survives. The hipped roof is corrugated iron which is stamped with a trade mark including the words 'British Make Target Brand' set around an archery target. The windows are four-paned double hung sashes. There are four rooms and a central hall in the front wing of the house.

Behind the front wing there is a detached kitchen wing of two rooms, access to one of which, the larger, is opposite the rear hall door and access to the other is from the end of the kitchen wing. The opposite end of the kitchen wing has a large chimney accommodating a range and a baker's oven. The kitchen wing has a timber verandah the end of which is enclosed by corrugated iron and which has a further fireplace, possibly for a laundry. The gable roof is corrugated iron with the gables filled by pressed cement sheeting. The windows are twelve-paned double-hung sashes.

Near the kitchen there is a small outbuilding, possibly a store or meat house, made from mass concrete and timber framing. The gable roof has extended eaves and the gables are filled by weatherboards.

Beyond the house, to the south-west there is a timber woolshed with a corrugated iron roof and corrugated iron gables. Other simple structures are nearby.

Some plants, such as traditional fruit tress, survive in the remnants of the garden.

Historical Australian Themes

Theme 3: Developing local, regional and national economies

3.5 Developing primary production

3.5.1 Grazing stock

3.5.2 Breeding animals

3.5.3 Developing agricultural industries

Theme 5: Working

5.8 working on the land

Usage/Former Usage

abandoned

Integrity

High degree of integrity to the Interwar period but in poor to very poor condition.

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