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# MORGIANA HOMESTEAD COMPLEX



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## Location

Morgiana Road MORGIANA, 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?

Morgiana, located near the junction of the Grange Burn and the Wannon River, was settled as early as 1842 by Alexander Cameron and soon taken over by his nephew Donald Cameron. With other members of what amounted to a clan, they overlanded from Sydney and seem to have remained closely associated in business. Donald held the Morgiana licence until 1858 when it was taken over by another Cameron, possibly Archibald, whose widow's estate sold it in 1885. The original stone homestead must date from before 1850. Although relatively small and conventionally vernacular in its construction, it is of interest because of its double plan. A second timber homestead was built nearby which has been demolished. The present house, originally weatherboard and now brick veneer, is the third homestead and dates from about 1900. The first homestead remains in fair condition and with fair integrity. The third homestead remains in excellent condition and with fair integrity.

How is it significant?

Morgiana Homestead Complex is of historical and architectural significance to the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

Morgiana Homestead Complex is of historical significance for its long and complicated association with the large and influential Cameron family, who are of particular interest as Overlanders rather than Overstraiters, like most squatters in the area. The original homestead is of architectural significance for its unusual form and plan and for its setting.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1842,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	23185
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## Physical Conditions

The stone homestead has been much altered although its overall form and plan survive and, most importantly, its relationship with the Grange Burn. The second residence was demolished in the earlier twentieth century. It was superseded by the current residence the exterior of which has been much altered.

## Physical Description 1

The complex includes the original single storey stone homestead of six rooms now converted to a double garage and store; the later (third) timber residence now veneered with red brick with a timber verandah and used as the current residence; corrugated iron men's quarters and other outbuildings. A new garden has been established in front of the current residence.

## Historical Australian Themes

Theme 3: Developing local, regional and national economies

3.5 Developing primary production

3.5.1 Grazing stock

Theme 5: Working  
5.8 Working on the land

## **Usage/Former Usage**

Continuing as a pastoral property

## **Integrity**

The integrity of the original homestead has been compromised by its conversion into a garage and store. The integrity of the third homestead has been compromised by its veneering. The two main buildings still express the historical sequence of development at Morgiana.

## **Physical Description 2**

Alexander Cameron, original lease holder from September 1842  
Donald Cameron, lease holder from October 1846  
A[lexander?] Cameron, lease holder from July 1858

## **Physical Description 3**

Morgiana Pre-emptive right

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