
BRUNG BRUNGLE HOMESTEAD COMPLEX



23188 Brung Brungle garden elevation 0194



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23188 Brung Brungle kitchen elevation 0199



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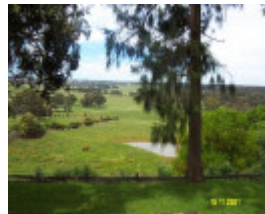
23188 Brung Brungle meat house 0197



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23188 Brung Brungle rear of outbuildings 0196



23188 Brung Brungle view over Wannon 0193

Location

Brung Brungle Road WANNON, Southern Grampians Shire

Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

Heritage Listing

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 18, 2003

What is Significant?

The property Brung Brungle, located 2.5kms north-east of Wannon, dates from the earliest period of settlement and some of the outbuildings, such as the former kitchen probably predate the present homestead. The squatting lease was held by a succession of owners, including Major William Messer of the 6th Lancers and Charles Arnot in partnership; Alexander Thomson who took out the Pre-emptive right in 1862; and Thomas Must. He may have built the present single-storey rendered brick house with a timber verandah on almost all four sides. In the late nineteenth and early twentieth century Richard and Louisa Ramsden were the owners. The present house is picturesquely sited to take advantage of the view. No architect or builder has been linked to the design but the quality of the house strongly suggests a professional's hand. The house is substantially intact with only post-WW2 renovations being the major changes. The whole homestead is in excellent condition.

How is it Significant?

Brung Brungle Homestead is of historical and architectural significance to the community of Wannon and the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is It Significant?

Brung Brungle Homestead is of historical significance as an example of an early squatting run in continuous occupation with important associations through its various owners including William Messer, Alexander Thomson, Thomas Must and Richard Ramsden.

Brung Brungle Homestead is of architectural significance as a fine and relatively intact example of a homestead complex from the middle of the pastoral period. Its garden setting and its position in the landscape enhance this significance.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1862,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Other Names	BUNG BUNGLE,
Hermes Number	23188
Property Number	

Physical Conditions

The house is in good condition.

Physical Description 1

The homestead is located 2.5km north-east of the township of Wannon (formerly Redruth) on a rise and overlooking the valley of the Wannon River. The garden elevation of the house faces east. There are extensive river meadows immediately below the edge of the escarpment and beyond the vista includes distant diagonal views to north-east towards the southern Grampians and south-east towards Mount Napier. Perpendicular to this

elevation facing north there is an entrance elevation approached by a drive. Both elevations are symmetrical about large panelled doors surrounded by side and fan lights.

The main house is a single storey rendered brick building with a timber verandah surrounding almost all four sides. The main roof is hipped and is corrugated iron as is the verandah roof. The verandah is simply detailed with a pierced frieze and fine brackets terminated with finials. The windows are all single paned, double hung sashes. The interiors of the house are also simply detailed and are intact for their joinery, plaster work and other fixtures and fittings but no early decoration survives. Post World War Two renovations have modernised the house and linked the outbuildings to it.

At the rear and side of the house there are several outbuildings including what may be the former kitchen and which may be much earlier in date, a meat house and another large wing, apparently a later addition. There are standard gardens around the house including a kitchen garden at the rear but none of these are particularly distinguished. Nor are there any notable mature trees.

The plan of the house is of interest because it has both a front and a garden entrance. This is relatively rare and may have been adopted to maximise the setting and view. The principal rooms face east across the valley.

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

Good degree of integrity

Physical Description 2

Stewart & Kemshead, first leaseholders

Robert Joseph & Henry De Little, of Launceston, second leaseholders

David Edmond Stodart, third leaseholders

William Messer and Charles E. Arnot, fourth leaseholders

Alexander Thomson, took out the Pre-emptive right for 640 acres

Thos. Must, sixth leaseholder

Physical Description 3

Pre-emptive Right No. 255

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