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# BALOCHILE HOMESTEAD SITE

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## Location

Balochile Road KONONG WOOTONG, 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

Last updated on - November 26, 2003

What is significant?

The site of the Balochile Homestead complex is located on land which is part of "Strone" homestead, in a paddock overlooking Salt Creek. The site has been marked by a plaque erected by the Coleraine Historical Society. No trace of the original homestead complex remains, however a number of mature European trees survive in the formerly extensive gardens, which surrounded the house and outbuildings. The gardens are in fair condition and retain a good degree of integrity.

How is it significant?

The Balochile homestead site is of historical significance to the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

The Balochile homestead site is of historical significance for its association with the early and important Swan family, who owned the large Kononwootong run. It is of further importance as a rare surviving example of a substantial established selector's garden which has survived without the selectors homestead. It provides an example of the gardens which were typically planted around the better connected selector's homes, and provides insight into a previous way of life.

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002; |
| Construction dates        | 1865,  |

Other Names STRONE,  
Hermes Number 23202  
Property Number

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## Physical Conditions

There is no remnant of the homestead complex. The trees are in good condition.

## Physical Description 1

The site of the Balochile Homestead complex is located on land which is part of "Strone" homestead, in a paddock overlooking Salt Creek. Access is via Fassiferne Road, and a 200 metres walk down hill. The site has been marked by a plaque erected by the Coleraine Historical Society. No trace of the original homestead complex remains, however a number of mature European trees survive in the formerly extensive gardens, which surrounded the house and outbuildings.

## 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 site now used for grazing

## Integrity

Fair degree of integrity to the turn of the century (garden only). May be archeological potential

## Physical Description 2

Donald and Mary Smith (nee Swan)

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