
TREASLAND HOMESTEAD COMPLEX



23203 Treasland front wing
Branxholme 0740



23203 Treasland front rear
wings Branxholme 0743



23203 Treasland rear wing
Branxholme 0742



23203 Treasland front wing
Branxholme 0741



23203 Treasland front wing
Branxholme 0745



23203 Treasland Kitchen
wing Branxholme 0746



23203 Treasland front wing
Branxholme 0744

Location

Coleraine - Condah Road BRANXHOLME, Southern Grampians Shire

Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

Heritage Listing

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - November 26, 2003

What is significant?

Treasland is a single storey asymmetrical bluestone residence with a verandah on three sides and a slate hipped roof. There are attic rooms in the roof space. The rock face bluestone walls of the front wing are built up in 6" (150mm) courses with 12" (300mm) quoins at the corners and around the doors and windows. There is a timber kitchen wing at the rear, formerly separate but now linked to the front wing. Beyond that is a modern open structure used as a porch. The land was taken up in 1861 by the MacLean family, who held the property for 140 years continuously, until 2001, when it was sold. The architect and builder of the house are unknown. The house is in excellent condition and retains a high degree of integrity.

How is it significant?

Treasland is of historical and architectural significance to the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

Treasland is of architectural significance as a very fine example of a bluestone selectors house. The rockface bluestone coursing and tuckpointing have been done with a high degree of skill, indicating the involvement of a master builder, and the design of the house, with attic rooms suggests the involvement of an architect. Treasland is of historical significance for its long association with the MacLean family, who held the property for over 140 years. The quality of the workmanship on the house represents the success of some small selectors who took up land in the 1860s.

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,
Hermes Number	23203
Property Number	

Physical Conditions

The building is in very good condition

Physical Description 1

Treasland is a single storey bluestone residence with a verandah on three sides, the roof of which is contiguous with the main hipped roof. The roofs are slate. The verandah posts have been replaced by brick piers and floor by a concrete slab. The house is asymmetrical having two double hung sash windows on the left and one on the right side of the front door. There are attic rooms in the roof space. The rock face bluestone walls of the front wing are built up in 6" (150mm) courses with 12" (300mm) quoins at the corners and around the doors and windows. There is a timber kitchen wing at the rear, formerly separate but now linked to the front wing. Beyond that is a modern open structure used as a porch.

According to the December 2001 auction notice, the garden contains "stands of drooping She-oak, English and Algerian Oaks, many areas of native trees and Ash groves" plus about 320 newly planted olive trees. A mature avenue of Radiata Pine leading from the gate to the house has been cut down. The house is located close to the road and is approached by a straight drive.

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

pastoral, agricultural and horticultural

Integrity

high degree of integrity externally. Not yet inspected internally

Physical Description 2

John and Christina MacLean, original selectors and first owners

Duncan Matherson and Marjorie MacLean, second owners

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