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# LINLITHGOW PARK



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Linlithgow Lake Linlithgow Rd  
Warrayure

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## Location

Lake Linlithgow Road, WARRAYURE VIC 3301 - Property No 003

## Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

## Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - December 11, 2003

AMENDMENT C6 - Place withdrawn from proposed Heritage Overlay - now considered of nil significance

What is significant?

Walter Stephen Helpmann, a Warrnambool bank manager, almost certainly acting as a dummy for Stephen Henty of Warrayure, purchased the land on which Linlithgow Park now stands about 1870. The land then passed to Wilhelm Gottfried Habel, a failed miner, who had immigrated to Australia in 1855. The next and most important

owners were Gottlieb Emil Mibus, called George, his wife Minna Valentine, nee Mibus and their four children. He developed the land near Lake Linlithgow and called it Linlithgow Park. After marrying in 1918, the couple lived in a hut on the land, which was replaced by four rooms of the present house and which was subsequently extended. George took a keen interest in local affairs including, in his youth, the local Gun Club and later as an Elder of the Lutheran Church and School at Warrayure and councillor for the Shire of Mount Rouse. The house is a plain red brick bungalow, asymmetrical because of its extension as much by original design. It is sober in its lack of details and use of conventional materials. There is an orchard and the house is set within a garden which appears to date largely from the 1920s. It retains an excellent degree of integrity and is in good condition. Two of the children of George and Minna continue to live in the house.

How is it significant?

Linlithgow Park is of architectural and historical significance to the community of Warrayure and to the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

Linlithgow Park is of historical significance as a representative example of the smaller farms which were established by the German population who settled the area east of Hamilton in the mid-nineteenth century. Linlithgow Park is of architectural significance because it demonstrates a sequence of development and a sober style of building, together with its mature garden, which is typical of the early twentieth century when German immigrants had become well established.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1920,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Other Names	LINLITHGOW,
Hermes Number	23214
Property Number	

## Physical Conditions

The house is in good condition. The garden and orchard are overgrown.

## Physical Description 1

The house at Linlithgow Park is a single storey, asymmetrical red brick building with cement render trims and loosely in the bungalow style. The hipped and gabled roof is terra cotta. There is a large bay window at the front and other large windows composed of multiple double hung sashes associated with the principal rooms. A simple timber porch with a tile roof contiguous with the main roof marks the entrance. The house is set in a garden, bounded by a simple timber picket fence, typical of the period but now overgrown. There are the usual ancillary buildings at the rear. The house is in good condition and retains a high degree of integrity to its mid-twentieth century appearance. A typical garden and orchard are located adjacent to the house. The house has been abandoned since 1967 (Mibus, Basil G, 2008).

## 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**

Residential

## **Integrity**

Relatively intact, although abandoned.

## **Physical Description 2**

Walter Stephen Helpmann, Warrnambool bank manager, acting as a dummy for Stephen Henty of Warrayure

Wilhelm Gottfried Habel, German immigrant, failed miner and farmer

Gottlieb Emil and Minna Valentine Mibus, builders of the house and mixed farmers

Basil Mibus and Marie Mibus, son and daughter of Gottlieb and Minna Mibus

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