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# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SITE



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## Location

Hamilton-Port Fairy Road BYADUK, 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?

The Byaduk Presbyterian Church was located on the south east corner of the Hamilton-Port Fairy road and Harman's Road, approximately 3 kilometres north of Byaduk township. The church was officially opened on 9th December 1882. It was destroyed completely by bushfires in 1977. The only physical remnant of the former church consists of a finely crafted bluestone masonry wall which formed the base of a tall wooden picket fence along the frontage of the church. A bronze plaque mounted in a cement block is located inside the main gateway, and records the construction in 1882 and destruction in 1977 of the Byaduk Presbyterian Church.

How is it significant?

The site of the Byaduk Presbyterian Church, Hamilton-Port Fairy Road, is of historical significance to the district of Byaduk, as a heritage inventory site.

Why is it significant?

The Byaduk Presbyterian Church site is of historical significance as the focus for the strong Presbyterian population who settled the area in the mid to late nineteenth century.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1882,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered archaeological place,
Hermes Number	23287
Property Number	

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## Physical Conditions

The masonry wall is in very good condition.

## Physical Description 1

The Byaduk Presbyterian Church was located on the south east corner of the Hamilton-Port Fairy road and Harman's Road, approximately 3 kilometres north of Byaduk township. The timber church was destroyed completely by bushfires in 1977.

The physical remnant of the former church consists of a finely crafted bluestone masonry wall which formed the base of a tall wooden picket fence along the frontage of the church. The wall has two openings which were the gateways of the churchyard. On the northwest corner of the site, the bluestone wall is abutted by the remains of one of the original timber fence posts, now damaged.

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## Historical Australian Themes

Theme 8 Developing Australia's cultural life

8.6 Worshipping

8.6.1 Worshipping together

8.6.3 Founding Australian religious institutions

8.6.4 Making places for worship

## Usage/Former Usage

abandoned

## Integrity

Church demolished after a fire. Low integrity. Extensive stone walls remaining.

*This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.*

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