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# MAJOR MITCHELL'S TRACK AND BLAZED TREE



23317 Major Mitchell track  
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## Location

Woodacres Lane NAREEN, 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 site known as Major Mitchell's Track is located on private property 'Cuyuac', in a paddock on the east side of Woodacres Lane. It is approximately 4.5kms north-west of its intersection with the Chetwynd -Nareen Road. There are distinct areas of ground which appear to be disturbed, with large parallel depressions in the earth. There is also a tree located nearby which may or may not be related. The tree is a River Red Gum which has been blazed at some time, although the blaze is indistinct.

How is it significant?

The tracks of Major Mitchell's expedition and the associated blazed tree in Woodacres Lane, Nareen are of historical and scientific significance.

Why is it significant?

The track and blazed tree are of historic significance as remnants of one of the most important explorations in Australian history and the resulting opening up of the country which came to be known as 'Australia Felix'. They are of scientific significance as evidence of the way explorers and surveyors travelled through unknown country and left their mark.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1836,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	23317
Property Number	

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## Physical Conditions

The depressions are in poor condition, and the tree is in good condition

## Physical Description 1

Depressions left in the ground from the wheels of the bullock wagons used by Major Mitchell and his party in their exploration of Australia Felix. Nearby, and located on the roadside, is a blazed tree (which may have no connection with the exploration) bearing the marks 4/5/48 or similar.

## Historical Australian Themes

Theme 2: Peopling Australia  
2.5 Promoting settlement

Theme 3: Developing local, regional and national economies  
3.3 Surveying the continent  
3.3.1 Looking for inland seas and waterways  
3.3.4 Looking for land with agricultural potential

Theme 8: Developing Australia's cultural life  
8.7 Honouring achievement  
8.9 Commemorating significant events

## Usage/Former Usage

grazing paddock and roadside verge.

## Integrity

Fair degree of integrity

## Physical Description 2

Major Thomas Mitchell, Surveyor General of NSW and explorer  
Charles Stapylton, second in command of exploratory trip

### **Physical Description 3**

Road Reserve and adjacent private land

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