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# GROVES' COTTAGE (FORMER)



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## Location

Watton Street extension PENSHURST, 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?

Groves' Cottage (former) is located on the north side of Watton Street beyond the intersection with Hutton Street on the western side of the township of Penshurst. The cottage is a small, symmetrical four roomed residence, with two large chimneys suggesting the presence of timber extensions which have since been lost. The roof is covered in corrugated iron sheets, which cover wooden shingles. The exact date of construction is not known, but it appears to date from about the 1870s. The cottage is in poor condition but retains an excellent degree of integrity.

How is it significant?

The former Groves' Cottage, Watton Street extension, is of historical and architectural significance to the Southern Grampians shire and to the township of Penshurst.

Why is it significant?

The former Groves' Cottage, Watton Street extension, is of historical and architectural significance as an example of the early residences of the township with particular links to the local quarrying industry. It is of further historical significance for its association with the Groves family, long term members of the local community.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1870,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	23373
Property Number	

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## Physical Conditions

The building is in very poor condition.

## Physical Description 1

A small four roomed symmetrical bluestone house. The windows are 12 pane double hung sashes. The hipped roof is covered with corrugated iron, but partially removed to reveal timber shingles. There may have been extensions in timber to the rear but these are now collapsed or missing. There seems never to have been a verandah.

The cottage is sited close to the Watton Street boundary and faces south towards the stoney rises associated with the Cheviot Hills estate.

## Historical Australian Themes

Theme 3 Developing Local Regional and National Economies

3.4 Utilising natural resources

3.4.3 Mining

Theme 8 Developing Australia's cultural life

8.12 Living in and around Australian homes

8.14 Living in the country and rural settlements

## Usage/Former Usage

Vacant and abandoned

## Integrity

excellent degree of integrity notwithstanding its ruinous condition.

## Physical Description 2

James Groves, labourer and quarryman, first owner of the land and presumably the cottage

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