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# BILLS HORSE TROUGH



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## Location

Glenelg Highway and Memorial Road GLENTHOMPSON, 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 Bills Horse Trough located in the Lions Memorial Park on the Glenelg Highway is pressed cement trough, identical to others which were installed throughout Australia by George and Ann Bills as part of a campaign to provide horse troughs throughout Australia. The standard design has become a very common feature in some metropolitan suburbs and many rural towns in Victoria. The trough was installed in the 1920s and is in good condition, retaining a high degree of integrity. The park is the former site of a blacksmith's shop, and later the site of a rabbit freezing works. No physical fabric remains of these past uses.

How is it significant?

Bills Horse Trough are of historical significance to the Southern Grampians Shire and to the township of Glenthompson.

Why is it significant?

Bills Horse Trough is of historical significance. The Bills Horse Trough is historically important for demonstrating the nature of pre-automobile travel and transport and the twentieth century concern for the welfare of animals.

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	RABBIT FREEZING WORKS, BLACKSMITH'S SHOP,
Hermes Number	23397
Property Number	

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## Physical Conditions

The physical condition of the horse trough is good.

## Physical Description 1

The Bills Horse Trough is a pressed cement horse trough of standard design. The back includes a tri-partite panel with a plaque stating that the trough was provided by Annis and George Bills.

The park contains children's playground equipment, and a memorial arch to the community erected in 2000.

There is no surviving remnant of the blacksmith shop or rabbit freezing works which were present on the site in the early to mid twentieth century.

## Historical Australian Themes

Theme 3: Developing local, regional and national economies

3.8 Moving goods and people

3.12. Feeding people

3.12.4 Preserving food and beverages

Theme 4: Building settlements, towns and cities

## Usage/Former Usage

heritage object

## Integrity

high degree of integrity

## Physical Description 2

Annis and George Bills

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