
BALLANTRAE



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Glenthompson 1675



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Location

Gleneig Highway, GLENTHOMPSON VIC 3293 - Property No 0030

Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - February 16, 2004

What is significant?

Ballantrae is a single storey symmetrical brick house constructed in the early 1920s, thought to be between 1920-21, by James and Johanna O'Rourke. Ballantrae is located on land which was once part of the original Bushy Creek run and later the Glenronald run. Glenronald Estate was subdivided for closer settlement in 1919, when seventeen allotments (of between 350-450 acres) were allocated to soldiers who had returned from World War One. Allotment 26a, where Ballantrae stands is not mentioned in this subdivision and, in the following year, James Malachy O'Rourke and his wife, Johanna had taken possession of the land as part of their much larger 2,555 acre landholding. In the mid 1930s, the property passed into the Heard family, who still retain ownership. The house was extended before the Second World War. As yet, no architect or builder has been identified with the construction of the house. Its bricks would have come from the nearby Glenthompson brickworks. The house is in very good condition and retains a high degree of integrity. The garden setting contributes to the house but is not significant in its own right.

How is it significant?

The house is of some historical and architectural significance, but is not of sufficient significance to justify its inclusion on the local planning scheme.

Why is it significant?

Ballantrae is of historical significance for its association with nearby pastoral runs of Glenronald and Bushy Creek of which it was once a part. More importantly, it is of historical significance after the First World War for its association with the local O'Rourke and Heard families who have played an important part in the local community. Ballantrae is of architectural significance as an example of the Arts and Crafts style loosely applied to the bungalow form, which is unusual in the area.

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,
Hermes Number	23425
Property Number	

Physical Conditions

The house and garden are in good condition, although the interiors have not been inspected

Physical Description 1

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Ballantrae is a single storey symmetrical red brick house which adopts the bungalow form and is loosely Arts and Crafts in style. It is almost certain that the bricks were supplied by the nearby Glenthompson brickworks. The house is surrounded by a mature garden which appears to date from the first half of the twentieth century.

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

Pastoral Property

Integrity

High degree of integrity

Physical Description 2

Philip Life Smith (first owner of the subdivided land)

James Malachy O'Rourke & Johanna Maria O'Rourke, second owners

Heard Family, third owners

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