
RAILWAY STATION MASTER'S RESIDENCE (FORMER)

Location

Station Street BRANXHOLME, Southern Grampians Shire

Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The former Station Master's Residence, located near the former Railway Station in Station Street, Branxholme is a large single storey asymmetrical timber house, with corrugated iron roofs and a corrugated iron verandah across the facade. The house is thought to have been built post 1900, and may have been the second residence constructed for the purpose, as the railway reached Branxholme in 1876. There has been no architect or builder associated with the design. The house is in fair condition, and retains a good degree of integrity.

How is it significant?

The former Station Master's Residence is of historical significance to the township of Branxholme and the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

The former Railway Station Master's Residence is of historical significance as it represents a previous phase of commercial and industrial activity and trade in Branxholme. The centre of the township moved from the main route between Hamilton and Portland with the advent of the railway, and the Station Master's House would have been considered to be an important residence within the township. The house represents the importance of the railway to the township of Branxholme, from the 1870s until its closure in the middle of the twentieth century.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1900,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	23617
Property Number	

Physical Conditions

The residence is in fair condition, although the interiors have not been inspected.

Physical Description 1

The former Station Master's Residence located in Station Street in Branxholme is a large single storey, asymmetrical timber house. The house has two sash windows arranged symmetrically on either side of the front door, and the roof is corrugated iron, with simple gables above either side of the front door. A simple corrugate iron verandah is located across the facade. There appear to have been later (perhaps Interwar) timber extensions to the rear of the residence.

Historical Australian Themes

3 Developing local, regional and national economies

3.8.6 Building and maintaining railways

4 Building settlements, towns and cities

4.5 Making settlements to serve rural Australia

Usage/Former Usage

residential

Integrity

The residence retains a good degree of integrity externally. Interior not inspected.

Physical Description 2

Station Master

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