
COBB AND CO DEPOT & STABLES (FORMER)



23657 Copy of 4570 Cobb Co
Depot Cavendish

Location

Scott Street extension CAVENDISH, Southern Grampians Shire

Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - March 3, 2004

What is significant?

The former Cobb and Co. Depot and Stables are located in the western end of the extension of Scott Street on the floodplain beside the Wannon River about 1.5kms west of the centre of the township. The structure which remains is a long rude timber building comprising five main stalls for horses and other spaces for the storage of tack and possibly for coaches. The roof is gabled with a skillion extension at the front and is covered with corrugated iron. The roof is supported by massive timber posts and the stalls are divided by timber rails. For the most part, the building is open to the east. It is believed that the structure was built between 1855 and 1865. The building was part of the famous Cobb and Co. which linked the remote townships of Victoria for over sixty years. The buildings are in fair condition and retain a high degree of integrity

How is it significant?

The former Cobb and Co. Depot and Stables are of historical significance to the township of Cavendish and the

Southern Grammmarians Shire.

Why is it significant?

The structure which remains of the former Cobb and Co Depot and Stables is a relatively rare example of an original Cobb and Co. stable. The rude construction technique is also of historical significance as it provides us with a view of a previous traditional building practice. Of further historical significance is that the surviving structure represents the once important service of Cobb and Co. which served Victoria for over sixty years, and was particularly significant to isolated townships such as Cavendish, as the only method of transport for many years.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1855,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	23657
Property Number	

Physical Conditions

The building is in fair condition.

Physical Description 1

The depot and stables are located on the edge of the town, on the western boundary of the site and close to the river flats. The structure is a long rude timber building comprising five main stalls for horses and other spaces for the storage of tack and possibly for coaches. The roof is gabled with a skillion extension at the front and is covered with corrugated iron. The roof is supported by massive timber posts and the stalls are divided by timber rails. For the most part, the building is open to the east. It is likely that the horses grazed both in the yard and on the river flats.

Historical Australian Themes

Theme 3: Developing local, regional and national economies
3.8 Moving goods and people

Usage/Former Usage

stables and storage

Integrity

High degree of integrity

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