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## GLENISLA SHEEPWASH NO.1(former)



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Glenisla sheep wash



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### Location

off Shilcock's Track GLENISLA, 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 Glenisla Sheepwash No. 1 (former) is located close to the crossing of Shilcock's Track and Cultivation Creek. The site now consists of a series of earthworks close to and parallel with the creek bed. No above ground structures, such as yards, huts or other structures are evident. The surrounding area now has substantial regrowth rather than the original open grassland. Glenisla was established in 1843 by Scottish pastoralist Hector Norman Simpson (c.1820-80) who named the run after an area near Balmoral in Scotland. At the time it was licenced, Glenisla consisted of 96,000 acres, with 500 head of cattle and 25,000 sheep. In 1847 the lease was transferred to Donald Campbell Simson, as trustee for Jane Charlotte Simson and John Coghill Simson when it was subdivided into Glenisla North and South. The next owners, Charles Carter and Sons played an important role in the improvement of sheep, and ran many thousands on the vast tracts of land which they owned or leased throughout the Grampians and Wimmera, including Glenisla. The Sheepwash is the first Glenisla sheepwash, dating from the 1840s. This was superseded, possibly about 1874, by a very large and elaborate hot water

sheepwash, known as Glenisla Sheepwash No. 2 (now on a property named Canuda). The sheepwash is in ruinous condition, but retains an excellent degree of integrity.

How is it significant?

The former Glenisla sheepwash No. 1 is of historical and archeological significance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

The former Glenisla sheepwash No. 1 is of historical significance as a very early surviving examples of a traditional sheepwash associated with a large pastoral property in Victoria. It clearly demonstrates the logistics and thought behind developing a system which was able to wash the grease from the wool of many sheep over a short period of time. The location, in an isolated part of the run is also important, as when all associated structures are viewed as a whole, it provides an understanding of a previous way of life. The sheepwash is of archaeological significance for its archaeological potential, as it suggests the potential to reveal more about the sheepwashing processes and associated pastoral occupation and activity in the area.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1850,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	23741
Property Number	

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## Physical Conditions

High degree of archaeological potential.

## Physical Description 1

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## 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

Theme 5: Working

5.8 Working on the land

## Usage/Former Usage

Abandoned

## Physical Description 2

Hector Norman Simson, first owner

Jane Charlotte Simson & John Coghill Simson, second owners

Donald Campbell Simson, trustee for the above  
Samuel Carter of Carter & Sons, later and longtime owner of Glenisla

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