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## Location

206 LONGS ROAD SERPENTINE, LODDON SHIRE

## **Municipality**

LODDON SHIRE

## **Level of significance**

Registered

## **Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number**

H0480

## **Heritage Overlay Numbers**

HO198

## **VHR Registration**

April 8, 1981

## **Amendment to Registration**

May 5, 1982

## **Heritage Listing**

Victorian Heritage Register

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## **Statement of Significance**

Last updated on - June 17, 1999

The woolshed at East Loddon Station is unique for its use of materials in that it is a precise, industrialised example of a building type not generally designed with such formality or consequence. The 28-stand shed is of English-bond exposed brickwork, buttressed on all sides with segmental brick arches over all openings. 184 feet long, the building has a saw tooth corrugated iron roof on bolted cast iron trusses with gabled ends distinguished by symmetrical buttressing about the arched entrances with oculus louvres over. The original glass in the clear-story has been largely replaced with iron, but otherwise the woolshed is in original condition. Two extensions have been made to the west and at a date unknown. The shed has provision for 12 further stands with the additional runways bricked in at the time of construction. It does not appear that the extra capacity was ever required. The interior timberwork of the stands and pens are all intact including the counter-weighted gates. The shed was mechanised prior to 1886, firstly with steam engines and then by a pair of oil-driven "Rushton-Hornsby" hot bulb engines. Only the mountings and part of the pulley system remain of these. The shed still contains a "Ferrier" level wool-press and "W & T Avery" scales from Birmingham. The woolshed was constructed in c.1871 for John Ettershank an engineer and pastoralist who, through his partnership in a stock and station agency, was intimately connected with the squatting movement in Victoria. He is also credited with the invention of the first mechanical shearing system. Ettershank, almost certainly, played a significant role in the design of the shed; his signature and notes appearing on the drawings. The final design and drafting has been attributed to the architect W.C. Vahland. Although this is not verifiable, the drawings appear to have been executed by a professional hand, either Vahland's or the builders, Crawford Bros. of Bendigo.

## **Permit Exemptions**

## General Exemptions:

General exemptions apply to all places and objects included in the Victorian Heritage Register (VHR). General exemptions have been designed to allow everyday activities, maintenance and changes to your property, which don't harm its cultural heritage significance, to proceed without the need to obtain approvals under the Heritage Act 2017.

**Places of worship:** In some circumstances, you can alter a place of worship to accommodate religious practices without a permit, but you must **notify** the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria before you start the works or activities at least 20 business days before the works or activities are to commence.

**Subdivision/consolidation:** Permit exemptions exist for some subdivisions and consolidations. If the subdivision or consolidation is in accordance with a planning permit granted under Part 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the application for the planning permit was referred to the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria as a determining referral authority, a permit is not required.

Specific exemptions may also apply to your registered place or object. If applicable, these are listed below. Specific exemptions are tailored to the conservation and management needs of an individual registered place or object and set out works and activities that are exempt from the requirements of a permit. Specific exemptions prevail if they conflict with general exemptions.

Find out more about heritage permit exemptions [here](#).

Construction dates        1869,  
Heritage Act Categories   Registered place,  
Hermes Number            1017  
Property Number

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## Extent of Registration

Historic Building No. 480 -The Woolshed (including the surrounding brick yards, The Shearers' Cookhouse and Underground Well, 'East Loddon', Serpentine.  
[*Victoria Government Gazette* No.43 5 May 1982 p.1283]

*This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.*

*For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>*