
Old Stuart Mill General Store, 3889 Sunraysia Highway, STUART MILL



SM 17a - Malcolm's Corner General Store,



SM 17b - Store prior to renovation



SM 17c - Kitchen building



SM 17d - Stables building

Location

3889 Sunraysia Highway STUART MILL, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO24

Heritage Listing

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Statement of Significance

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The former Malcolm's Corner General Store, 3889 Sunraysia Highway, Stuart Mill, makes a significant contribution to the streetscape of the small town, and is a lasting legacy of the commercial developments of the Victorian era. This building appears to be considerably intact, and was constructed in 1868 by Felix Crone for James Malcolm. Throughout the 19th century the building served as a stopping off point for Cobb and Co. Coaches. The building ceased to operate as a store, possibly during the interwar years.

The former Malcolm's Corner General Store is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It demonstrates original design qualities of a rudimentary Victorian commercial style. These qualities include the steeply pitched gable roof form that traverses the site, together with a substantial, rendered parapet forming the shop frontage, and the skillion verandah at the front. Other intact qualities include the single storey height (with attic in the roof space); window and door shopfront openings; dressed masonry window sills; panelled timber doors; galvanised corrugated iron (painted red); two unpainted brick chimneys with corbelled tops; stop chamfered timber verandah columns; timber framed attic window; and the rear unpainted brick skillion. The open spoon drains, gravel verges and grassed areas immediately surrounding the building contribute to the significance of the place.

The former Malcolm's Corner General Store is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with the 19th century commercial development of Stuart Mill, and particularly with the establishment of the general store by Felix Crone and James Malcolm in 1868. The store has associations as a stopping off point for Cobb and Co. Coaches, and as a long-time business establishment until the early-mid 20th century.

The former Malcolm's Corner General Store is **socially** significant at a **LOCAL** level. Although no longer operating as a store building, it is still recognised and valued by the Stuart Mill community as a lasting legacy of Victorian commercial development in the town, with most other buildings long since gone.

Overall, the former Malcolm's Corner General Store is of **LOCAL** significance.

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Physical Description 1

The former Malcolm's Corner General Store, 3889 Sunraysia Highway, Stuart Mill, is one of few tangible legacies relating to the 19th century developments of the small town. Set off the road, the building is surrounded by some early trees and garden. Early open spoon drains, gravel verges and grassed areas form other characteristic features of the site.

The single storey (with attic), unpainted sundried brick, rudimentary Victorian Commercial styled former Malcolm's Corner General Store is characterised by a steeply pitched gable roof form that traverses the site, together with a substantial, rendered parapet forming the shop frontage, and the skillion verandah that has been extended at one side. The shop front has early window and door openings, and early dressed masonry window sills. There are also later (but appropriate) timber framed multi paned windows. The panelled timber doors may also be early. The gable roof is clad in early lapped galvanised corrugated iron (painted red) and the two early unpainted brick chimneys with corbelled tops adorn the roofline. Other early features include the stop chamfered timber verandah columns, timber framed attic window, and the rear unpainted brick skillion. Other later work

includes the cement sheet skillion section. The timber verandah has been repaired or replaced in 2001 and attic dormer windows added to the rear roof face.

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