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# SATIMER HOMESTEAD COMPLEX

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## Location

Wando Dale-Satimer Road, NAREEN VIC 3315 - Property No 146

## 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 Satimer Homestead Complex is located approximately 100 metres north of the Satimer-Wando Vale Road, overlooking the Wando River. The original homestead has been demolished, although there may be archaeological potential below the surface. A rectangular planting of English Elm (*Ulmus procera*) and several fruit trees survive on the site, indicating where the homestead was located. This site is now considered to be a Heritage Inventory Site. The new homestead was built in 1910, and is a substantial single storey brick villa, in a loosely Italianate style. Although it has had many additions and alterations, it is in good condition. The Satimer run was taken up by Thomas Wentworth Watson in 1842, and has relatively few owners since that time. Major Alexander Davidson and Duncan Robertson retained the property in partnership until 1860, when Robertson sold his share to Davidson, who continued to own the property alone until 1873. Satimer was purchased by pastoralist and banker, Edmund MacKenzie Young in 1874. Young first leased and then sold the property to William Moodie, who ran Satimer with his adjoining Wando Dale for some years. Financial hardship forced the property to be subdivided in the late nineteenth century, and the Spiers family purchased it in the early nineteenth century. The property remains in the ownership of this family.

How is it significant?

The Satimer Homestead complex is of historical and archaeological significance to the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

The Satimer Homestead complex is of historical significance for early date of settlement, its associations with important early pastoralists, including Alexander Davidson, Duncan Robertson and William Moodie. Duncan Robertson and William Moodie were two of the largest landholders in the area in the nineteenth century. The complex is of further historical significance as it demonstrates the typical sequence of development in large pastoral holdings, where a small simple first homestead is superseded by the development of a more substantial homestead, located in a more prominent position.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1910,
Other Names	SATIRMER,
Hermes Number	23118
Property Number	

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## Physical Conditions

The original homestead site has significant archaeological potential.

The existing second house is much altered and extended with only low integrity but it is in good condition.

## Physical Description 1

The site of the original Satimer homestead is located on a north-facing slope overlooking the Wando River. Although there are no above ground remains of the first homestead, a rectangular planting of English Elms (*Ulmus procera*) define the boundary of the homestead garden. The only other reminder of the former Satimer Homestead are several fruit trees, part of the original orchard.

The current Satimer Homestead was built in 1910, and is located nearer to the Wando Vale - Satimer Road, on the tablelands on the western side the Wando River. The homestead is a single storey brick building in a loosely Italianate in style. The building has been substantially extended and altered. An encircling verandah has replaced the smaller front verandah. It is surrounded by a simple garden.

## Historical Australian Themes

Theme 3: Developing local, regional and national economies

3.5 Developing primary production

3.5.1 Grazing stock

Theme 5: Working

5.8 Working on the land.

## Usage/Former Usage

The original homestead site is used for grazing. The new homestead is occupied as a residence.

## **Integrity**

The original homestead site survives well as an archaeological site. The 1910 house has a very low degree of integrity being much altered and extended but it is in good condition.

## **Physical Description 2**

Thomas Wentworth Watson, first lease holder

Alexander Davidson and Duncan Robertson, second lease holders

Edmund MacKenzie Young, third lease holder

## **Physical Description 3**

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