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## BRAE PARK HOMESTEAD COMPLEX



23304 Brae Park Branxholme  
facade 0725



23304 Brae Park Branxholme  
facade 0726



23304 Brae Park Branxholme  
front verandah 0727



23304 Brae Park Branxholme  
north side 0724



23304 Brae Park Branxholme  
rear 0723



23304 Brae Park Branxholme  
shed 0722

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### Location

Henty Highway BRANXHOLME, 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

Last updated on - December 12, 2003

What is significant?

Brae Park is the second homestead on this property, the first being built for George Emmett a local lime burner. The present house, located at the front boundary of the property on the west side of the Henty Highway, was built in 1917 by its owner Simon Black for his bride, Violet Gough whose family was connected with the Traveller's Rest, Branxholme and Junction Hotels. The house takes the form of the Californian bungalow, which was just becoming popular at the time. It remains substantially intact and in good condition. It is complimented by a typical garden which dates from the same time, with subsequent additions and alterations. The property was important for breeding sheep and horse. It reflects the success of a large local family whose pioneering ancestor, John Black began life as a shepherd.

How is it significant?

Brae Park is of historical and architectural significance to the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

Brae Park is of historical significance for its associations with several generations of the locally important Black family which still has many connections with the Branxholme-Byaduk area. It is of architectural significance as an example of an early twentieth century farm house adopting the contemporary bungalow style and form.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1917,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	23304
Property Number	

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## Physical Conditions

The building is in good condition.

## Physical Description 1

Brae Park is a single storey, asymmetrical timber house adopting the West Coast American or Californian bungalow form. The homestead has been built on a substantial rise close to the Henty Highway or front boundary, commanding a clear view east towards Mount Napier.

The house is now surrounded by a mature garden which dates from the construction of the house, with more modern additions.

## 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

3.5.3 Developing agricultural industries

Theme 5: Working

5.8 working on the land

## Usage/Former Usage

pastoral and agricultural

## **Integrity**

High degree of integrity externally. Interiors not yet inspected.

## **Physical Description 2**

Simon and Violet (nee Gough) Black, first owners of the current homestead

Donald Black, nephew of Simon Black, second and current owner

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