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## CHERRITTA HOMESTEAD COMPLEX (former)



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### Location

Wallacedale North - Hamilton Road 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

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What is significant?

Cheritta Homestead Complex (former) was a large single storey bluestone homestead, with significant outbuildings and a substantial garden. It was destroyed by fire in the late twentieth century. The surviving elements of the Cheritta Homestead Complex are two bluestone chimneys, some outbuildings and some elements of the garden. A new brick house has been built around the surviving chimneys, set amongst the remnant garden and outbuildings. Cheritta was originally part of the Audley run, located some distance east. It was taken up in 1885 by Charles Read, and had a succession of owners and managers until it was burnt down. There has been no architect or builder associated with the original design. The remaining fabric of Cheritta Homestead Complex is in good condition, although it retains a limited degree of integrity.

How is it significant?

The Cheritta Homestead Complex (former) is of nil significance to the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

The Cheritta Homestead Complex is of historical significance for its associations with the larger, historically significant Audley Homestead, and for its association with a range of important individuals and companies who have owned and managed the property over the past 100 years.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1885,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	23306
Property Number	

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## Physical Conditions

The condition of the outbuildings and surviving plantings is fair.

## Physical Description 1

The original Cheritta Homestead was destroyed by fire in the late twentieth century. A modern brick homestead has been built around the two bluestone chimneys which survived the fire. Several timber outbuildings and some substantial plantings survive around the homestead.

## 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 the land

## Usage/Former Usage

Residential

## Integrity

Very low degree of integrity/intactness. Surviving fabric of original homestead only two bluestone chimneys.

## Physical Description 2

Charles Read, first owner

James Stewart, second owner

Archibald Cameron

Trevor Armytage, owner

W H Philip, owner

D M McKenzie, owner

Gordon Sobey, owner

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