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## DR DICKINSON'S RESIDENCE (FORMER)



23362 Dr Dickinson s  
Residence Former 37 Cobb  
St Penshurst 0865



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### Location

37 Cobb Street, PENSHURST VIC 3289 - Property No 1340

### 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 residence which is known as the Dr. Dickinson's residence (former) is located at the eastern end of Cobb Street on the south side, in the far southeast corner of the township of Penshurst. The residence is a single storey timber building which appears to have been constructed in two stages. The rear rooms date from the mid to late 19th century, while the front rooms appear to date from the early 20th century. A vernacular bluestone outbuilding which appears to date from the first phase of construction is located a few metres west of the house. Although no architect or builder has been associated with the design of the house, it is known that it was constructed for Dr. W. Dickinson, who purchased the land on which it stands in 1864. It is likely that the earliest parts of the house and the bluestone structure date from 1864. Through occupation and ownership, the house has been associated with many important people in the history of Penshurst, including architect and surveyor, John Montgomery, who leased the residence in the late nineteenth century after Dr. Dickinson had departed to

live in Melbourne. The exterior of the house is in excellent condition, and retains a very high degree of integrity.

How is it significant?

The residence at 37 Cobb Street Penshurst is of architectural and historical significance to the township of Penshurst.

Why is it significant?

The house at 37 Cobb Street Penshurst is architecturally significant as a typical example of a middle class private residence dating from the period of Penshurst's growth, following the 1860s land sales. It is historically significant for its association with important members of the Penshurst community, including Dr William Miller Dickinson, physician, John Montgomery, architect and surveyor, James Finn, overseer at Kolor, and Daniel Twomey, owner of Kolor, and during the 20th century, Mrs. Edith Olle.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1864,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	23362
Property Number	

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## Physical Conditions

The physical condition of the exterior is very good.

## Physical Description 1

The house at 37 Cobb Street Penshurst is a single storey timber building with corrugated iron roof. The building appears to have been constructed in two stages, with the rear rooms dating from the mid to late 19th century, while the front rooms appear to date from the early 20th century. A few metres to the west of the house is a well constructed vernacular bluestone outbuilding, which appears to date from the first phase of construction.

## Historical Australian Themes

Theme 3: Developing local, regional and national economies

3.26 Providing Health Services

Theme 8 Developing Australia's cultural life

8.12 Living in and around Australian homes

8.14 Living in the country and rural settlements

## Usage/Former Usage

Residence

## Integrity

High degree of integrity.

## Physical Description 2

Dr. William M Dickinson, doctor in Peshurst for 20 years  
James Finn, station overseer, Kolor  
Daniel Twomey, owner, Kolor  
Olle family, pioneers of Peshurst

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