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# BUSHY CREEK HOMESTEAD COMPLEX

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## Location

Bushy Creek Lane GLENTHOMPSON, 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?

The Bushy Creek Homestead is a asymmetrical single storey house built of concrete blocks with a substantial timber verandah on three sides. The floor plan is irregular, partly because an earlier timber building has been incorporated into the structure. The main roof is half-hipped and half gabled and clad with corrugated iron. The main doors are conservative, being Victorian in style, although glazed with Art Nouveau designs. The house is sited in the remains of what was once an Edwardian garden. Bushy Creek has had a long association with the Beggs family, who retained the property within the family for over 130 years prior to its sale outside the family. There has been no architect or builder associated with the design. Bushy Creek is in fair condition, and retains a fair degree of integrity.

How is it significant?

Bushy Creek is of historical and architectural significance to the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

Bushy Creek is of historical significance as an early pastoral run, taken up as early as the 1840s by James Kidd. The run was associated with the influential and important pastoral family Beggs through over 130 years continual ownership. The homestead is of architectural significance for its unusual incorporation of a much earlier house into the new homestead, built after the turn of the century, and for its use of concrete block as a construction material.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1840,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	23414
Property Number	

## Physical Conditions

Fair

## Physical Description 1

Bushy Creek homestead is an asymmetrical single storey house built of unusual concrete blocks, possibly made on site, with a substantial timber verandah on three sides. The floor plan is irregular, partly because an earlier timber building has been incorporated into the structure. The main roof is half-hipped and half gabled and clad with corrugated iron. The main doors are conservative, being Victorian in style, although glazed with Art Nouveau designs. On the other hand, the set of three double-hung sash windows in the front room is more typical of the 1920s. These are also glazed with Art Nouveau designs. Separate service rooms are located at the rear. The verandah is much altered. Very little remains of the early twentieth century garden. The aesthetic relationship between the house and the cemetery on a distant hill is important and can be compared with several other early homesteads.

## 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

Grazing

## Integrity

Fair

## Physical Description 2

Beggs Family

## Physical Description 3

Bushy Creek Pre-emptive Right, 640 acres to Francis Beggs

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