
YULANGAH

Location

MacKiehan's Lane, PENSHURST VIC 3289 - Property No 0007

Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 9, 2004

What is significant?

Yulangah is a large single storey bluestone homestead located on the east side of MacKiehan's Lane, immediately north of its intersection with the Hamilton Highway. Some distance south of the homestead, in a paddock, are the furrows (no vines remain) which indicate the site of the earliest vineyard in the Southern Grampians Shire. The land was first taken up by pastoralist Duncan McIntyre, who owned Ardachy near Branxholme. In 1862, under the Duffy Land Selection Act, John MacKiehan took up the land as a selection, and planted vines. The wine which was produced was very successful. John MacKiehan went on to become a very important member of the local community, being one of the first Mount Rouse Shire Councillors, a Shire President and considered to be one of the primary forces behind the development of the Municipal Association in Victoria. The house was built for John MacKiehan, although there has been no architect or builder associated with the design, it is almost certainly architect designed. The house has had the original verandahs closed in, and had substantial alterations, which have reduced its integrity. The house is in good condition.

How is it significant?

Yulangah is of historical and architectural significance to the township of Peshurst and the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

Yulangah is of historical significance for its association with John MacKiehan, a very important local member of the Mount Rouse Shire, whose influence has moulded the way in which local government in Victoria operates, through his involvement in the Victorian Municipal Association. It is of further significance for its association with the Burger Family, who have been long time residents of the area, and held ownership of the property for over 100 years. The vineyard is of historical significance as one of the earliest vineyards to be planted in south west Victoria, and certainly the first beyond Geelong. The homestead is of architectural significance for its early use of

Victorian style, of traditional forms and local materials.

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| Construction dates | 1860, |
| Heritage Act Categories | Registered place, |
| Other Names | YULUNGAH, |
| Hermes Number | 23421 |
| Property Number | |

Physical Conditions

The house is in good condition although much altered. In the paddock immediately south of the house there appears to be evidence in the form of furrows of the former vineyard.

Physical Description 1

Yulangah is a single storey bluestone house, generally symmetrical about the front door but with a large bay window in the north-west corner and a smaller bay window on the north elevation. The former would have offered views across Lake Linlithgow and the latter towards the Grampians. The windows are double hung sashes. The slight asymmetry is reflected in the irregular placement of the chimneys. Originally there was an extensive timber verandahs on three sides with a canted corner also in the north-west. The verandah balustrade was a simple neo-classical double cross. The hipped roof line, and perhaps the whole roof, was altered early in the twentieth century introducing small gablets standard for the time. The verandah was enclosed in the added in 1990s. There is a detached outbuilding, possibly a former kitchen on the south side of the house.

Historical Australian Themes

Theme 3: Developing local, regional and national economies

3.5 Developing primary production

3.5.3 Developing agricultural industries

Usage/Former Usage

Continuing as a pastoral property

Integrity

The house appears to have a good degree of integrity.

The vineyard is long gone but the furrows remain visible.

Physical Description 2

Councillor John MacKiehan, winemaker, businessman and founder of the Municipal Association of Victoria.
Burger Family

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