

---

# MOSSGIEL



23440 Mossgiel Cobb St  
Penshurst 1035



23440 Mossgiel Cobb St  
Penshurst 1034



23440 Mossgiel Cobb St  
Penshurst 1036



23440 Mossgiel Cobb St  
Penshurst 1037



23440 Mossgiel Cobb St  
Penshurst rear 1038



23440 Mossgiel Cobb St  
Penshurst rear 1039

---

## Location

134-8 Cobb Street, PENSHURST VIC 3289 - Property No 0050

## Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

## Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

---

## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 12, 2004

What is significant?

Mossgiel is a small painted bluestone house constructed in several phases with timber and bluestone. It is located on the north side of Cobb Street, east of the centre of the township. The core of the house is the earliest section, a four roomed cottage built of bluestone, dating from prior to 1870. All of this fabric survives beneath the later additions and alterations. Weatherboard additions have been added at the rear of the house, and substantial alterations have taken place in the 1920s replacing the original windows, doors, verandah and roofline. It is likely that the house was built by George Clark, a labourer, between 1861 and 1870. There has been no architect or builder associated with the design. The house is in fair condition, and retains a fair degree of integrity.

How is it significant?

The house is of historical significance to the township of Peshurst and the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

The house known as Mossgiel is of historical significance as it shows the development over time of one of the early bluestone cottages which were typically constructed by ordinary people in Peshurst in the nineteenth century. The links with the Clark family, are also of historical significance. The cottage demonstrates a previous way of life, and illustrates the living conditions which were endured by many working class people in the nineteenth century. The 1920s additions illustrate a change in the fortunes of the Clarke family as well as the township of Peshurst, and reflect the desire for modern architecture to represent a new phase of life.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1870,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	23440
Property Number	

---

## Physical Conditions

The physical condition is fair

## Physical Description 1

Mossgiel is now an asymmetrical, single storey bluestone cottage with later timber additions to the rear. The original gabled roof has been altered by the addition of a new gable at the front to create a bungalow roof form.

The bluestone section which faces Cobb Street appears to have been designed as a typical four roomed cottage with a central passage, with twelve pane double hung sashes arranged symmetrically on either side of the front door, with the same detail at the rear of the building. There was possibly a detached kitchen.

A weatherboard wing has been added to the rear of the house, projecting from the north west corner. This section and the L - shaped verandah appear to date from the 1920s, when the roof was altered. The double pane sash windows at the front of the house appear to have been replaced at the same time, although one of the original windows survives in the north east room of the original cottage.

## Historical Australian Themes

- 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**

vacant

## **Integrity**

the integrity of the stone cottage has been compromised by the twentieth century alterations.

## **Physical Description 2**

George Clark[e] , first owner of the land.

*This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.*

*For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>*