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# WHEELER'S ORIENT STORE (FORMER)



23502 Wheeler s Orient Store  
Glenthompson 1054

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## Location

19 Memorial Road 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 former Wheeler's Orient Store (former) is located on the south-east corner of Memorial Road (Glenelg Highway) and McLennan Street, in the centre of the Township of Glenthompson. It is a single storey brick structure with a canted corner entrance and a simple post supported timber verandah on two sides. The store appears to date from prior to 1920. It has been variously known as "Wheeler's Store" and "The Orient", and has supplied a variety of goods from fruit to farm products over the past 85 years. There does not appear to be an associated residence. No architect or builder has been associated with the design. The store is in fair condition (although interiors have not been inspected) and has a fair degree of integrity.

How is it significant?

The former Wheeler's Orient Store is of historical and architectural significance to the community of Glenthompson and to the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

The former Wheeler's Orient Store is of historical significance as an example of a small corner store. It is of architectural significance for its corner store form, its surviving detailing and its landmark position within the streetscape.

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002; |
| Construction dates        | 1920,  |
| Heritage Act Categories   | Registered place,  |
| Hermes Number             | 23502  |
| Property Number           |  |

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## Physical Conditions

The building is in fair condition. [The interiors have not been inspected.]

## Physical Description 1

The single storey brick shop is located at the north-west corner of the allotment. It has a canted corner entrance and a simple post supported timber verandah on two sides. In the past there were boards with painted signs above the three edges of the verandah. The corrugated iron roof is hipped and there is a small stuccoed parapet with a concave segmental depression immediately above the entrance. The crudely shaped brackets of the verandah survive. The original plate glass shop windows survive although possibly modified with extra glazing bars. The bricks have been painted and the shop has been extended by one room towards the south.

## Historical Australian Themes

Theme 3: Developing local, regional and national economies

3.12 Feeding people

3.12.5 Retailing foods and beverages

3.19 Marketing and Retailing

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

Good degree of integrity

## Physical Description 2

Alec Wheeler, proprietor

Bett Skinner, proprietor

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