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# GIANT ROCK HOMESTEAD

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## Location

Giant Rock Road WOOTONG VALE, 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

Last updated on - March 10, 2004

What is significant?

Giant Rock Homestead is an asymmetrical timber house which overlooks a natural landscape feature of a giant rock. The house is constructed on a natural slope and looks over the valley to the broader landscape. The house is thought to date from after 1870, and have been built by the Gorman family. There has been no architect or builder associated with the design. The house is in ruinous condition and has a fair degree of integrity.

How is it significant?

Giant Rock Homestead is of historical significance to the Southern Grampians Shire as a heritage inventory site

Why is it significant?

Giant Rock homestead has historical significance for its association with the early selector family, the Gormans, who occupied the property for many years. It is of further historical significance as an example of a previous way of life, and an early appreciation of natural landscape features.

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 23781

Property Number

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## Physical Conditions

Poor and almost ruinous

## Physical Description 1

Giant rock is a single storey timber homestead located on the side of a slope, overlooking an immense landscape feature, a giant rock. The house is asymmetrical, and has a corrugated iron gable roof, the gables being timbered. An enclosed timber verandah dominates the facade of the house. There are two crude stone and red brick chimneys, one for the kitchen, where the original oven survives, and another in the laundry. There are several fruit trees surrounding the house.

## Historical Australian Themes

Theme 3: Developing local, regional and national economies

3.5 Developing primary production

3.5.1 Grazing stock

Theme 5: Working

5.8 Working on the land

## Usage/Former Usage

Abandoned

## Integrity

Fair degree of integrity

## Physical Description 2

Gorman family

Beaton family

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