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# PINUS SYLVESTRIS GROVE

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## Location

Strathkellar Road STRATHKELLAR, 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 grove of fifteen *Pinus sylvestris* which are believed to be a landscape feature designed to be viewed from the garden of nearby Strathkellar (now Old Strathkellar) are located on a rise overlooking the site of the (old) Strathkellar homestead. It is thought that they were planted about the same time as the garden at Old Strathkellar, which was undertaken for the then owner, Thomas McKellar. The trees within the grove are in mixed condition from good to fair, but as a whole retain a high degree of integrity.

How is it significant?

The grove of trees is of aesthetic and historical significance to the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

The grove of trees is of historical significance for its associations with the garden at Old Strathkellar, and through this, with Thomas McKellar. Aesthetically, the grove is a dominant landscape feature on the Strathkellar Road, and draws the eye to the dramatic visual of the trees silhouette on the skyline.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1860,

Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Other Names	STRATHKELLAR, THE GRANGE, UPPER GRANGE,
Hermes Number	23787
Property Number	

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## Physical Conditions

The trees are in mixed condition from good to fair.

## Physical Description 1

A grove of at least fifteen *Pinus sylvestris* or Scots Pines planted on a substantial rise as a landscape feature. The grove, the best preserved and most obvious, is related to other groves of similar and different trees planted on both sides of the Strathkellar Road. The trees are native to western and northern Europe and Russia. Although now rare, a few native stands remain in Scotland but nowhere else in Britain. For this association and because they were endorsed by horticultural writers in the nineteenth century, they were planted nostalgically and picturesquely in the Western District.

## Integrity

High degree of integrity

## Physical Description 2

Thomas McKellar

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