
WOODLANDS



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Location

280 STONY CREEK-DOLLAR ROAD, STONY CREEK, SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO111

Heritage Listing

South Gippsland Shire

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The homestead constructed in 1924, and the old cottage, constructed c.1902, at 'Woodlands', 280 Stony Creek-Dollar Road, Stony Creek.

Why is it significant?

The homestead and old cottage at 'Woodlands' are of local historic and aesthetic significance to South Gippsland Shire.

Historically, the 1902 cottage is now believed to be one of the oldest surviving dwellings in the Stony Creek district. The cottage and the later homestead are a locally rare example of two pre- World War 2 dwellings on the same site, which are important for their ability to illustrate the early development of rural properties from initial selection to the interwar period. They are also important for their association with the locally important Helms family. (AHC criteria - A.4 and D.2)

Aesthetically, the 1924 homestead is a locally notable example of a Federation/Interwar transitional bungalow with typical detail. It is notable for the unusual application to the verandah of a false balcony. (AHC criterion - E.1)

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | South Gippsland - South Gippsland Heritage Study, David Helms with Trevor Westmore, 2004; |
| Construction dates | 1902, |
| Other Names | Helms family homestead, |
| Hermes Number | 30972 |
| Property Number | |

Physical Description 1

"Woodlands" at 280 Stony Creek-Dollar Road, Stony Creek, built in 1924, is a single storey weatherboard single hip roofed bungalow of rectangular plan with an encircling contiguous verandah at the same pitch as the main roof. The short ridge is capped with metal scroll finials and cresting. A wide central gable projecting from the main roof to half the width of the verandah, is fronted by a short skillion roof cut into the main roof and slightly projecting, with an open timber balustrade at its leading edge. The general perimeter of the verandah has paired routed posts supporting segmentally arched valance boards with circular perforations. The balustrade has an open ladder frame between the posts projecting above the skillion roof, the centre two of which are higher.

Other notable elements include:

- The plain chimneys which have been relocated.
- The double multi-pane front doors with diamond leadlight matched by a window which is understood to have also been doors.
- The wide casement windows with hoppers above in symmetrical boxed bays.
- The geometric panelling of the gable end.

Minor alterations have been made to the external appearance of the 1924 homestead, which included the replacement of french doors to the verandah with windows, and the replacement and relocation of original chimneys. Wooden fretwork detail to the verandah was removed in the 1950s and was reconstructed in 1999 using original photographs.

Situated behind the main homestead is the original dwelling, constructed in 1902, which is a two roomed weatherboard cottage with a gable iron roof with a later skillion garage added at the rear. It is the remnant of a larger house, which included four main rooms under two gables with a skillion at the rear that was originally situated on the site of the third house on the property, an asymmetrical postwar residence adjacent to milking and machinery sheds lower down the hill on the property.

The complex of farm buildings includes an old hayshed constructed of corrugated iron.

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