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1 former wimmera flour mill & silo complex gibson street rupanyup silos side view



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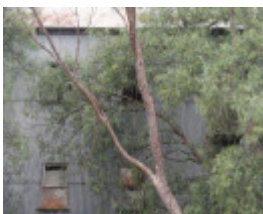
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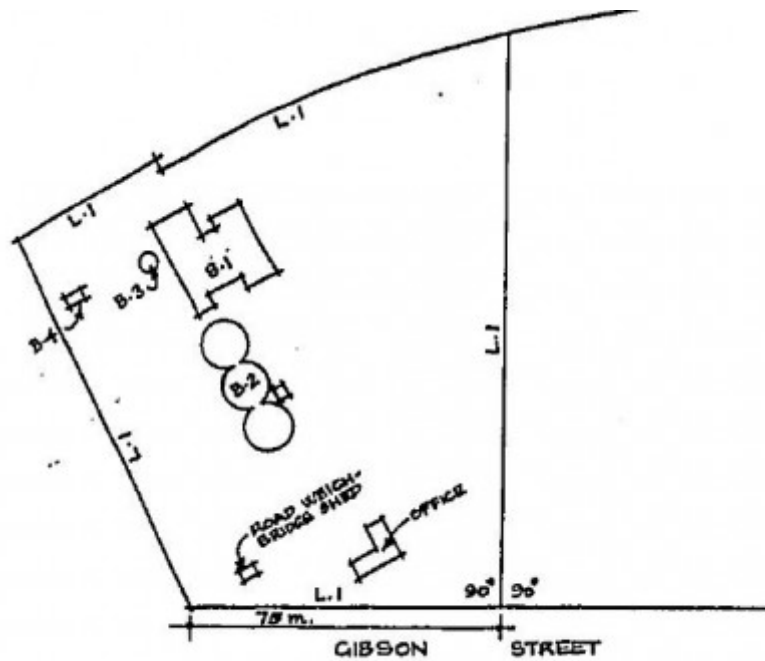
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### Location

GIBSON STREET RUPANYUP, Yarriambiack Shire

### Municipality

YARRIAMBIACK SHIRE

### Level of significance

Registered

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1011

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO48

### VHR Registration

September 14, 1995

### Heritage Listing

## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - September 1, 1999

The Rupanyup flour mill, a four storey timber and iron structure on a brick base, was built 1906 for the flour miller George Frayne. In 1907 John Monash (later Sir John) was commissioned to design three reinforced concrete silos for the mill. The contractors, Schumacher Mill Furnishing Works Pty Ltd., completed the silos in April, 1908. The mill was later operated by Thomas Brunton and Company until 1961 when it was bought by N B Love. The mill closed at that time, but the silos are still used for storage.

The buildings and associated structure form the first completely integrated complex for the storage and milling of grain in Victoria, and possibly Australia. It is the most intact complex of its type in Victoria and illustrates the complete process of combining raw materials with mechanical energy to produce a finished product.

The flour mill is a rare and essentially intact survivor of the many mills of the lightweight construction built in the Wimmera and other areas in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries after the introduction of roller mills. It demonstrates the importance of cheap, easily constructed and portable mills to the pioneering wheat growing and flour milling industries of the Wimmera, one of the most productive wheat growing regions in Australia. It is the only surviving example of a multi-storey corrugated iron mill building in Victoria, and is a notable application of the American balloon framing method of timber construction.

The three reinforced concrete silos, the first application of concrete construction to the bulk storage of grain in Victoria, are an important example of the work of the eminent pioneer reinforced concrete engineer Sir John Monash. They were believed to have been the largest grain stores in Australia when constructed.

Construction dates	1909,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	3115
Property Number	

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## History

<span class="c1">Associated People: Tenant AS ABOVE;</span>

### Extent of Registration

#### AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 1011:

Former Wimmera Flour Mill and Silo Complex, Gibson Street, Rupanyup, Shire of Northern Grampians.

To the extent of:

1. All of the buildings known as the former Wimmera Flour Mill and Silo Complex, comprising the mill building, the three connected concrete grain storage silos and associated elevator shed, the single concrete grain storage silo and the railway weighbridge shed marked B-1, B-2, B-3 and B-4 respectively on Plan 603964R (A) signed by the Chairperson, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council, but excluding the brick office building and corrugated iron road weighbridge shed fronting Gibson Street.
2. All of the land marked L-1 on Plan 603964R (A) signed by the Chairperson, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council, being part of the land described in Certificate of Title Volume 5689 Folio 1137764.

[Victoria Government Gazette No. G36 14 September 1995 p.2534]

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