
DEVLIN'S COTTAGE AND DAIRY RUINS



52608 Devlin House and
Dairy 096

Location

1716 BLOWHOLES ROAD, CAPE BRIDGEWATER, GLENELG SHIRE

Municipality

GLENELG SHIRE

Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

Heritage Listing

Glenelg Shire

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

Devlin's cottage and dairy are located on Panoramic Drive, approximately one kilometre west of the township of Bridgewater. The dairy is ruinous, and the cottage has been substantially altered. The cottage is a simple symmetrical stone building with a central doorway and a simple rectangular fan light. The door is flanked by a nine paned window on either side. The high pitched hipped roof, now clad in corrugated iron was presumably shingled. A stone skillion has been built on the west side of the cottage, with a simple low doorway. The cottage has been substantially altered, the eastern wall has been almost entirely replaced with a modern door and set of large windows. A dormer window has been inserted into the roof on the eastern face and the interior has been totally remodelled. The cottage and dairy shed are thought to have been built by Bernard and Charlotte Devlin, who arrived in Bridgewater in the mid 1850s. The cottage has a fair level of integrity but is in good condition.

How is it significant?

The cottage and dairy shed ruins are of historical and architectural significance to the Glenelg Shire.

Why is it significant?

Devlin's cottage and dairy shed ruin is of historical significance as an early small farm, taken up by early immigrants, the Devlins. It is of further historical interest as it illustrates a previous way of life, that of a small self-sufficient farming enterprise, located very close to a township. The cottage is of architectural significance as a good representative example of the style of buildings constructed in the mid nineteenth century by immigrants from Ireland and England in the area, reflecting the construction techniques and ways of life, and that adaptation to their new land.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Glenelg - Glenelg Shire Heritage Study Part One, Carlotta Kellaway, David Rhodes Mandy Jean, 2002; Glenelg - Glenelg Heritage Study Stage Two (a), Heritage Matters, 2006;
Other Names	DEVLIN'S, DEVLIN'S COTTAGE & DAIRY (FORMER),
Hermes Number	52608
Property Number	

Usage/Former Usage

Residential

Physical Description 1

Devlin's cottage and dairy is located one kilometre west of the township of Bridgewater, on the rise of the steep hill above the township. The cottage is a simple symmetrical stone building with a central doorway and a simple rectangular fan light. The door is flanked by a nine paned window on either side. The high pitched hipped roof, now clad in corrugated iron was presumably shingled. A stone skillion has been built on the west side of the cottage, with a simple low doorway. The cottage has been substantially altered, the eastern wall has been almost entirely replaced with a modern door and set of large windows. A dormer window has been inserted into the roof on the eastern face and the interiors have been totally remodelled.

The remains of the sandstone dairy shed are to the south of the cottage and are in ruinous condition.

Physical Conditions

The building is in good condition

Historical Australian Themes

Theme 3: Developing local, regional and national economies

3.5 Developing primary production

3.5.1 Grazing stock

3.5.2 Breeding animals

3.5.3 Developing agricultural industries

Theme 5: Working

5.8 working on the land

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