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## Mountain Huts - Weston's, Blair, Cleve Cole, Cope, Fitzgerald, Tawonga Huts Complex



B6018 Fitzgeralds Hut



B6018 Westons Hut



B6018 Dibbins Hut



B6018 Blairs Hut



B6018 Towonga Huts

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### Location

High Country,, BRIGHT VIC 3741 - Property No B6018

### Municipality

ALPINE SHIRE

### Level of significance

Local

### Heritage Listing

National Trust

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### Statement of Significance

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Weston's Hut, west of Mt Jim. A cattleman's hut erected by Eric Weston and Fred Briggs in 1932, and unusual

amongst the high country huts in having a verandah. The hut, measuring approximately 5 by 4 metres, was constructed of woollybutt split palings throughout, but the roof was later clad in corrugated iron.

Classified: 13/10/1988

Cleve Cole Hut, Camp Valley, Mt Bogong. An alpine hut built in 1937 as a memorial to Cleve Cole, an experienced skier and prominent advocate of mountain safety, who had died while ski touring the previous year. Financed and built by skiers, it is one of the most substantial of the high country huts, being constructed of local stone set in cement.

Classified: 13/10/1988

Tawonga Huts Complex , Bogong High Plains. This complex comprises four corrugated iron huts, the grassy area surrounding them and the associated horse yards. It has been used as a mountain base for cattle grazing by the Ryder family since 1888, when Jack Ryder built the first Tawonga Hut, an insubstantial structure but the earliest cattleman's hut on the Bogong High Plains, nonetheless. The present buildings, dating from the mid 1950s, are the fourth generation of huts on the site.

Classified: 13/10/1988

Cope Hut, Bogong High Plains. An alpine hut funded by the State Tourist Commission and built by Bill Spargo in 1929. Cope Hut was associated with the very earliest days of ski touring in Victoria. Timber-framed and clad in corrugated iron, it is exceptional as a design explicitly adapted for this purpose, notwithstanding the defective placing of the entrance and its subsequent relocation to the downhill side.

Classified: 04/08/1988

Blairs Hut, West Kiewa River, north of Red Robin Battery. A mountain cattleman's hut and yards, built by cattleman and pioneer skier Frank Blair in about 1931-2, and of particular interest for its log and bark construction and dogleg fencing and for its association with the first walking and ski tours in the area.

Classified: 04/08/1988

Fitzgerald's Hut, Marum's Point, One of the oldest cattleman's huts, built by the Fitzgerald family in 1903, and unusual in being clad in Woollybutt paling weatherboards and roofed in woollybutt shingles (now covered in iron). The hut is of historic interest for its association with the early ski touring activities of the Melbourne Women's Walking Club during the late 1920s and early 1930s.

Destroyed by fire.

Classified: 04/08/1988

See also B5856 Horsehair Hut & B1833 Wallace's Hut

Hermes Number 67248

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