

# HERITAGE PLACE

**NAME OF PLACE:** HYNES WOOLSHED AND OUTBUILDINGS

**ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE:** Hynes Road GLENISLA

**STUDY NUMBER:** 314

**HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:**

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**OTHER NAME/S OF PLACE:** ROWE'S SAWMILL

**PRECINCT:** outside

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA:** Southern Grampians Shire

**ALLOTMENT:** 2B      **SECTION:** no      **PARISH:** PARISH OF BEPCHA  
section

**ACCESS DESCRIPTION:**

CFA 389 A4; VicRoads 55 C5; located about 200m south-west of the Hynes Caravan Park and usually submerged by the waters of Rocklands Dam

**SIGNIFICANCE RATING:** Local



Hynes Woolshed and outbuildings, Hynes Road, Glen Isla

**Image Date:** 6/07/02

**EXTENT OF LISTING:**

To the extent of: 1. All of the exterior of the woolshed, all of the outbuildings and stockyards and all of the land within a 50m radius of any edge of the building.

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## **PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:**

The complex comprises a small timber cottage, now converted into a woolshed, an elevated barn or fuel depot, two sheds one of which has a sheet metal chimney and various yards and fences. All the buildings are clad in waetherboard, have gabled roofs and are roofed with corrugated iron. The cottage has been much altered, including the removal of much of the interior for its conversion to a woolshed.

## **HISTORY:**

This complex of buildings is said to date from the Rowe family's occupation as a local sawmill (Pers. Comm., Barber, 4/04/02)

Margaret White purchased allotment A (no section?) of the Parish of Bepcha comprising 320 acres, probably sometime between 1874 and 1876. She bought no other land and no other land in the Parish was purchased by anyone else with the surname white. She was perhaps a dummy for Samuel Carter of Glenisla or she may have failed as a selector because the allotment was resurveyed, a road was put through and it was resold by the Crown. D McDonald purchased the same allotment as 2A and 2B, divided by the road and now comprising about 315 acres, from the Crown in July 1929. The land was later purchased by an "M J Hynes" or Martin Hynes senior. He was descended from the early selectors, Edward and Catherine Hynes, nee Mathews who had married in 1868 (PI, Reg. No. 1517). Edward was born in Galway and Catherine was born in Louth, Ireland. They had four daughters and five sons: Mary born at Hamilton in 1868, James Edward, John, Peter Patrick, Catherine, Edward Michael, Rose, Martin and Lucy Gertrude, all born near Cavendish between 1870 and 1882.

The Hynes main property was Wattle Grove which comprised 4,000 acres and which was selected by Edward Hynes senior and some of his children. They purchased several large allotments in the Parishes of Lambruk and Bepcha which were north-east of the junction of Ti Tree Creek with the Glenelg River. Edward retired to Geelong in 1914 and died there in 1924 (Dundas, 43). His youngest son, Martin Hynes senior then ran the property. Martin had purchased one block, allotment 27 in the Parish of Bepcha which reverted to a state forest reserve. When he died in 1943, his three sons Martin, Edward and Bernard took over. Wattle Grove is now submerged because "The Hynes brothers were probably the heaviest freehold losers to the Rocklands dam project. When Rocklands dam opened in 1953 about 2,000 of the original 4,000 acres property went under water" (Dundas, 43). Other land had been purchased including, allotment 2A and 2B in the Parish of Bepcha, the former Rowe's sawmill site in Hynes Road near its junction with the old Henty Highway. The complex included a small timber cottage, since converted into a woolshed and several out buildings.

As well as their main sawmill about 15kms south-west of this site, the Rowe family held substantial acreage to the north. Some of the last land was purchased by C L Rowe during the Second World War in the Parish of Bepcha. This as well as nearby state forest reserves were used for getting timber. [According to the PI, there was a Rowe family: Charles and Kate or Catherine Sophia Rowe, nee Faris, with three children who lived in the Cavendish district in the later 1860s and early 1870s.]

Martin Hynes and Ellen Hynes, nee Egan had five daughters and one son, Patrick John born in Cavendish in 1888 (PI, Reg. No. 1667). An M Hynes was a councillor for the Shire of Dundas from 1881 to 1893. Martin J Hynes OAM was the longest serving councillor in the Shire of Dundas and the main reception room in the former Shire Offices, at Hamilton, is named after him.

The former Hynes family homestead is located approximately 300 metres east of the Hynes Reserve, part of the Rocklands Reservoir. Near the edge of the boat launching ramp, a bronze plaque mounted on a large boulder reads:

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In memory of the pioneering family of Edward and Catherine Hynes, who settled this area in 1892. Approximately 2,000 acres (800 hectares) and their homestead 'Wattle Grove' situated 200 metres south of this point was flooded by Rocklands Reservoir which was completed in 1953. Erected in July 1996 by the Southern Grampians Shire Council and Cavendish Tourism.

## **THEMATIC CONTEXT:**

Theme 3 Developing Local, Regional and National Economies

3.4 Utilising natural resources

3.4.4 Making forests into a saleable resource

## **CONDITION:**

The buildings are in fair condition.

## **INTEGRITY:**

high degree of integrity.

## **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:**

What is significant?

Hynes Woolshed and outbuildings are located adjacent to Hynes Road, about 200 metres from the Hynes Caravan Park on Rocklands Reservoir. A small timber cottage, now converted into a woolshed, an elevated barn or fuel depot, and two sheds, one of which has a sheet metal chimney and various yards and fences exist on the site. The complex is said to date from the previous occupation of the site as Rowe's Sawmill, in the later nineteenth and early twentieth century. The cottage has had its integrity severely compromised by the early conversion into a woolshed, but is in fair condition. The other buildings retain a high degree of integrity and are also in fair condition.

How is it significant?

Hynes Woolshed and outbuildings are of historical significance to the community of Glenisla and the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

The woolshed and outbuildings are historically important for their earliest function as worker's cottages for those employed at the thriving and important early Rowe's sawmill nearby. The sawmill was an important part of the local economy and employed many men in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The cottage is also of historic importance as an example of 'bush ingenuity', whereby the use of a structure is changed and the building converted to a more practical function. The woolshed and outbuildings also provide a link to the past, and illustrate a former way of work and life.

## **COMPARISON:**

226 Englefield Sawmill Hut (and School Site (Former)), Coleraine-Balmoral Road, Balmoral  
323 Green Creek Road, Sawmill, Green Creek Road and Glenelg River Road, Victoria Valley  
172 Timber Kiln and Sawmill Site, Station Street, Balmoral  
454 Rowe's Sawmill site, off Mill Lane, Whoolpooer

**ASSESSED BY:** TFH

**ASSESSMENT DATE:**

1/08/2003

## **EXISTING LISTINGS:**

## **HERITAGE STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Include in VHR  Include in RNE  Include in Local Planning Scheme

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No Recommendations for Inclusions

## REFERENCES:

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