

HERITAGE PLACE

NAME OF PLACE: ARRANMORE

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE: Glenelg Highway WANNON

STUDY NUMBER: 022

HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:

OTHER NAME/S OF PLACE: MURNDAL GATEHOUSE

PRECINCT: Wannon

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Southern Grampians Shire

ALLOTMENT: 24 **SECTION:** -

ACCESS DESCRIPTION:

CFA 431J 5. Off north side of main highway down drive. Easily visible from Glenelg Highway.

SIGNIFICANCE RATING: Local



Arranmore, Wannon

Image Date: 15/08/2002

EXTENT OF LISTING:

To the extent of: 1. All the house (excluding the interiors) and the land within a 10m radius of the house.

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

Arranmore is a single storey cottage with an attic storey comprising two buildings, a main wing and a service wing, relocated from Murndal. It is constructed from timber framed hardwood weatherboards, lined internally with pine boards and has a corrugated iron roof. Its form was originally symmetrical around a projecting octagonal bay, a recessed entrance porch and the subsidiary service wing. Modern but sympathetic extensions have created an asymmetrical form. Picturesque details include half-timbering in the original gables, windows of various shapes and sizes, including casements with small diamond panes, later windows with larger diagonal subdivisions, the shaped barge boards, and simple timber trellis at the front porch. Typically, the roof has a steeper than usual pitch and was originally covered with shingles, probably of timber but possibly of terracotta.

The house seems to have been two buildings when it was moved. These were connected and it was substantially enlarged in 1981 and 1982 by the Bells by the addition of a family room extending the main wing, a bedroom and a connecting passage. The house is much altered internally.

The house is set in an informal garden including a mixture of native and exotic plantings.

HISTORY:

Arranmore was the gatehouse at Murndal Homestead but was used as a worker's rather than a gatekeeper's cottage (Bell, pers. comm.). It may have been built in 1906, the time of the last major additions to the main house at Murndal, in which case, the architects would have been the Melbourne firm, Ussher and Kemp. Henry Kemp, formerly of Oakden Addison and Kemp, and the younger Beverley Ussher who had worked with Walter Butler, formed their partnership in 1899 (Howells, 57). The partnership's name became synonymous with the Federation/Queen Anne style, developing both its hipped and gabled forms (Howells, 61). The latter was used at Murndal. Arranmore is, however, closer to the picturesque mediaevalism promoted in English architectural pattern books rather than the Australian version of the Queen Anne style which emerged around 1900. The exact date of the building's relocation to Wannon is not known but according to the current owner it was moved about 28 years ago, i.e. in 1973 by a local, Penny Bromwich. The Bells have lived at Arranmore for 20 years, altering and extending the house late in 1981. They established the garden.

THEMATIC CONTEXT:

Theme: 8 Developing Australia's cultural life
8.12 Living in and around Australian homes
8.14 Living in country and rural settlements

CONDITION:

The house and garden appear to be in good condition and are significantly intact to the period of its last extension.

INTEGRITY:

Good externally although substantially altered internally.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

What is significant?

Arranmore is located on the north side of the Glenelg Highway in the former township of Wannon, about 750m from the Wannon Falls and 18km west off Hamilton. It is a single storey, weatherboard house with an attic storey in the front wing. It is consciously Picturesque with an asymmetrical plan, irregular form, and domestic Gothic details. Importantly, Arranmore is the former gatehouse of Murndal Homestead and was

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moved to its present site in the early 1970s. The cottage appears to date originally from the late nineteenth or early twentieth century but its designer is not known. It may have been the architect, Walter Butler who remodelled the library at Murndal in 1891 of the architectural firm, Ussher and Kemp which designed the extensions to Murndal in 1906. More certain is the likelihood that it was built by Patrick Aylmer, the carpenter at Murndal who worked under both architects. The house, possibly made up from two buildings when it was relocated, was extended in the early 1980s carefully within the Picturesque tradition. The garden was established at this time. The whole property remains intact to this period and is in good condition.

How is it significant?

Arranmore is of aesthetic, architectural and historical significance to the township of Wannon and the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

Arranmore is of architectural significance for its Picturesque aesthetic, its likely connection to either the architects, Walter Butler or Ussher and Kemp, and of historical significance, although relocated, as part of the Murndal Homestead complex, one of the oldest and best developed squatting runs in the Western District.

COMPARISON:

There are no other gatehouses within the study area.

H492 Narrapumelap Homestead, Narrapumelap Road, Wickliffe

H322 Merrang Homestead, 1830 Woolsthorpe-Hexham Road, Hexham

H424 Carranballoc, Glenelg Highway, Skipton

H313 Ercildoune Homestead, Ercildoune Road, Ercildoune

ASSESSED BY: tfh

ASSESSMENT DATE:

5/08/2001

EXISTING LISTINGS:

Name

Southern Grampians Shire Planning Scheme

HERITAGE STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS:

Include in VHR **Include in RNE** **Include in Local Planning Scheme**

No Recommendations for Inclusions

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