

HERITAGE PLACE

NAME OF PLACE: GENERAL STORE (RUINS)

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE: 5785 Hamilton-Port Fairy Road BYADUK

STUDY NUMBER: 197

HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:

PRECINCT: Byaduk

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Southern Grampians Shire

ALLOTMENT: 4B **SECTION:** 17 **PARISH:** PARISH OF BYADUK

ACCESS DESCRIPTION:

CFA 473 B; VicRoads 72H9; located on the west side of the Hamilton-Port Fairy Road at the centre of the township of Byaduk.

SIGNIFICANCE RATING: Local



Byaduk General Store (Ruins), Hamilton - Port Fairy Road, Byaduk. Archeological site and Ruins

Image Date: 13/12/02

EXTENT OF LISTING:

To the extent of: 1. All of the ruinous fabric of the general store, the associated ruins of the house and outbuildings and all of the land, being allotment 4B, Section 17 in the Township of Byaduk.

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The former General Store on the Hamilton-Port Fairy Road is located immediately to the south of the later bluestone General Store. The building is in a ruinous condition, with the roof removed, and the walls in various stages of collapse. The remains of a substantial structure are still clearly distinguishable.

The store was constructed of rendered bluestone rubble, comprising at least six rooms, with a verandah at the front. A photograph taken prior to 1972 shows that the roof was of corrugated iron.

A number of modern outbuildings remain on the site, including a rudimentary house clad in corrugated iron and aluminium sheeting. An old stone tank stand remains at the rear, together with a number of low stone retaining walls for the garden, which appear to be early 20th century.

HISTORY:

The land on which the former general store stands, being part of Section 17, Allotment 4B, was purchased from the Crown by John George Cannon in 1863. Later that year, Cannon built the first store in Byaduk, on land adjacent to the present general store. The township developed following the 1860s land sales, resulting from the 'unlocking of the lands' created by the Land Selection Acts of that time. The Byaduk general store prospered, as it was located at a strategic transport node on the main route from Hamilton to Port Fairy.

According to Black (pers. comm. 2002), the early history of ownership is unclear, as early Dundas Shire rate books were destroyed by fire. Black's research suggests that John Cannon had the store from 1863 to 1872, and that ownership then passed to Charles Munt of Macarthur, between 1872 and 1876. It is believed that Charles Munt built the new general store on land adjacent to the first store.

The Dundas Shire Rate books of 1877 show that the first general store was no longer used as a general store from 1877, as the new general store had been built. The history of ownership of the original store is not clear, although it is believed that it was used for a residence for many years prior to it becoming ruinous (Black, 4).

The other very early store built at Byaduk was Joseph Harman's shoemaker's shop, which also opened in 1863.

THEMATIC CONTEXT:

Theme 3: Developing local, regional and national economies

3.12 Feeding people

3.12.5 Retailing foods and beverages

3.19 Marketing and Retail

Theme 4: Building settlements, towns and cities

4.5 Making settlements to serve rural Australia

Theme 8 Developing Australia's cultural life

8.4 Eating and drinking

8.12 Living in and around Australian homes

8.14 Living in the country and rural settlements

CONDITION:

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INTEGRITY:

Ruin

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

What is significant?

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How is it significant?

The ruins of the former General Store, Hamilton-Port Fairy Road, Byaduk are of historical significance to the township of Byaduk and the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

The ruins are of historical significance as physical remnants of the first store built by J G Cannon in Byaduk, in 1863. The ruins are of further historical significance for their association with, and the role the general store played in the township of Byaduk from the earliest period of the towns history.

COMPARISON:

065 General Store, Hamilton-Port Fairy Road, Byaduk
252 Penshurst Motors, Bell Street, Penshurst

SSG 0197 HANDRECK'S ROAD BRIDGE, Handreck's Road ,BYADUK
SSG 0099 MONIER BRIDGE, Brung Brungle Road, WANNON
SSG 1188 SCOTT CREEK BRIDGE, Hamilton-Port Fairy Road, BYADUK

ASSESSED BY: mgt

ASSESSMENT DATE:

30/01/2002

EXISTING LISTINGS:

HERITAGE STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS:

Include in VHR Include in RNE Include in Local Planning Scheme

No Recommendations for Inclusions

REFERENCES:

Author	Title	Year	Page
Department of Lands and Survey	Township fo South Byaduk, Parish of Byaduk, County of Normanby	1927	
Department of Lands and Survey	Subdivision of Allotment 6 Section 19, Parish of Byaduk, County of Normanby	1867	