

HERITAGE PLACE

NAME OF PLACE: BAKERY (FORMER)

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE: 5783 Hamilton-Port Fairy Road BYADUK

STUDY NUMBER: 210

HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:

PRECINCT: Byaduk

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Southern Grampians Shire

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

ACCESS DESCRIPTION:

CFA 473K4; VicRoads 72H9; west side of Hamilton-Port Fairy Road in centre of township

SIGNIFICANCE RATING: Local



Bakery (former), Hamilton-Port Fairy Rd, Byaduk

Image Date: 13/12/2002

EXTENT OF LISTING:

To the extent of: The bluestone bakery, the timber shop and residence, and all of the land, but excluding the corrugated iron shed.

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The former bakery is located on the west side of the Hamilton-Port Fairy Road, Byaduk, approximately 100 metres south of the General Store. The front sections of the structure are built of timber, and have been altered at least twice in the early-mid 20th century. The shop front is located at the northern end of the timber house, and has its own entrance and a concrete floored verandah.

Behind the shop front is a section built of bluestone, which appears to be two rooms, and which is identified by local people as the bakehouse. Although the stone section contains a chimney, no evidence is visible on the outside of a large oven structure.

At least two sections have been added in timber to the rear of the house in the 19th and 20th centuries. A large stone tank stand is located at the rear of the main house. A large late 20th century corrugated iron shed is located at the back of the block, and appears to have been used as a garage and toolshed. No physical evidence of the site's original use as a blacksmith's shop can be identified.

HISTORY:

The land on which the former bakery is located was part of Section 17, Allotment 4B, an area of 54 acres and 15 perches, acquired by J G Cannon. In 1863 Cannon built the first store in Byaduk, on land adjacent to the bakery. The township developed following the 1860s land sales, at a strategic transport node on the main route from Hamilton to Port Fairy.

The earliest section of the bakery building was constructed around 1868 by W Gardener, and served as the first blacksmith shop in Byaduk. It was subsequently owned by H Edlich, and then David Hardy, who went to Macarthur in 1882. The blacksmith business moved to another site operated by James Scott.

At some stage in the late 19th century, the building was converted to a bakery, and subsequently an associated shop and residence were built at the front and side of the earlier stone building. The bakery was known as Holmes bakery, and is likely to have been associated with the former Holmes flour mill on the Byaduk-Penshurst Road. The building has been used as a private residence since the closure of the bakery.

Wilhelm Albert Edlich aged 1 year 4 months and 16 days was buried in the Byaduk Lutheran Cemetery on 13 June 1870. There are several Holmes family graves in the Byaduk cemetery and elsewhere in the region.

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 Retailing

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:

The condition of the house, shop and bakery is good.

INTEGRITY:

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High degree of integrity to the early 20th century

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

What is significant?

The former bakery at Byaduk consists of a bluestone structure built in the 1860s, with an attached timber shop and residence built about the turn of the 20th century. The stone building is believed to be the first blacksmithy in the township, and the timber structures relate to the period of the bakery business. The bakery is associated with the Holmes Flour Mill, one of the most prominent landmarks in the township, now demolished.

How is it significant?

The former bakery located on the Hamilton-Port Fairy Road, Byaduk, is of historical significance to the township of Byaduk.

Why is it significant?

The former bakery at Byaduk is of historical significance because its bluestone section is one of the earliest surviving buildings in the township. It has further historical significance for its association with the important early trade of blacksmithing, situated at a strategic location on the major routes between Hamilton, Port Fairy and Penshurst. Its subsequent history as the town's long-serving bakery is important, and, together with the nearby general store, is the only reminder of the previous commercial activity in the main street of the township. It survives as the only tangible link to the now demolished Holmes Flour Mill, which was the most dominant landmark of Byaduk for more than 80 years.

COMPARISON:

218 Price's Bakery and residence, McNichol Street, Branhholme

210 Rose Cottage, McLennan Street, Glenthompson

259 Pair of Shops, 91& 91A Bell Street, Penshurst

ASSESSED BY: mgt

ASSESSMENT DATE:

14-Dec-02

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
Ian Black (ed.)	Early Byaduk Settlers	1994	4