

# HERITAGE PLACE

**NAME OF PLACE:** BLUESTONE STABLE AND BARN

**ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE:** cnr Kennedy and Cox Streets 134-136 Cox Street PENSHURST

**STUDY NUMBER:** 264

**HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:**

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**PRECINCT:** Penshurst

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA:** Southern Grampians Shire

**ALLOTMENT:** 1      **SECTION:** 25      **PARISH:** PARISH OF BORAMBORAM

**ACCESS DESCRIPTION:**

CFA 475J B10; VicRoads 233 233 N10; located at the north-west corner of Kennedy and Cox Streets, on the approach to Penshurst from Macarthur.

**SIGNIFICANCE RATING:** Local



Bluestone Stable and Barn, Kennedy & Cox Penshurst

**Image Date:** 15/05/2002

**EXTENT OF LISTING:**

To the extent of: 1. All the bluestone barn and stables excluding the interiors, and all of the land within five metres of any wall of either structure.

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## **PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:**

The bluestone stable and barn is a simple, traditional structure with open spaces at the southern end, presumably used for storage and a coachhouse and stalls at the northern end. A chimney in the northern gable indicates a fireplace for a tack room and suggests that the associated residence. The whole is open to the east although there are small areas of weatherboard wall at either end. There a substantial timber partitions subdividing the major sections. The walls are rockface bluestone laid in 12" courses. The gabled roof has a low pitch and is corrugated iron.

## **HISTORY:**

The land on which the stable and barn stands was purchased from the Crown by a J. Thompson on 27th July 1869. Because of the relatively late sale of the land and the common name, it is not possible to say with any certainty who this person may have been. The first Shire of Mount Rouse Rate Book of 1864 mentions a John Thompson who occupied 216 acres, 70 of which were cultivated, owned by Thomas Heron at Croxton East; and 109 acres, 100 of which were cultivated, owned by William Williams, also at Croxton East. It is interesting to note that there are no Western District squatters listed by Billis and Kenyon who could fit the name. By 1870 a Jonathan Thompson owned and occupied a "house etc", suggesting outbuildings, at Peshurst at the modest valuation of 10 pounds. (SMR RB 1870 #390.) In 1872 he is rated for cottages and allotments. And described as a "landowner".

The stable and barn could have been built soon after the purchase of the property. It is a simple, traditional structure with open spaces at the southern end, presumably used for storage and a coachhouse and stalls at the northern end. A chimney in the northern gable indicates a fireplace for a tack room and suggests that the associated residence was substantial. The existing house dates from a later period.

## **THEMATIC CONTEXT:**

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

## **CONDITION:**

The building is in fair condition.

## **INTEGRITY:**

high degree of integrity

## **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:**

What is Significant?

The bluestone stable and barn is located at the north-west corner of Kennedy and Cox Streets, on the approach to Peshurst from Macarthur. It is a rare surviving example of a stable and barn related to domestic agriculture in a township. The bluestone stable and barn is a simple, traditional structure with open spaces at the southern end, presumably used for storage and a coachhouse and stalls at the northern end. A chimney in the northern gable indicates a fireplace for a tack room and suggests that the associated residence. The whole is open to the east although there are small areas of weatherboard wall at either end. There a substantial timber partitions subdividing the major sections. The walls are rockface bluestone laid in 12" courses. The gabled roof has a low pitch and is corrugated iron. The land on which the barn and stables stand was taken up by J Thompson in 1869, although it is not certain that he was responsible for constructing these buildings. There has been no architect or builder associated with the design, which is naïve and vernacular. The buildings are likely to date from the 1870s. The building is in fair condition, but retains a high degree of integrity.

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**How is it significant?**

The bluestone barn and stables are of historical significance to the Southern Grampians Shire and to the township of Penshurst.

**Why is it significant?**

The bluestone barn and stables are of historical significance are a demonstration of the day to day importance of horse and their management in Penshurst up to the First World War. They are of further significance as a rare surviving example of stables and barn within a township, and demonstrate a previous way of life.

**COMPARISON:**

278 Timber and Bluestone Cottage, 112 Cobb Street, Penshurst

**ASSESSED BY:** tfh

**ASSESSMENT DATE:** 23/05/2002

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**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 of Penshurst, County of Villiers	1957	
Mount Rouse Shire Council	Shire of Mount Rouse Rate Books 1870	1870	#390
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