

HERITAGE PLACE

NAME OF PLACE: BLUESTONE COTTAGE

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE: Macarthur-Penshurst Road PENS HurST

STUDY NUMBER: 286

HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:

PRECINCT: outside

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Southern Grampians Shire

ALLOTMENT: 47 **SECTION:** 14 **PARISH:** PARISH OF BORAMBORAM

ACCESS DESCRIPTION:

CFA 475 near C22; VicRoads 233M10; located on the north side of the Macarthur-Penshurst Road, about 1.5kms west of the township of Penshurst.

SIGNIFICANCE RATING: Local



Stone Cottage Macarthur Road Penshurst

Image Date: 15/05/02

EXTENT OF LISTING:

To the extent of: 1. All the exterior of the buildings and the outbuildings, and an area of land within 25m radius of any edge.

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The bluestone cottage located on Section 14, Allotment 47 is a small two roomed single storey bluestone cottage. The hipped roof is covered with corrugated iron. The windows are casements, suggesting an early date. There has been a small timber extension to the north. A verandah, possibly not original, has been demolished. Towards the rear there is a small brick outbuilding which is close to collapse.

HISTORY:

The land on which the bluestone cottage and outbuilding stand was purchased from the Crown by a D. Page, being allotment 47 of section 14 of the Parish of BoramBoram, perhaps as late as 1879 (Department of Lands and Survey, 1957). David Page and Bridget Greelish, both of Galway, married in Victoria in 1869 (VPI, Reg. No. 1716). They had eleven children between 1870 and 1888, and all were born in Penshurst (also known as Mount Rouse). The ratebooks for 1870, 1871 and 1872 all show that David Page, a labourer was residing in a house in Penshurst, owned by James Gibb (SMRRB, 1870-72).

It is not known when the cottage and outbuilding were built but their simple vernacular style and small scale suggest an early date, perhaps as early as the 1850s. The buildings stand on high ground, on the major route to Hamilton, overlooking what was known as the Yalimba Swamp. David Page may have purchased the land with the cottage already on it, or may have constructed an old fashioned dwelling.

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 cottage is in very poor condition and has been crudely repaired on the north side. The outbuilding is ruinous and a dangerous condition.

INTEGRITY:

good degree of integrity

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

What is significant?

The Bluestone cottage located on the north side of the Macarthur-Penshurst Road, about 1.5kms west of the township of Penshurst, is a small vernacular building of two rooms, possibly dating from the 1850s. There has been a small timber extension to the north, and at the rear there is a small brick outbuilding which is close to collapse. The buildings are in poor and ruinous condition, but retain a high degree of integrity.

How is it significant?

The Bluestone Cottage in the Macarthur-Penshurst Road is of historical significance to the Southern Grampians shire and to the township of Penshurst.

Why is it significant?

The Bluestone Cottage in the Macarthur-Penshurst Road is of historical significance as an example of the small landholdings and farms surrounding the early townships of the Shire. It provides us with information and evidence of a past way of life.

COMPARISON:

284 Murdam Lodge, Hamilton Highway, Penshurst

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ASSESSED BY: tfh

ASSESSMENT DATE:

20/05/2002

EXISTING LISTINGS:

HERITAGE STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS:

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

No Recommendations for Inclusions

REFERENCES:

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Department of Lands and Survey	Township of Penshurst, County of Villiers	1957
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