

# HERITAGE PLACE

**NAME OF PLACE:** GEORGE THOMPSON RESIDENCE

**ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE:** Memorial Road Glenelg Highway GLENTHOMPSON

**STUDY NUMBER:** 301

**HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:**

**PRECINCT:** Glenthompson

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA:** Southern Grampians Shire

**ALLOTMENT:** 3      **SECTION:** 6      **PARISH:** PARISH OF YUPPECKIAR

**ACCESS DESCRIPTION:**

CFA 434 J2; VicRoads 229 M10; located in the road reserve between the main carriage way of the Glenelg Highway and Memorial Drive

CFA 434 J2, VicRoads 229 M10, located on the north side of Memorial Road (the Glenelg Highway) between Scott Street and Cameron Street in the centre of the township.

**SIGNIFICANCE RATING:** Local



George Thompson Cottage, Memorial Road, Glenthompson

**Image Date:** 5/06/2002

**EXTENT OF LISTING:**

To the extent of: 1. All the cottage but excluding the interior and all of the land.

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## **PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:**

A small single storey symmetrical brick cottage. The walls are made from bricks manufactured at the nearby Brickworks and incorporate simple diamond shaped panels of slightly raised brickwork. There is a post supported verandah. The hipped roof is covered with corrugated iron. The plan of the house is conventional with rooms opening off a central passage.

## **HISTORY:**

The land on which the cottage stands was purchased by George Thompson in the early twentieth century. The cottage appears to have been built soon afterwards. He lived there with his wife Emma until he died on 21st February 1924. She died on 9th December 1926. Both are buried in the Glenthompson cemetery.

The Glenthompson Brickworks were established by the Thompson brothers, George and Joseph who arrived in the district in 1900 from Ballarat, taking up a farm called Yallam Park, 12 miles north of the township. In 1901, they established a small brickyard in a paddock east of the State School Reserve, near the Railway line, on Thompson Street, which is named in their honour.

In 1902, the demand for red bricks caused the Brickworks to relocate to the present site, where a large deposit of red clay was located. At the height of demand, the Brickworks produced up to 70 000 hand made bricks per month, which were used for constructing buildings throughout the Southern Grampians Shire. In the 1930s and 1940s, the demand for handmade bricks decreased, and in 1947, the Thompson brothers sold the company to Donald Forbes and Reg Williams.

## **THEMATIC CONTEXT:**

Theme 3: Developing local, regional and national economies

3.5 Developing primary production

3.13 Developing an Australian manufacturing capacity

Theme 8 Developing Australia's cultural life

8.12 Living in and around Australian homes

8.14 Living in the country and rural settlements

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## **CONDITION:**

The building is in good condition. [The interiors have not been inspected.]

## **INTEGRITY:**

High degree of integrity

## **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:**

What is significant?

The former residence of George Thompson is located in the road reserve between the main carriage way of the Glenelg Highway and Memorial Drive in the centre of the township of Glenthompson. The small single storey symmetrical brick cottage is constructed from bricks manufactured at the nearby Brickworks and incorporate simple diamond shaped panels of slightly raised brickwork. The Brickwork's were started by George Thompson and his brother Joseph in 1901, and the cottage reflects the trade. There is no known architect associated with the design. The cottage is in good condition and retains a high degree of integrity.

How is it significant?

The George Taylor Residence is of historical significance to the southern Grampians shire and to the township of Glenthompson.

Why is it significant?

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The George Taylor Residence is of historical significance as the home of George Taylor, one of the founders of the Glenthompson Brickworks and for being one of the earliest buildings constructed with bricks from the Brickworks.

## COMPARISON:

167 Brick Cottage, 39 Coleraine Road, Balmoral  
076 Brick Cottage, 93 McConochie Street Coleraine  
025 Brick Cottage, 71 Pilleau Street, Coleraine

**ASSESSED BY:** tfh

**ASSESSMENT DATE:** 01-Jun-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
Elsie Clabburn, Iris Field, Betty Gordon & Kathleen Dickie	Dunkeld and District, A Short History	1989	28-29
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