

HERITAGE PLACE

NAME OF PLACE: VICTORIA VALLEY HALL COMPLEX

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE: Victoria Valley Rd VICTORIA VALLEY

STUDY NUMBER: 321

HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:

PRECINCT: none

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Southern Grampians Shire

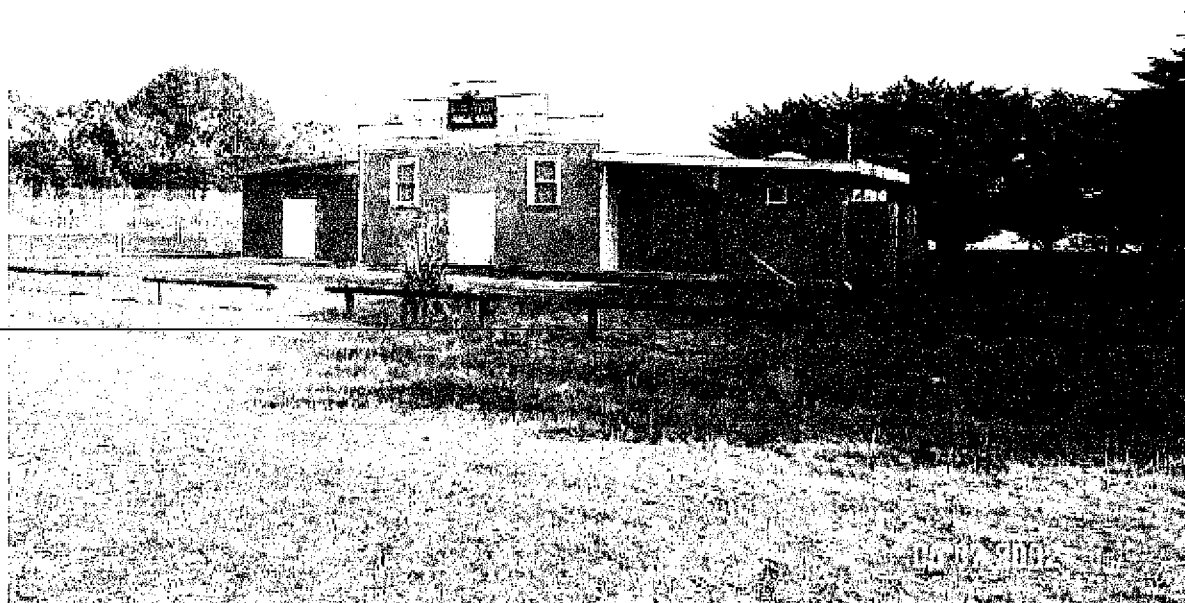
SECTION: 55

PARISH: PARISH OF PANYYABYR

ACCESS DESCRIPTION:

CFA 433

SIGNIFICANCE RATING: Local



Victoria Valley Hall Complex, Victoria Valley Road, Victoria Valley.

Image Date: 05/07/02

EXTENT OF LISTING:

To the extent of: 1. All the buildings and all of the land.

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The Victoria Valley Public Hall complex consists of a hall, barbeque area, tennis courts and a bronze plaque mounted on a large boulder. The hall is vernacular in form, and clad with corrugated iron panels. A brick extension has been built to the north of the hall, and a timber extension to the south.

A barbeque area, constructed for the Bicentenary, and a kiosk constructed of corrugated iron are located to the rear of the main hall. Two tennis courts paved in asphalt are located on the southern side of the hall. A bronze plaque mounted on a boulder commemorates the service of Francis C. Neate (1939-1985) to the public hall.

HISTORY:

The Victoria Valley Hall Complex was probably developed between 1920-1950 as a response to the number of small selectors and soldier settlers who came to the area with their families. Many other public halls were also developed around the area in response to the soldier settlement movement. There has been no firm date, architect or builder associated with the design of the buildings, and it is likely that the buildings were constructed as a community project, using local materials and labour. There have been two additions in later years, a brick section, added in the late 1970s and a timber addition, added at an unknown date. The hall has been used for many years as a social gathering place, for passive and active recreational activities.

THEMATIC CONTEXT:

Theme 8: Developing Australia's cultural life

8.1 Organising recreation

8.1.1 Playing and watching organised sport

8.5 Forming associations

8.5.4 Pursuing common leisure interests

CONDITION:

The complex is in good condition

INTEGRITY:

~~fair degree of integrity, has been compromised by later additions.~~

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

What is significant?

The Victoria Valley Hall Complex is typical of those developed in the first half of the nineteenth century in response to the increase in population due to closer and soldier settlement. The complex is located on the Victoria Valley Road, and is one of the only public buildings in the hamlet of Victoria Valley. The complex consists of a public hall, barbeque area, tennis courts and a bronze plaque mounted on a large boulder. The hall is clad with sheets of corrugated iron, and has been extended twice, once in brick and once in timber. The complex is in good condition, and retains a fair degree of integrity.

How is it significant?

The public hall complex at Victoria Valley is of historical and social significance to the district of Victoria Valley.

Why is it significant?

The Victoria Valley Hall Complex is of historical significance for marking a major chapter in closer settlement. It is of social significance as an example of cooperation for community self-improvement and as a continuing focus for that community.

COMPARISON:

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062 Nareen Hall Complex, Nareen Road, Nareen

320 Mirranatwa Public Hall, Mirranatwa School Road Mirranatwa

ASSESSED BY: MGT

ASSESSMENT DATE:

05-Jul-02

EXISTING LISTINGS:

HERITAGE STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS:

Include in VHR Include in RNE Include in Local Planning Scheme

No Recommendations for Inclusions

REFERENCES: