

# HERITAGE PLACE

**NAME OF PLACE:** ROSEBANK

**ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE:** Neate's Road VICTORIA VALLEY

**STUDY NUMBER:** 322

**HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:**

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**PRECINCT:** none

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA:** Southern Grampians Shire

**SECTION:** 28c

**PARISH:** PARISH OF PANYYABYR

**ACCESS DESCRIPTION:**

VicRoads 73 G2

**SIGNIFICANCE RATING:** Local



Rosebank Homestead, Neate's Road, Victoria Valley

**Image Date:** 5/07/02

**EXTENT OF LISTING:**

To the extent of: 1. All of the exterior of the hut, the exterior of the nearby outbuildings and the original garden and orchard, and all of the land within a 25m radius of any edge of the original hut. This extent excludes the modern house.

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## **PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:**

Rosebank is a three roomed timber selector's hut dating from the 1860s. It has been built in a vernacular style, of timber slabs which resemble the earliest and most primitive era of construction, using machine sawn timbers. The roof is of corrugated iron. The hut is surrounded by outbuildings, and is set in the remnants of a garden and orchard.

## **HISTORY:**

Rosebank was built by the McArthur family early in the selection period of the late 1860s. The McArthur family were one of the earliest families in the Victoria Valley and Mirranatwa areas, and in 1987, a memorial Ti-tree was planted by the McArthur descendants at the Mirranatwa Uniting Church to commemorate this early pioneering family.

At this time there is little further information available regarding the history of Rosebank.

## **THEMATIC CONTEXT:**

Theme 3: Developing local, regional and national economies

3.5 Developing primary production

3.5.1 Grazing stock

3.5.2 Breeding animals

3.5.3 Developing agricultural industries

Theme 5: Working

5.8 working on the land

## **CONDITION:**

The condition of the hut is fair.

## **INTEGRITY:**

Good degree of integrity

## **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:**

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What is significant?

Rosebank is a three roomed vernacular timber slab hut with a corrugated iron roof. It is believed to date from circa 1860. Rosebank is located in Neate's Road in the Victoria Valley, and is said to have been built by the McArthur family, who were early selectors in Mirranatwa and Victoria Valley. The hut is in fair condition and retains a good degree of integrity.

How is it significant?

The selector's hut known as Rosebank is of architectural and historical significance to the district of Victoria Valley and the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

Rosebank is of historical significance for its associations with the early McArthur family, who were selectors in the Victoria Valley and Mirranatwa areas from the 1860s. The hut is of architectural significance for the use of primitive building techniques of slab timber construction, representing the resourcefulness of the early selectors in the area, who used the abundant natural timbers to construct their early dwellings.

## **COMPARISON:**

449 Symons Homestead Complex, off Billywing Road, Glenisla

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**ASSESSED BY:** AEN

**ASSESSMENT DATE:**

13/02/2004

**EXISTING LISTINGS:**

**HERITAGE STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Include in VHR  Include in RNE  Include in Local Planning Scheme

No Recommendations for Inclusions

**REFERENCES:**