

# HERITAGE PLACE

**NAME OF PLACE:** OLD BILPAH HOMESTEAD COMPLEX

**ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE:** Bilpah Lane off Glenthompson-Caramut Road GLENTHOMPSON

**STUDY NUMBER:** 346

**HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:**

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**PRECINCT:** outside

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA:** Southern Grampians Shire

**SIGNIFICANCE RATING:** Local



Old Bilpah, Bilpah Lane, Glenthompson, south-west corner

**Image Date:** 5/08/02

**EXTENT OF LISTING:**

To the extent of: 1. All of the exterior of the main house, all of the exterior of the outbuildings, the homestead garden, fences, walls and gates, the surrounding park and the woolshed and men's quarters.

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## **PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:**

Old Bilpah Homestead complex is a single storey timber house built in two sections. The house has a verandah on two sides. The ruins of a substantial garden dating from the early twentieth century survive around the homestead. A number of ruinous outbuildings surround the homestead

## **HISTORY:**

Very little is known about the history of Old Bilpah. Local history states that the Thacker family owned the home in the early twentieth century. The Thacker's had six children, two boys and four girls. The eldest son, F. C. S. "Stan" Thacker went to the First World War along with two of the station hands. The son died on 17 May 1917 but the station hands returned. The second son, Redvers Gordon died from pneumonia on 6 September 1921. Mr. Frederick Thacker became deeply religious after the death of his two sons and spent much of his time working in his workshop. He made all of the elaborate gates, and other joinery at Old Bilpah. Mr. Frederick Thacker died on 2 October 1946. His wife, Jane Thacker died on 12 April 1948. They are buried in the Glenthompson cemetery. Their daughter Olive (and possibly Louisa) are also buried there.

## **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:**

Poor

## **INTEGRITY:**

high degree of integrity to early twentieth century

## **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:**

What is significant?

Old Bilpah Homestead is a single storey timber house surrounded by the ruins of an early twentieth century garden and ruinous outbuildings. Old Bilpah was owned by the Thacker family for many years. The house and garden are in poor condition, although they retain a high degree of integrity to the early twentieth century.

How is it significant?

Old Bilpah is of historical significance to the Southern Grampians Shire and the community of Glenthompson.

Why is it significant?

Old Bilpah is of historical significance as an example of an early twentieth century homestead complex with garden, outbuildings and homestead. It is of further significance for its association with the Thacker family.

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**ASSESSED BY:** AEN

**ASSESSMENT DATE:**

7/04/2004

**EXISTING LISTINGS:**

**HERITAGE STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Include in VHR  Include in RNE  Include in Local Planning Scheme

No Recommendations for Inclusions

**REFERENCES:**