

HERITAGE PLACE

NAME OF PLACE: CAVENDISH GENERAL STORE & RESIDENCE

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE: Scott Street Barker Street CAVENDISH

STUDY NUMBER: 433

HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:

OTHER NAME/S OF PLACE: WANNON STORE

PRECINCT: Cavendish

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Southern Grampians Shire

ALLOTMENT: 8 **SECTION:** 4

ACCESS DESCRIPTION:

CFA 432J H3; VicRoads 228 J8; located on the south west corner of Scott & Barker Streets in the centre of the township of Cavendish

SIGNIFICANCE RATING: Local



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Image Date: 2/11/01

EXTENT OF LISTING:

To the extent of: 1. All the building but excluding the interiors and all of the land.

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The Cavendish general store and residence are located on the south west corner of Scott and Barker Streets in the centre of the township. The store and residence are located adjacent to each other, the main façade of both along Scott Street. The store is a long low timber structure constructed in two sections. The earlier section is adjacent to the residence, and retains an earlier French door as the entrance, flanked by later display windows on either side. The later section extends towards Barker Street, and has a modern doorway and modern display windows. Modern floor to ceiling windows are also located on the Barker Street elevation of the newer section of the store. The interiors of the store have been substantially altered. The store has a hipped corrugated iron roof with continuous verandah supported by timber poles. The residence, located immediately west of the store is a single storey timber building which has an asymmetrical arrangement of windows and doors. The residence has a side entrance located where the store and residence are joined, and two groupings of two sash windows arranged along the façade. A shallow curved verandah is supported by simple timber posts, and a cast iron frieze extends along the verandah. The roof is hipped and is constructed from corrugated iron. A wooden picket fence extends along the Scott Street boundary in front of the residence. The interiors of the residence have not been inspected.

HISTORY:

The land on which the Cavendish General Store and Residence is located was first purchased from the Crown by a J. Elliott, on the 31st of March, 1859 (Department of Lands and Survey, 1967). There is very little information known about the first owner of the land, as there is no record of a J. Elliott being buried in the Cavendish Cemetery, or of having a family born in Cavendish.

The Dundas Shire Centenary (64) states that the first general store in Cavendish was established in 1847 on the site of the present St. Mark's Church. This store was established prior to the survey of the township, and was said to serve the bullock teams and coaches. The second general store was on the site of the present store (and forms part of the current structure). This general store opened in 1860, and was known as the Wannon Store. Its location at the crossroads of the township ensured that it was able to attract the business of most of the road traffic. This led to the demise of the first store, which closed in 1881 (Dundas Shire Council, 65).

The Wannon Store was opened by an E. Walker, the only record in the old Cavendish cemetery of an E. Walker is a Mrs. Elizabeth Walker (wife of John and mother of Marion), who died in 1872. It is possible that she and her family ran the store for a time, prior to it being sold to J. Woodburn (ibid., 65). Woodburn sold the store to a Mr. Young in 1885. While in the ownership of Young, it also sold bread, which was delivered from a Hamilton Bakery.

Mr. Young held the store for many years until he sold out to Mr. C. Sandison. Other owners in chronological order have been: Mr. Tom Waters; Mr. Norman Lewis, and Mr. & Mrs. W. Marshall.

The general store started out as a small one roomed store with a residence at the rear. Later additions were made to the store and a larger residence was built in the later nineteenth century with a façade extending along Scott Street.

THEMATIC CONTEXT:

Theme 3: Developing local, regional and national economies

3.12 Feeding people

3.12.5 Retailing foods and beverages

3.19 Marketing and Retailing

Theme 8 Developing Australia's cultural life

8.12 Living in and around Australian homes