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# JOHN SIMPSON GRAVE

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## Location

79 RIVER DRIVE TARWIN LOWER, SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8020-0012

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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## Statement of Significance

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Regional

Hermes Number 14050

Property Number

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## History

John Simpson was a pioneer settler and postmaster at Corinella, Western Port. In 1861, Simpson and his stockmen were driving a herd of about 90 cows through Mr Black's station, and in crossing the Tarwin River, Simpson was drowned. Caught in a strong current about halfway across, he attempted to turn the horse, but both disappeared. He briefly resurfaced, but sank once more and was not seen again. Because he was known as a strong swimmer, it was felt that he must have suffered an injury. The monument on the grave was moved away circa 1930 to allow for road widening, and there is pressure again to have the monument repositioned (request from adjacent landowner, 2003).

*This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.*

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