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# GENERAL STORE AND RESIDENCE (FORMER)



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## Location

5787 Port Fairy-Hamilton Road BYADUK, Southern Grampians Shire

## Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

## Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The Byaduk general store is a complex of buildings located on the west side of the Hamilton - Port Fairy Road, about 600 metres north of the centre of Byaduk. The elements of complex are a bluestone store, which is believed to have been built by the early owner, Charles Munt, between 1872 and 1876; A service station which is clad in cement sheeting over timber frames; a substantial timber residence and adjacent stables and coach house which appears to date from the late nineteenth century, or early twentieth century. The complex served Byaduk for over 130 years until its closure in 2001. The store had been in continual operation its construction, between 1872 and 1876, when it replaced an earlier store. The store closed in 2001, and retains a high degree of integrity. There has been no architect or builder associated with the Byaduk general store. The buildings are in good condition.

How is it significant?

The Byaduk general store is of historical significance to the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

The store complex is historically important for continual use as a general store, which served Byaduk and the surrounding area for over 130 years. The store represents a previous way of life, in which the general store was a vital service to the community, providing a mail and telegraph service, general goods, pastoral equipment and consumables. The former general store is of further historical importance for its associations with early owners, such as John Cannon, John Ross and Charles Munt, who built the store. The long association with the well-known Pearse family of Byaduk is also of historical significance. The Pearse family held the store for the longest period of any owner, through several generations of the same family from 1939 to the store's closure in 2001.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1876,
Hermes Number	23139
Property Number	

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## Physical Conditions

The condition of the building superficially is fair but structurally it is quite sound.

## Physical Description 1

Byaduk general store is located on the west side of the Port - Fairy Hamilton Road, approximately six hundred metres from north of the centre of Byaduk. A complex of buildings, including the main bluestone store, the post office annex on the south side in bluestone, and the former service station make up the Byaduk Store. The store has central timber double front doors, glazed in the upper panels, but covered by timber shuttering. There are two separate nine-pane display windows. A substantial weatherboard house with timber framing is located behind and to the north of the main store. Well to the rear of the residence is a timber stable and coach house. Both the store and the service station are unoccupied.

## Historical Australian Themes

Theme 3: Developing local, regional and national economies  
3.19 Marketing and retailing

Theme 8: Developing Australia's cultural life  
8.12 Living in and around Australian homes  
8.14 Living in the country and rural settlements

## Usage/Former Usage

vacant

## Integrity

Highly intact

## Physical Description 2

John McIntosh Ross, early owner

Alfred Anderson, early owner

Pearse Family, owners from 1939-2001

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