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## VILADALE COMPLEX



23233 Viladale House  
Yulecart facade 0308



23233 Viladale House  
Yulecart 0310



23233 Viladale House  
Yulecart 0311



23233 Viladale House  
Yulecart 0309

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### Location

McKellar's Road YULECART, 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?

Viladale is located on the east side of McKellar's Road about 5kms west of Hamilton. It is a single storeyed bluestone and timber homestead with corrugated iron roof, commenced in 1904 by Lodge Brothers of Hamilton, for John and Bertha Habel. The style and form of the house are very conservative for the time with a facade symmetrical about the front door and central passage. Several bluestone, timber and imitation stone sections of lesser architectural importance have been added at the rear at later stages. A number of twentieth century farm buildings are located beyond the homestead garden. Of the original homestead garden, only one mulberry tree remains. The homestead is in excellent condition, and retains a high degree of integrity.

How is it significant?

ViladaleComplex is of architectural and historical significance to the district of Yulecart.

Why is it significant?

The ViladaleComplex is of historical significance for its connections with the Habel family, and for its later association with the Lodge Brothers, who were also responsible for stone work at the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne. It is of architectural significance as a little altered and representative example of a very old fashioned example of a pastoral homestead built after the turn of the century.

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002; |
| Construction dates        | 1904,  |
| Other Names               | Viladale House,  |
| Hermes Number             | 23233  |
| Property Number           |  |

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## Physical Conditions

The condition of the house and outbuildings is excellent, with substantial repairs and restoration being undertaken by the present owners after they took possession in 1980.

## Physical Description 1

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Beyond the homestead's modern garden, a complex of early 20th century farm buildings includes a blacksmith's shop, a machinery shed with thatched roof, woolshed, chaff house and stables.

Of the original homestead garden, only one mulberry tree remains. The present owners have undertaken extensive landscaping of about one acre around the house. The cypress hedges are an important element in the definition of the garden.

## Historical Australian Themes

Theme 3: Developing local, regional and national economies

3.5 Developing primary production

### 3.5.1 Grazing stock

Theme 5: Working

5.8 Working the land

## **Usage/Former Usage**

Grazing and farming

## **Integrity**

The house retains a good degree of integrity.

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