
TIMBER KILN AND SAWMILL SITE (FORMER)



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Balmoral 2095



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Municipality

Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The timber kiln located in the railway reserve near Station Street, Balmoral is a mass concrete structure approximately 3.0m by 10.0m in plan with a segmental arched roof. The boiler known as 'The Lieutenant' was originally owned by the Chaffey brothers of Mildura, and was hauled to Balmoral by 'Big Lizzie' a rail traction engine. The boiler is made from riveted sheet metal and is typical in its horizontal form. There are concrete footings, possibly for a tank stand, immediately in front of the kiln and at some distance there is a concrete trough. The plant was used to prepare precisely cut railway sleepers and blocks of red gum for use in Melbourne.

How is it significant?

The Balmoral timber kiln and sawmill are of historical significance to the township of Balmoral and to the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

The Balmoral timber kiln and sawmill are of historical significance as one of the few tangible sites remaining, for their association with a failed red gum drying experiment, for demonstrating aspects of a past and largely unsuccessful technology, and for connections with important local sawmillers and their workforce.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1912,
Hermes Number	23254
Property Number	

Physical Conditions

Both the kiln and the boiler are in fair condition.

Physical Description 1

The kiln is a mass concrete structure approximately 3.0m by 10.0m in plan with a segmental arched roof. The concrete betrays the 12 inch shuttering used in construction. It is not certain if the concrete was poured in beds. The front has a large opening for doors, now missing, the lintel of which is timber. There are vents in the roof and other openings. The side walls extend as three blocks on either side, with bolts cast into the concrete, but their purpose is not certain.

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Historical Australian Themes

Theme 3: Developing local, regional and national economies

3.4 Making forests into a saleable resource

3.8 Moving goods and people

3.8.5 Moving goods and people on land

3.8.6 Building and maintaining railways

3.8.7 Building and maintaining roads

3.11 Clearing vegetation

Usage/Former Usage

abandoned

Integrity

poor integrity for kiln and boiler

Physical Description 2

Borsh and Evans, first operators

Pitts and Gordon, second operators

J 'Andy' Walter[s], owner to 1952

Jack Rowe, owner 1952-65

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Railway Reserve

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