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# MURDAM LODGE



23370 Cottage Murdam  
Lodge Hamilton Hwy  
Penshurst 0983



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## Location

Hamilton Highway PENSHURST, 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 bluestone cottage and adjacent Elm Tree (*Ulmus procera*) on the land of the modern 'Murdam Lodge' is located on the north side of the Hamilton Highway, approximately 3.0kms north-west of the township of Penshurst. The cottage is a simple vernacular form, with four rooms. The central passage is unusual as it is parallel to the main road. The mature Elm is located immediately adjacent to the cottage, and is thought to date from the same time as the cottage was constructed. There has been no architect or builder associated with the design. The structure is abandoned and in ruinous condition, but retains a high degree of integrity. The Elm is in good condition.

How is it significant?

The cottage and adjacent tree at Murdam Lodge are of historical significance to the township of Penshurst and

the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

Murdam Lodge is of historical significance for its association with the Hammond family, long time residents of Penshurst, and for its continual ownership in this family for over 120 years. It is of further historical significance as a representative example of a small vernacular bluestone cottage which demonstrates a previous way of life, and use of local materials to construct homes.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1850,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	23370
Property Number	

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## Physical Conditions

Ruinous condition.

## Physical Description 1

The single storey bluestone cottage is a vernacular structure with a typical plan of four rooms and a central passage. It is unusual in that the passage is parallel to the main road. A large Elm (*Ulmus procera*) has been planted adjacent to the cottage. Little of the garden survives.

## Historical Australian Themes

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

Ruinous and abandoned

## Integrity

High degree of integrity despite ruinous condition

## Physical Description 2

Hammond Family

## Physical Description 3

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