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## O'BRIEN'S COTTAGE



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### Location

Hamilton Highway, PENSHURST VIC 3289 - Property No 0023

### Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

### Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

### Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

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### Statement of Significance

Last updated on - December 19, 2003

What is significant?

O'Briens cottage is located on the south side of the Hamilton Highway, approximately 3.0kms north-west of the township of Peshurst and opposite the intersection with Cemetery and Cook Lanes. The cottage is a simple, vernacular 1860s bluestone cottage set in a garden from the same period. It was owned for many years by the O'Brien family. There has been no architect or builder associated with the design. The cottage is in fair condition, remaining relatively intact, including the usual extensions and modifications but one chimney has collapsed with part of north-west wall. The cottage retains a high degree of integrity.

How is it significant?

O'Brien's Cottage, Hamilton Highway is of historical and architectural significance to the Southern Grampians Shire and to the township of Peshurst.

Why is it significant?

O'Brien's Cottage, Hamilton Highway is of historical and architectural significance as a typical and intact example of a traditional small rural cottage and garden and for its associations with the important local family, the O'Briens. The vernacular cottage and garden are typical of the period and district, and provide insight into a previous way of life.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1860,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	23371
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## Physical Conditions

The building is in fair condition with a serious collapse of the chimney and part of the north-west wall.

## Physical Description 1

O'Briens cottage is a small, single storey bluestone cottage which is symmetrical about the front door, and may date from as early as the 1860s. The cottage has double hung sash windows and a timber verandah, which probably was constructed after the house. The verandah has simple timber brackets and a bullnose profile. The roof over the front two rooms is hipped and corrugated iron, while the roof over the rear two rooms is also hipped and corrugated iron and extends over service area. Bluestone chimneys on the side elevations are associated with three out of the four front rooms. There is a red brick chimney at the end of service wing. The last rooms of the service wing are in weatherboard.

## 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

vacant

## Integrity

High degree of integrity

## **Physical Description 2**

O'Brien Family,

*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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