WALTER RESIDENCE (FORMER)







23395 Walter Residence Former Glenthompson 1084

Location

7 Memorial Road, GLENTHOMPSON VIC 3293 - Property No 0047

Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 7, 2004

What is significant?

The former Walter Residence is located on the south side of the Glenelg Highway on a service road between Thompson and Scott Streets. The house is a large symmetrical timber house facing north with two projecting front rooms and verandahs on either side and between the rooms. The house was built in 1917 for the Walter family, when they moved from a less substantial home in Caramut Road. The house was an expression of the Walter families improving fortune, as John Walter was a carrier, dealer and storekeeper who prospered as a result of the Mafeking gold rush at Mount William in 1900. He operated Walter's Store there and was also in partnership with T Scott and Sons in Glenthompson. There has been no architect or builder associated with the design. The house is in good condition, with a high degree of integrity.

How is it significant?

The Walter Residence is of historical and architectural significance to the Southern Grampians Shire and to the township of Glenthompson.

Why is it significant?

The Walter Residence is of historical significance for its associations with the Walter and Henry families, two important pioneering families in Glenthompson, and of architectural significance as one of the more important private residences in the township.

Heritage Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard

Study/Consultant P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;

Construction dates 1917,

Heritage Act Categories

Registered place,

Other Names HENRY RESIDENCE,

Hermes Number 23395

Property Number

Physical Conditions

Good condition.

Physical Description 1

A large symmetrical timber house facing north with two projecting front rooms and verandahs on either side and between the rooms. The main roof is hipped and covered with corrugated iron. The bullnosed verandahs are decorated with a traditional frieze of timber arches supported on brackets. The central front door is glazed with leadlight in a late Art Nouveau style and with side lights and a fanlight. The gables over the projecting rooms are half timber and partly cantilevered. The front windows are pairs of narrow double hung sashes and have sunhoods roofed with 'ripple-iron'. The chimneys are located opposite the facade and are red brick, presumably from the nearby Brickworks. The original front fence has been replaced by a post-WW2 low brick wall with a steel pipe between the higher piers.

Historical Australian Themes

Theme 3: Developing local, regional and national economies 3.12 Feeding people 3.12.5 Retailing foods and beverages

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

Private Residence

Integrity

high degree of integrity.

Physical Description 2

Walter family, first owners Henry family, subsequent owners

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