
GREEN CREEK ROAD SAWMILL



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Location

Green Creek Rd and Glenelg River Rd MIRRANATWA, Southern Grampians Shire

Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The Green Creek Sawmill existed from about 1900 for several decades and represents the second, industrialised phase of the now passed lifestyle. It is not known which of the several local milling families operated it but it may have been the Fitzpatrick family who relocated to the outskirts of Dunkeld in 1942. It was one of several in the upper Victoria Valley, the closest being about 2.2kms to the north-east and McIntyre's, later Strahan's, 13.5kms to the south-west. Little survives of these ephemeral sites, with only pits, trenches and a clearing for a yard at the Green Creek site. It retains a high degree of archaeological potential.

How is it significant?

The Green Creek Road Sawmill site is of historical and archaeological significance to the district of Victoria Valley and to the Southern Grampians Shire as a Heritage Inventory site.

Why is it significant?

The Green Creek Road Sawmill site is of historical significance as a representative example of the now passed saw millers' way of life. It is of archaeological significance for the evidence it may yield about that lifestyle.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1900,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered archaeological place,
Hermes Number	23411
Property Number	

Physical Conditions

The archaeological potential of the site is high.

Physical Description 1

The site of the sawmill is located approximately 50 metres west of the intersection of Green Creek and Glenelg River Roads, in the Grampians National Park. A series of well-defined trenches and pits marks the location of the sawmill operations. About 10 metres west of the edge of Glenelg River Road the remains of a post and rail fence can be seen. A loading ramp constructed from an enormous tree trunk, plus dirt and field stone is located on the north side of the clearly defined access track. A dam has been constructed at a later date on the north west side of the site.

Historical Australian Themes

Theme 3: Developing local, regional and national economies

Theme 5: Working

5.2.1 Timber getting (sawmills, tramway camps etc)

Usage/Former Usage

Abandoned sawmill

Integrity

low integrity for above ground relics.

Physical Description 2

operators not known but possibly the Fitzpatrick family.

Physical Description 3

Located in a state forest reserve.

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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