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## Location

56 Pioneer Street, HAMILTON VIC 3300 - Property No 0056

## 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 cottage and rear outbuildings located at 56 Pioneer Street are constructed of bluestone, handmade brick and timber. It is believed that they date from the late 1850s to the early 1860s. The cottage may have been built by the Beathe family, who purchased the allotment from the Crown, or by subsequent tenants of Anna Ffrench, the widow of Acheson Ffrench. The cottage retains a high degree of integrity externally, with original doors, windows and roof shape. The interiors have not been inspected. It appears to be in very good condition.

### How is it significant?

The cottage and outbuildings are of historical and architectural significance to the Southern Grampians Shire.

### Why is it significant?

56 Pioneer Street is of historical significance for its associations with Anna French, wife of a prominent landowner and magistrate, Acheson Ffrench, who built nearby Monivae. It is of further historical significance for its ability to provide an example of the simple type of residence built by small selector in the mid nineteenth century. It is of architectural significance for its clear representation of building techniques and styles typical of the period and locally available materials.

Heritage  
Study/Consultant

Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard  
P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;

Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
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## Physical Conditions

The cottage, its extensions and outbuildings are in very good condition.

## Physical Description 1

The cottage at 56 Pioneer Street is a simple single storey bluestone cottage with later hand made brick additions. It is symmetrically arranged four room cottage with a central hallway. The windows, which appear to be the original, are twelve pane double hung sashes, and the front door is a simple four pannelled timber door, typical to the mid nineteenth century. It appears that no significant plantings or garden remains around the house.

## Historical Australian Themes

Theme 4: Building settlements, towns and cities  
4.5 Making settlements to serve rural Australia

## Usage/Former Usage

residential

## Integrity

Very high degree of integrity externally, interiors not inspected

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