
RED HILL

Location

Schurmann's Road TARRINGTON, 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?

Red Hill is a single storey asymmetrical timber house with an extensive surrounding timber verandah. The property is located on Schurmann's Road, Tarrington. The house was built by Walter and Agnes Schurmann after their marriage in 1913, and Red Hill was run as a successful property by the couple for over 60 years. The house was extended several times as their family (eventually of nine children) grew, until the house reached its current size. The Schurmann family have been continuously involved in the Lutheran Church, particularly supportive of St. Michael's and the community in Tarrington for over 150 years. The house at Red Hill is in good condition, and retains a good degree of integrity. There has been no architect or builder associated with the design.

How is it significant?

Red Hill is of historical significance to the district of Tarrington and the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

Red Hill is of historical significance for its long association with the Schurmann family, one of the most important Lutheran families in the Tarrington area since the arrival of Pastor C. W. Schurmann in the 1840s. The long and continuous ownership of Red Hill by the Schurmann family amplifies its significance, as does the high degree of integrity of the exterior of the house. It is a good representative example of an early twentieth century homestead which has grown over time to support the growing family of the occupants in a pastoral setting. It reflects pastoral enterprise and the rise of pastoralism in the middle of the twentieth century, where the wool boom made many fortunes, leading to houses being extended.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1912,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	23516
Property Number	

Physical Conditions

The house is in good condition.

Physical Description 1

The house is an asymmetrical single storey weatherboard building with an extensive encircling timber veranda. The verandah is post supported with a conventional fretwork frieze supported by cut-out brackets. The corrugated iron roof is bull-nosed in profile. The main roof is hipped and corrugated iron. The chimneys are brick. At the rear of the house there is a small brick structure which appears to have been built as a cool store. The interiors of the house have not been inspected. The outbuildings are recent and are not of interest.

Historical Australian Themes

Theme 3: Developing local, regional and national economies

3.5 Developing primary production

3.5.1 Grazing stock

3.5.2 Breeding animals

3.5.3 Developing agricultural industries

Theme 5: Working

5.8 working on the land

Usage/Former Usage

residential

Integrity

The house is relatively intact. The garden has a high degree of integrity although it includes more modern plants as well as those from the Interwar period.

Physical Description 2

Walter and Agnes Schurmann

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