
TOBACCO KILN (FORMER)



23544 Copy of 4449 Tobacco
Kiln Strathkellar

Location

Strathkellar Road STRATHKELLAR, Southern Grampians Shire

Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - November 30, 2005

What is significant?

The former tobacco kiln, located off Strathkellar Road, at Strathkellar the only physical fabric which remains of an experiment in tobacco growing in the late 1920s. At the time, the property was owned by the Miller family. The structure is a converted garage constructed of red brick, the lower section with conventional pressed red bricks, the upper section with inferior older brick of a slightly different colour. The kiln is rectangular in plan and has a hipped roof with a louvered monitor rising from it. This is opened by means of a pivot lever. Both roofs are covered with corrugated iron. The timber double doors survive. There is a louvered opening above the doors in the former gable. Rain water tanks adjacent to the kiln are not associated with it. The interior of the kiln is untreated brick, with wooden shelves built into it for storage. Unlike the production of flax nearby and at Penshurst, this experiment was short-lived. The kiln survives with a good degree of integrity but is in poor condition.

How is it significant?

The former tobacco kiln is of historical significance to the Strathkellar community and the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

The former tobacco kiln is of historical significance as the only surviving evidence of an experiment to diversify crops in the Strathkellar area.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1920,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	23544
Property Number	

Physical Conditions

The building is in poor condition.

Physical Description 1

The former tobacco kiln is located on private land, some 200 metres west of Strathkellar Road, 750m west of the intersection with McIntyre's Crossing Road and 3.5kms west of the railway crossing over the Glenelg Highway. The kiln is situated to the south of a private house and beside a windbreak of Radiata Pines. The structure is a converted garage constructed of red brick, the lower section with conventional pressed red bricks, the upper section with inferior older brick of a slightly different colour. The kiln is rectangular in plan and has a hipped roof with a louvered monitor rising from it. This is opened by means of a pivot lever. Both roofs are covered with corrugated iron. The timber double doors survive. There is a louvered opening above the doors in the former gable. Rain water tanks adjacent to the kiln are not associated with it. The interior of the kiln is untreated brick, with wooden shelves built into it for storage.

The homestead associated with the garage/kiln no longer survives although there is a well nearby and minor outbuildings. The present house was built in the 1960s.

Historical Australian Themes

Theme 3: Developing local, regional and national economies

3.5 Developing primary production

3.5.3 Developing agricultural industries

Usage/Former Usage

abandoned

Integrity

good degree of integrity

Physical Description 2

Miller Family, owners at the time of the experimental crops of tobacco.

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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