
BARNES HONEY SITE



23742 Copy of 4569 Barnes
Honey site Glenisla trees

Location

Old Henty Highway GLENISLA, 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 - March 5, 2004

What is significant?

The former Barnes Honey site is located some distance off the Old Henty Highway, about 2.5kms north of the intersection with the new Henty Highway. There may be archaeological potential at the site, but all that remains to distinguish the area where the apiarist enterprise existed is a row of Yellow Box (*Eucalyptus melliodora*). It is thought that the pollen of these trees makes excellent honey, with a distinctive aroma and taste. It is believed that the site was occupied from the late nineteenth century until the 1940s by the Barnes family, who went on to develop the famous Australian brand of "Barnes Honey", enjoyed by many Australians. The site was abandoned in the 1940s when the Rocklands Reservoir was made, and flooded the site. The site retains a low degree of integrity, and is in poor condition.

How is it significant?

The Barnes Honey site is of historical significance to the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

The former Barnes Honey site is of historical interest for its association with the famous brand of Barnes Honey. It is believed to be the original site for this company, and has particular associations with the Grampians area, as the success of the honey was thought to be because of the indigenous plant pollen which the honey was made from. It represents an industry which is no longer practiced on a large scale.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1800,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered archaeological place,
Hermes Number	23742
Property Number	

Physical Conditions

Good degree of archaeological potential

Physical Description 1

No above structures remain although some minor footing and the base of one chimney survive. Close to these there are some quince trees and at a distance there is a row of very large Eucalyptus melliodora , Yellow Box trees. The latter appear to be planted along the property boundary.

Historical Australian Themes

Theme 3: Developing local, regional and national economies

3.5 Developing primary production

3.5.3 Developing agricultural industries

3.10.3 Encouraging fringe and alternative businesses

3.12 Feeding people

3.12.4 Preserving food and beverages

Theme 5: Working

5.8 Working on the land

Usage/Former Usage

abandoned

Integrity

Low degree of intactness

Physical Description 2

Barnes family

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