

GLENISLA WEIR



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Weir

Location

off Red Rock Creek Road, GLENISLA VIC 3408 - Property No 0510

Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - March 18, 2004

What is significant?

The Glenisla Weir, located west of Red Rock Road on Red Rock Creek and about 1.0km south of Anderson's Road was built in the 1860s by Samuel Carter. The principal owner of the Glen Isla squatting run, he was particularly interested in irrigation and water works. The creek system draining from the Victoria Range was dammed and channelled to maximise and maintain the water supply. Through extensive channels, it eventually supplied the great hot water sheepwash near the original Glenisla woolshed. The Pooley-Symons family who also worked for the Carter family selected some of the land, including the allotment with the dam. Their vernacular homestead survives in a ruinous condition nearby. The dam was rebuilt in the twentieth century and much of the channelling is still evident. It was one of the largest and most sophisticated private water supplies in Victoria in the nineteenth century. Samuel and John Carter were also responsible for the first dam of what became the Wartook Reservoir in the upper reaches of the Victoria Valley. These and other works reflect Samuel Carter's subsequent role in the Western Wimmera Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.

How is it significant?

The Glenisla Weir, on Red Rock Creek, is of historical and scientific significance to the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

The Glenisla Weir is of historical significance for demonstrating Samuel Carter's determination to control the elements to his benefit and for the benefit of others. It is of scientific significance as one of the largest and most sophisticated private water supplies in Victoria in the nineteenth century. Both these points of significance must be seen in the broader context and in connection with the whole of the Glenisla landscape, including the occupation and cooperation of the squatter and selector classes.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1860,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	23743
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The dam is across Red Rock Creek and is in two parts: the original spillway which is boxed in with timber planks and a newer mass concrete wall. The wall is about 2.2m high above the upstream level in the dam. The dam is linked to channels and creeks which stretch off into the distance.

Historical Australian Themes

Theme 3: Developing local, regional and national economies

3.11 Altering the environment

3.11.1 Regulating waterways

3.11.5 Establishing water supplies

Usage/Former Usage

water storage

Integrity

Fair degree of integrity

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