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# DRUMLAYNE



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## Location

Henty Highway, YULECART VIC 3301 - Property No 0140

## Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

## Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - March 23, 2004

What is significant?

Drumlayne, located on the Henty Highway immediately west of the crossing with Muddy Creek, is a single-storey, asymmetrical bluestone house. The house is in a much-reduced version of the Italianate style, fashionable at that time. It appears to have been built soon after the land was purchased by William Watson in 1872. Little is known of Watson who may have been acting as a dummy for local squatters but may also have wanted the block near the creek for strategic reasons. There was a William Watson who operated a tannery at Rosebrook from very early times. For most of the early twentieth century the property was run as a dairy farm by the Kirkwood family and, through their daughter Dorothy, the Pitman family from 1953. A small woolshed also allowed for sheep, fat lambs and wool. The main block was subdivided in 1986 and has had a series of residential owners subsequently. This triggered changes and modernisations. The house is in good condition and retains a fair degree of integrity. The woolshed and dairy also survive in fair condition.

How is it significant?

Drumlayne is of historical significance to the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

Drumlayne is of historical and architectural significance as a modest example of domestic architecture representing the Land Selection period and subsequently as a the residence associated with a small mixed farm in the twentieth century.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1872,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	23749
Property Number	

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## Physical Conditions

The house is in good condition and the woolshed and dairy are in fair condition. Only the palm is of interest in the garden.

## Physical Description 1

Drumlayne is a simple single-storey bluestone house with an asymmetrical facade about a central front door. It is designed in a much reduced version of the Italianate style which had been used for major residences such as Warrayure and Koornong. The masonry construction of the walls is relatively crude. The timber front verandah is plain and may be missing minor details such as the quadrant brackets terminating with turned finials. The double hung sash windows are divided into four panes. This and the verandah suggest a date of construction in the late 1860s or 1870s, that is probably about the time the land was selected in 1872. The hipped roof is now covered with corrugated galvanised iron. The single chimney, opposite the verandah window, is constructed with brown bricks. There have been alterations and extensions at the rear. There is a mature Canary Island Palm, *Phoenix canariensis*, on axis in front of the house. The small timber woolshed and dairy are believed to survive as outbuildings.

## Historical Australian Themes

Theme 3: Developing local, regional and national economies

3.12 Feeding People

3.12.2 Developing sources of fresh local produce

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**

good degree of integrity

## **Physical Description 2**

William Watson  
Kirkwood Family  
Pitman Family

## **Physical Description 3**

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