
DARTMOOR VILLAGE PRECINCT



Extent of Registration -
Dartmoor Village Precinct

Location

PRINCES HIGHWAY, DARTMOOR, GLENELG SHIRE

Municipality

GLENELG SHIRE

Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

Heritage Listing

Glenelg Shire

Statement of Significance

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Dartmoor is a small village, located on the Glenelg River, on the Princes Highway. The town itself is small, and now predominately residential. Greenham Street and Wapling Avenue have long been the main thoroughfare of the township, and this route follows the original route from Portland to Penola, and eventually Adelaide, over the Glenelg River. Most of the buildings in the centre of the town are commercial and civic, although most of the commercial buildings no longer operate. The main street is dominated by large carved figures, which have been carved from the remaining stumps of the *Cedrus atlantica* (Atlantic Cedar) Avenue of Honour, planted to commemorate those who served and fell in World War One. The town started in the mid 1840s, when the Woodford Inn was established on the banks of the Glenelg River, near the river crossing. The town has been primarily a service centre for the surrounding pastoral properties, and later a timber town. The heritage places are mainly clustered in Greenham Street and Wapling avenue, although much has been lost to the east of the village centre. The precinct is in good condition and retains a high degree of integrity.

How is it significant?

The Dartmoor Village Precinct is of historical, social and architectural significance to the Glenelg Shire.

Why is it significant?

The Dartmoor Village Precinct is of historic significance as a township dating from the mid 1840s, as one of the chain of small settlements between Portland and Penola and as the focus for the pastoral properties surrounding the township from the 1840s onward. It is of social significance as the focus for the community's education and recreation, roles that continue to the present. The architectural significance of the town lies in range of buildings constructed from local materials over a long period of time, ranging from the larger religious buildings through to the humble timber cottages which remain.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Glenelg - Glenelg Shire Heritage Study Part One, Carlotta Kellaway, David Rhodes Mandy Jean, 2002; Glenelg - Glenelg Heritage Study Stage Two (a), Heritage Matters, 2006;
Construction dates	1840,
Hermes Number	52782
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

Dartmoor is a small village, located on the Glenelg River, originally on the route between Portland and Adelaide over the Glenelg River. The Princes Highway now bypasses the township, and perhaps as a consequence, the village atmosphere has been retained. Greenham Street and Wapling Avenue are the main thoroughfare for Dartmoor, part of the Portland - Adelaide route since the 1840s. They are essentially the same street divided in two by the railway line (Greenham Street to the west, Wapling Ave to the east). As with most villages, the commercial, civic and religious buildings are clustered along the main thoroughfare, but in this case, so are the significant residential buildings. The main street is dominated by large carved figures, which have been carved from the remaining stumps of the *Cedrus atlantica* (Atlantic Cedar) Avenue of Honour, planted to commemorate those who served and fell in World War One. The precinct is focussed around Greenham Street, which interestingly has only one church, St. George's Uniting Church, at 85 Greenham Street. Civic facilities of note include the Moderne Public Hall and Bowling Green and the Post Office (which is an earlier building with substantial alterations). There is a concrete road bridge over the Railway Line which appears to date from the interwar period, and the original Weighbridge in Greenham Street also. An intact two storey bluestone Coach House is located at 90 Greenham Street. This is one of the most significant buildings within the precinct. In addition, there are a number of contributory single storey timber dwellings located in Greenham Street, Ascot Street, Lindsay Road.

The following elements contribute to the significance of the precinct:

CONTRIBUTORY PLACES.

Timber Cottage, 54 Ascot Street, Dartmoor

. Timber House, 69 Greenham Street, Dartmoor

. Former school residence, 70 Greenham St, Dartmoor

. Public Hall and bowling green, 73 Greenham Street, Dartmoor

. Timber House, 3 Lindsay Road, Dartmoor

. Post Office and Residence , 84 Greenham Street, Dartmoor

. *Araucaria heterophylla* (Norfolk Island Pine), road reserve in front of 6 Short Street, Dartmoor

. Hughes Store (former), 6 Short Street, Dartmoor

Road bridge over the Railway Line, Greenham Street, Dartmoor

Weighbridge, Greenham Street, Dartmoor

SIGNIFICANT PLACES

. Avenue of Honour and Carvings

. Dartmoor State School, 76 Greenham Street, Dartmoor

. St. George Uniting Church, 82 Greenham Street, Dartmoor

. Coach House, 90 Greenham Street, Dartmoor

Historical Australian Themes

Theme 2 Peopling Australia

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

Theme 6 Educating

6.2 Establishing schools

6.5 Educating people in remote places

Theme 8 Developing Australia's cultural life

8.12 Living in and around Australian homes

8.14 Living in the country and rural settlements

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