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# WANDO VALE VILLAGE PRECINCT



53001 Wando Vale Precinct

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## **Location**

CASTERTON-EDENHOPE ROAD, WANDO VALE, GLENELG SHIRE

## **Municipality**

GLENELG SHIRE

## **Level of significance**

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

## **Heritage Listing**

Glenelg Shire

## Statement of Significance

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### What is Significant?

The Wando Vale Village Precinct is a very small area comprised of Sections 1 and 2, Township of Wando Vale, in the Parish of Wando. It was laid out as a township at the centre of one of Victoria's first closer settlement schemes, in 1900. This settlement, which broke up the large pastoral property 'Wando Vale' has been referred to as one of the most successful closer settlement schemes. It was primarily taken up by people with some farming experience, who took small acreages and practiced dairying. The precinct contains the Memorial Hall, the war memorial, Davidson Reserve, the Wando Vale State School (former), including a boundary planting of Sugar Gums, a plantation of Eucalyptus on the west side of the Casterton-Edenope Road and two known heritage inventory sites (the School teacher's residence and the Catholic Church) and the road reserves. Although the township layout provides for four sections, almost no residences were built in these sections, nor were the proposed roads ever laid out. Although some of the original buildings from the township have been lost, it is an interesting example of a closer settlement 'village'. There were at least four other known examples within the Shire of closer settlement 'towns' which have lost their use and function. Wando Vale Village Precinct is still used as an important community meeting and recreation place, and retains the memories of generations. It is generally in very good condition, but retains only a fair degree of integrity, due to the loss of many important structures.

### How is it Significant?

The Wando Vale Village Precinct is of historical, social and archaeological significance to the Glenelg Shire.

### Why is it Significant?

The Wando Vale Village Precinct is of historical significance as the founding of the Wando Vale Closer Settlement Subdivision dating from 1900. It is of particular historical interest as the only surviving example of its type in the Glenelg Shire. Unlike most closer and solider settlement schemes, Wando Vale was considered to be very successful, and the remaining buildings and archaeological sites represent this. It is of social significance as the focus for the community's continuing education, social and religious life and recreation for over one hundred years. The archaeological significance of the town lies in those places where buildings have been removed, such as the site of the former Church, the school and the school teacher's residence, for their ability to yield information about their past occupants and uses.

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	1900,
Hermes Number	53001
Property Number	

## Physical Description 1

The Wando Vale Village Precinct is a very small precinct, located in the township of Wando Vale, laid out as one of the first closer settlement schemes, in 1900. The precinct consists of only two sections of the town, Sections 1 and 2, which both face the Casterton-Edenope Road. The original layout of the township was only four sections. The precinct contains the Memorial Hall, the War Memorial, Davidson Reserve, the Wando Vale State School (former), the site of the School teacher's residence, the site of the Catholic Church, a plantation of Eucalyptus on

the west side of the Casterton-Edenope Road (believed to be an Arbour Day planting) and the road reserves. The views to the surrounding landscape, and from the land into the precinct are important. They provide a tangible connection between the small farmlets which were established around Wando Vale and the precinct as the centre of this closer settlement scheme. Although many of the original buildings have been lost, it is an interesting example of a closer settlement township.

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The following is a list of the contributory and significant elements within the precincts:

#### CONTRIBUTORY PLACES

none specified

#### SIGNIFICANT PLACES

- . Wando Vale Memorial Hall, 636 Casterton-Edenope Rd, Wando Vale
- . War Memorial, Casterton-Edenope Rd, Wando Vale
- . Davidson Reserve, Casterton-Edenope Rd, Wando Vale
- . Plantation of Eucalyptus on the north side of Casterton-Edenope Road, Wando Vale
- . Wando Vale State School (former) and the boundary plantings of Eucalyptus cladocalyx (Sugar Gum), the fences and the front gate, 628 Casterton-Edenope Road, Wando Vale

### 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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