

HERITAGE PLACE

NAME OF PLACE: TIMBER HOUSE AND HEDGE

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE: Nareen Road NAREEN

STUDY NUMBER: 077

HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:

OTHER NAME/S OF PLACE: DONNELLY'S RESIDENCE

PRECINCT: outside

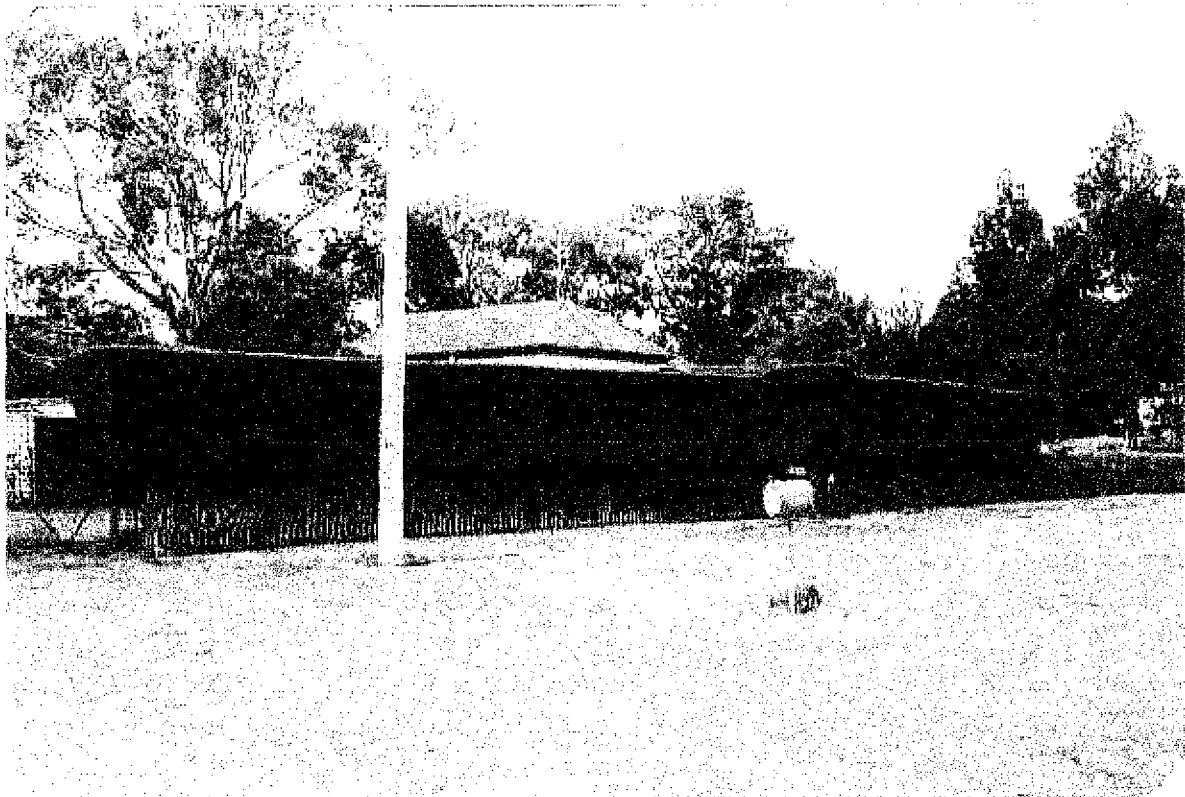
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Southern Grampians Shire

PARISH: PARISH OF TARRAYOUKYAN

ACCESS DESCRIPTION:

CFA 386 D22; VicRoads 54 B7; on the Nareen Road at Nareen beside the public hall and former school.

SIGNIFICANCE RATING: Local



Timber House and Hedge, Nareen Road, Nareen

Image Date: 21/02/02

EXTENT OF LISTING:

To the extent of: 1. All the house, the hedge and all of the land.

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The house is a single storey, asymmetrical timber dwelling. The walls are conventional weatherboard. The windows are simple double hung sashes, except where replaced by aluminium as on the north elevation. The hipped roof has a relatively low pitch and is covered with corrugated iron. The front door is symmetrical with a fan and side lights. Another door provides access to the front room off the verandah. The verandah has timber posts with no 'capital' and simple cast iron brackets with no frieze.

HISTORY:

There has been very little history available regarding this site. It is not known when the land on which the house stands was taken up from the Crown, but it is likely to have been after 1870. It is believed that the house was moved in from another (unknown) location in the early twentieth century, and it is likely that the Cypress hedge was planted at that time. A booklet produced in the 1940s indicates that the building was at one time known as Grant's Store, presumably run by the Grant family, supplying general merchandise and goods. The booklet also indicates that other owners included the Stewart family, and Miss Lucy Miles, who had arrived with the Stewart family, and taken over the property, running it as a private home with public telephone and Post office combined.

The house is now used as a private residence.

THEMATIC CONTEXT:

Theme 3: Developing local, regional and national economies

3.7 Establishing communications

3.7.1 Establishing postal services

3.7.2 Developing electrical means of communication

Theme 4: Building settlements, towns and cities

4.5 Making settlements to serve rural Australia

CONDITION:

The house is in good condition. The hedge is maintained to an excellent standard.

INTEGRITY:

Low degree of integrity

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

What is significant?

The timber house and hedge in Nareen Road, Nareen are conservatively traditional in their combination of the plain late-Federation style and the fashion for hedges. The house which dates from c1915, is a simple, asymmetrical dwelling with a projecting bedroom and a front verandah. The front door is surprisingly not asymmetric. The hipped roof is corrugated iron. The garden on the south side is devoted to fruit trees and vegetables. The hedge dominates the image of the dwelling from the road and is a focus for the small community of Nareen. The house, garden and hedge are in good condition and are relatively intact.

How is it significant?

The timber house and hedge at Nareen is of historical and architectural significance for the community of Nareen and the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

The timber house and hedge in Nareen Road, Nareen is of historical significance as a late example of a traditional housing type and of architectural (horticultural) significance as having a fine traditional Cupressus

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COMPARISON:

none identified

ASSESSED BY: AEN

ASSESSMENT DATE:

08-Nov-03

EXISTING LISTINGS:

HERITAGE STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS:

Include in VHR **Include in RNE** **Include in Local Planning Scheme**

No Recommendations for Inclusions

REFERENCES:

Author	Title	Year	Page
W. J Waters	Early History of Nareen and District	1946	