

# HERITAGE PLACE

**NAME OF PLACE:** ROSE COTTAGE

**ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE:** McLennan Street GLENTHOMPSON

**STUDY NUMBER:** 311

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**OTHER NAME/S OF PLACE:** JOHN HENRY'S BLACKSMITH, STORE & BAKERY

**PRECINCT:** Glenthompson

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA:** Southern Grampians Shire

**ALLOTMENT:** 3a      **SECTION:** 1      **PARISH:** PARISH OF YUPPECKIAR

**ACCESS DESCRIPTION:**

CFA 434J ; VicRoads 229 M10; located on the east side of McLennan Street on the eastern side of the township of Glenthompson.

**SIGNIFICANCE RATING:** Local



Rose Cottage, McLennan Street, Glenthompson

**Image Date:** 29/05/02

**EXTENT OF LISTING:**

To the extent of: 1. All the buildings but excluding their interiors and all of the land.

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## **PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:**

A complex of several small single storey timber buildings of vernacular form and detailing which still include the original front shop, the original side store and blacksmith's shop and the bakery at the rear. All have been altered over the years, specifically by the replacement of the original windows and doors with others. The verandah of the front building has been substituted, the timber original having an ogee or double curved roof with a most unusual wrought rather than cast iron frieze. Only one brick chimney survives which is at the back of the rear wing.

## **HISTORY:**

The land on which Rose Cottage stands was first purchased from the Crown by T. Scott, who was a merchant in Glenthompson, in 1890. It is not known when the first structure was built on the site, but it is likely to have been about 1870. A photograph which appears to date from the turn of the century shows a well established complex of vernacular timber buildings including the shop/residence and another store with the lettering 'J. Henry - Storekeeper and Blacksmith' across the parapet. It seems that the Henry family purchased the land from T. Scott, and built their shop, store and residence there. John Henry and his wife Mary Ann (nee Burns or Byrne) had three children while in Glenthompson, Alice, born in 1880 (VPI Reg. No. 16138), Blanche, 1881 (ibid., 23813), and Maud, 1883 (ibid., 9757). In the late nineteenth century, and very early twentieth century, Mary Ann Henry ran a bakery in the front part of the shop and residence, which is now used as a cottage. Mr. Henry remarried Rose Templeton (presumably after Mary Ann's death, although she is not listed in the Glenthompson cemetery). One of Rose's relatives used the front room of the house for dressmaking in the 1920s.

The later history of the property is not known at this time.

## **THEMATIC CONTEXT:**

Theme 8 Developing Australia's cultural life  
8.12 Living in and around Australian homes  
8.14 Living in the country and rural settlements

## **CONDITION:**

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The condition of the buildings is good. [The interiors have not been inspected.]

## **INTEGRITY:**

Fair degree of integrity. [Interiors need to be inspected to confirm presence or otherwise of bakery and smithy.]

## **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:**

What is significant?

The former shop and residence, now known as Rose Cottage is located on the east side of McLennan Street in the centre of the township of Glenthompson. The cottage is a simple vernacular timber structure, dating from the later Victorian period. The windows, doors and verandah have been much altered from the originals. The cottage was initially part of a shop, store and residential complex owned by John Henry, an important businessman in Glenthompson around the turn of the century. The shop went through a variety of uses including periods as a general store, a bakery and as a dressmakers. The cottage is in good condition but the integrity has been compromised by later alterations.

How is it significant?

Rose Cottage is of historical significance to the southern Grampians Shire and to the township of Glenthompson.

Why is it significant?

Rose Cottage is of historical significance for its association with an important early family and for its

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association with a number of trades practised on the premises including blacksmith, store, bakery and dressmaker.

## COMPARISON:

210 Bakery (former), Hamilton-Port Fairy Road, Byaduk  
428 The Old Bakery, Martin Street, Dunkeld

**ASSESSED BY:** mgt & tfh

**ASSESSMENT DATE:**

29-May-02

## EXISTING LISTINGS:

## HERITAGE STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS:

Include in VHR  Include in RNE  Include in Local Planning Scheme

No Recommendations for Inclusions

## REFERENCES:

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