

HERITAGE PLACE

NAME OF PLACE: BARNES HONEY SITE

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE: Old Henty Highway GLENISLA

STUDY NUMBER: 452

HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:

PRECINCT: outside

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Southern Grampians Shire

ALLOTMENT: 17A **SECTION:** no **PARISH:** PARISH OF LAMBRUK
section

ACCESS DESCRIPTION:

CFA 389 B; 55 D6; located off the Old Henty Highway about 2.5kms north of the intersection with the new Henty Highway.

SIGNIFICANCE RATING: Local



Barnes Honey site, Glenisla, Yellow Box trees

Image Date: 3/04/2003

EXTENT OF LISTING:

To the extent of: 1. All the Eucalyptus melliodora (Yellow Box) planted in a straight line, and all of the land extending in an area of 1000 square metres around these trees.

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

No above structures remain although some minor footing and the base of one chimney survive. Close to these there are some quince trees and at a distance there is a row of very large Eucalyptus melliodora, Yellow Box trees. The latter appear to be planted along the property boundary.

HISTORY:

It is believed that this is the site that the famous Australian brand of Honey "Barnes Honey" started. The Grampians are renowned as being a pollen rich area, highly suitable for producing large quantities of good quality honey.

There is little information regarding the Barnes honey site, or its associated history, but it is stated that Barnes Honey producing site was abandoned in the 1940s when the Rockland Reservoir flooded the area where the hives were.

THEMATIC CONTEXT:

Theme 3: Developing local, regional and national economies

3.5 Developing primary production

3.5.3 Developing agricultural industries

3.10.3 Encouraging fringe and alternative businesses

3.12 Feeding people

3.12.4 Preserving food and beverages

Theme 5: Working

5.8 Working on the land

CONDITION:

Good degree of archaeological potential

INTEGRITY:

Low degree of intactness

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

What is significant?

The former Barnes Honey site is located some distance off the Old Henty Highway, about 2.5kms north of the intersection with the new Henty Highway. There may be archaeological potential at the site, but all that remains to distinguish the area where the apiarist enterprise existed is a row of Yellow Box (Eucalyptus melliodora). It is thought that the pollen of these trees makes excellent honey, with a distinctive aroma and taste. It is believed that the site was occupied from the late nineteenth century until the 1940s by the Barnes family, who went on to develop the famous Australian brand of "Barnes Honey", enjoyed by many Australians. The site was abandoned in the 1940s when the Rocklands Reservoir was made, and flooded the site. The site retains a low degree of integrity, and is in poor condition.

How is it significant?

The Barnes Honey site is of historical significance to the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

The former Barnes Honey site is of historical interest for its association with the famous brand of Barnes Honey. It is believed to be the original site for this company, and has particular associations with the Grampians area, as the success of the honey was thought to be because of the indigenous plant pollen which the honey was made from. It represents an industry which is no longer practiced on a large scale.

COMPARISON:

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313 Riverside Homestead Complex, Falkenberg's Road, Wannon
400 Schultz Residence, W Schultz Rd, Tarrington
450 Beekeeper's Farm, off Anderson's Road, Glenisla

ASSESSED BY: TFH

ASSESSMENT DATE:

05-Mar-04

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
Elise Claburn, et. al	Dunkeld & District: A Short History	1989	
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