# HERITAGE PLACE

NAME OF PLACE: MC LEAN'S HOUSE

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE: Hamilton-Port Fairy Road BYADUK NORTH

STUDY NUMBER:

200

HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:

PRECINCT:

outside

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Southern Grampians Shire

ALLOTMENT:

SECTION: 10

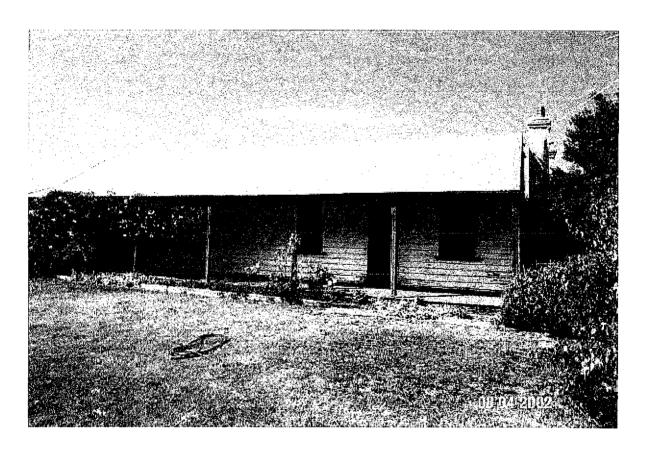
ACCESS DESCRIPTION:

CFA 473 D; VicRoads 72 H8; located about 150m east of the Hamilton-Port Fairy Road in the centre of

Byaduk North.

SIGNIFICANCE RATING:

Local



McLean's House, Hamilton - Port Fairy Road, Byaduk North. Front of House from Hamilton - Port Fairy Road

28/03/02 Image Date: EXTENT OF LISTING:

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#### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The vernacular styled house on the Hamilton-Port Fairy Road at Byaduk North is a single storey timber house, with a corrugated iron roof. The windows are 12 pane, double hung sashes. The attached verandah has a curved corrugated iron roof, with simple timbers and no decorative details.

#### HISTORY:

McLean's house is built on Allotment 10, Section 2 at North Byaduk. This land, together with Allotment 3, were purchased by Colin Fraser, owner of Aird, at the land sale of 1877. By 1889 Allotment 10 had been purchased by Lachlan McLean, farmer. By the start of the 20th century, the house and land, together with Allotments 3,4,5,6 and 9 were owned by Mrs Christina McLean. The property then passed to her daughter, Miss Christina May McLean, in 1924. May McLean owned the house and land until the 1990s (Shire of Dundas rate books).

The house was one of the few properties in North Byaduk to survive a devastating bushfire in 1901. Mrs Christina McLean

#### 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:

The condition of the building is excellent.

#### INTEGRITY:

Fair degree of integrity

#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

What is significant?

McLean's House is a vernacular single storey timber house with corrugated iron roof, located on the Hamilton-Port Fairy Road at Byaduk North. The house is one of the few to have survived the devestating bushfires of 1944 which destroyed many other homes in Byaduk and Byaduk North. The house was built by Lachlan McLean, a local farmer in the early 1890s or late 1880s. The house and land remained in the McLean family for 100 years, until they were sold in the 1990s. The house is in excellent condition, and retains a fair degree of integrity.

How is it significant?

The timber house on the Hamilton-Port Fairy Road at Byaduk North is of architectural and historical significance to the township of Byaduk North.

#### Why is it significant?

The house known as McLean's House is of historical significance as a reminder of the once well-populated North Byaduk, which had almost all of its residences burnt down in the 1944 bushfires. The house was one of only a very few which survived the bushfires. The house is of further historical significance for its associations with the local McLean family, who built the house in the late 1880s or early 1890s, and whose descendants remained as owners and occupiers for over 100 years. The house is of architectural significance for the expression of tradition vernacular building style, technique and use of materials.

#### COMPARISON:

395 Mueller's Cottage, Hamilton Highway, Tarrington

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