

# HERITAGE PLACE

**NAME OF PLACE:** ALMURTA HALL

**ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE:** Grantville-Glen Alvie Road ALMURTA

**STUDY NUMBER:** 232

**HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:** HO2

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**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA:** Bass Coast Shire

**PARISH:** PARISH OF CORINELLA

**SIGNIFICANCE RATING:** Local



Almurta Hall, Grantville-Glen Alvie Road, Almurta

**Image Date:** March 2002

**EXTENT OF LISTING:**

Whole Allotment.

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PropertyNo  
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HPD Number 107

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Precinct

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Extra Files

Location Grantville-Glen Alvie Road ALMURTA

PARISH OF CORINELLA

COUNTY OF MORNINGTON

Planning Authority

Ward Leadbeater

Access Description

Map Number

0

Map Scale 1:100000

Latitude

Longitude

UMG Zone

Easting

Northing

Location Validity

Spatial Accuracy

Extent of Listing

Whole Allotment.

Published Extent of Listing

Significance Local

Statement of Significance

The Almurta Hall is of cultural and aesthetic significance as a focus of the local community from 1929 until relatively recently. The Hall is culturally and aesthetically significant as an important meeting place for a small and widespread, now largely farming community. The presence of the hall for more than seventy years has contributed to the building of a community spirit in a somewhat isolated portion of the Bass Valley.

Gazettal Details

Permit Exemptions

Exemptions Policy

Assessment Against Criteria

C.2 Importance for information contributing to a wider understanding of the history of human occupation of Australia

G.1 Importance as a place highly valued by a community for reasons of religious, spiritual, symbolic, cultural, educational, or social associations.

Date Assessed 26/07/2004 Assessed By Fay Woodhouse

Comparisons

Rare Assessment

Intact Assessment

Good

Include in VHR  Include in RNE  Include in Local Planning Scheme  No Recommendations for Inclusions

Recommended Management

Replace deteriorated timber in the front porch and rebuild timber steps to the rear entrance.

Heritage Act Categories

Heritage Item Groups

Heritage Item Categories

Title Details

Architect/Designers

Unknown

Builders/Makers

Unknown

Construction Started

Circa

No

Completed

1929

Circa

No

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## Physical Description

The Almurta Hall is a single-storey, weatherboard hall with a gabled corrugated galvanised steel roof and a projecting entry porch. The hall has a louvred timber vent to the front gable end and exposed rafters at the eaves. The side walls contain timber-framed, double-hung sash windows. The skillion roofed rear wing contains a red-brick chimney and is presumably a later addition.

## Physical Condition and/or Archaeological Potential

Good

**Usage** The Almurta Hall is rarely used, as the Almurta community currently share the Kernot Hall.

## Associated People

## Historical Notes

The completion of the Nyora-Wonthaggi Railway in 1910, which included a station at Almurta, did much to stimulate the development of the township of Almurta over the following decades. Efforts were begun to raise money for the construction of a community hall in the late 1920s, and a series of fundraising activities were held. The newly completed hall opened in 1929. One of the first large functions held was a farewell for departing locals, Mr and Mrs Charles McGrady after 40 years in Almurta. In the years since its opening, the hall has hosted many community functions including dances, parties and family gatherings. Jim Caldwell was a long-standing Hall Secretary. The interior was lined in the c.1960s.

## Historic Themes

Thematic Environmental History  
14.2 Public Buildings

## Listings

## References

Author	Title	Year	ShelfLocation
Jan Harper	Three Stops on the Line: A History of Kernot, Almurta and Woodleigh	2003	
Jim Caldwell, pers comm.			
Les Blake	Place Names of Victoria	1977	

## Conservation Plans

## Owner Type

## Section 32 Recommendation

## Owners/Occupants/Managers

## Other Notes

## Application Detail

## Adviser Comments

## Planning Scheme Amendments

## Overlay Controls

## Planning Scheme Schedule

External Paint Controls?	No	Included in Vic Heritage Register?	No
Internal Alteration Controls?	No	Prohibited uses may be permitted?	Yes
Tree Controls?	No	Name of incorporated plan	No
Outbuildings/fences not exempt?	No	Aboriginal Heritage Place?	No