

27/01/2011
C6**SCHEDULE 3 TO THE SIGNIFICANT LANDSCAPE OVERLAY**Shown on the planning scheme map as **SLO3****NIGRETТА FALLS RESERVE****1.0****Statement of nature and key elements of landscape**27/01/2011
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The Nigretta Falls Reserve is about 12.5 kilometres north-west of Hamilton at the site of the former Nigretta Homestead overlooking the Wannon River. The total area now reserved is about 8 hectares and comprises some regenerated bushland, exotic trees and recreational facilities. The Nigretta run was typical for its sequence of ownership and the connections of its owners. The cottage, presumably built as early as 1848, was sited picturesquely. It fell into ruin by the 1930s and now is gone. The older exotics survive from the original garden. The Wannon and Nigretta (or Upper Wannon) Falls have been the consistent subject of significant art including works by some of Australian's most celebrated colonial artists, such as Nicholas Chevalier, Eugen von Guerard, Louis Buvelot, S.T. Gill and Thomas Clark. From the earliest times, tourists would stay at nearby Redruth and visit both falls. The Nigretta Falls Reserve was gazetted in 1912. It has been managed jointly with the Wannon Falls Reserve under a committee of management. The Reserve has been developed over the years, with changes reflecting different values and fashions. A grove of Golden ash trees continues the picturesque tradition. In the later twentieth century, there has been an emphasis on native plantings. The Reserve is substantially intact and in good condition.

The Nigretta Falls Reserve is of historical, social and aesthetic significance to the Southern Grampians Shire and the State of Victoria.

The Nigretta Falls Reserve is of historical significance as the site of the former Nigretta Homestead and as an early beauty spot and tourist destination established in the Western District. It is of social significance as a recreation reserve. It is of aesthetic significance for its long association with picturesque sensibility, the dominant aesthetic in colonial Victoria, which continued well into the twentieth century. It is the subject of much significant art. The Nigretta Falls Reserve is of significance as a comparative pair with the nearby Wannon Falls Reserve.

2.0**Landscape character objective to be achieved**27/01/2011
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To protect the appearance and presentation of the Nigretta Falls Reserve.

3.0**Permit requirement**27/01/2011
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A permit is required to remove, destroy or lop any native vegetation.

4.0**Decision guidelines**27/01/2011
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The responsible authority will take into account the impact of the proposal on the qualities of the landscape in considering any application for buildings and works or vegetation removal.

The impact of the siting, height and design of any proposed development and the view of that development from within the Nigretta Falls reserve will be considered.

The use of new or existing vegetation to screen the development will be considered.

Reference Document: Southern Grampians Heritage Study 2004 – Datasheet No. 128