

Item name: Silo - Gidginbung Silos

Location:

Temora

Address:

Planning: Southern & Western

Suburb/nearest town: Gidginbung 2666

Local govt area: Temora

Parish:

State: NSW

County:

Other/former names:

Area/group/complex:

Group ID:

Aboriginal area: Wiradjuri

Curtilage/boundary:

Item type: Built

Group: Farming and Grazing

Category: Silo

Owner:

Admin codes:

Code 2:

Code 3:

Current use:

Former uses:

Assessed significance:

Endorsed significance:

**Statement of
significance:**

**Historical notes
of provenance:**

The grain silos on the eastern side of Gidginbung Siding, were built in 1930. The concrete silo is probably one of the smallest models of grain silos, having a storage capacity of 800 tonnes (30,000 bushels). The silos have a 64 ft. bin height with a 6 in. wall thickness. The Gidginbung silos, owned by NSW Grain, unofficially closed in November, 2001, with plans to leave the silos stand, but to secure the area for safety. A local wheat growers meeting was first held on April 9, 1969 at the Gidginbung Recreation Ground with 25 attending the meeting for the purpose of forming a silo management committee. This first committee comprised of Fred Rodway, chairman; Bert Wilesmith, secretary; and Ron Stimson, Ron Hartwig, and Neil Taylor, committee members. The Silo Committee operated up until the last formal meeting was held on 8th November, 1988. From that time on, the silos were leased to various grain merchants, but mainly to A. W. Derrick & Sons, of Temora, receiving canola and other graded grains. For the last few years (2002) the silos have been unused. In 1893 the Railway line came to Temora from Cootamundra. However it was not until 1900 that the Public Works Committee decided it was expedient to build a line from Temora to West Wyalong. The Minister for Public Works, Mr. Edward O'Sullivan, turned the first sod for the line on May 17, 1902. The line was built by day labour for a cost of \$237,190 for the 66.51 km (41 miles) of line. Sproule's Lagoon, Gidginbung and Reefton Sidings were opened on December 2, 1903. Other stations along the line included Barmedman, Yiddah , South Wyalong and Wyalong. Gidginbung Siding was known to the locals as a pick-up point for bread three times each week, and parcels, and also for the transfer of surplus goods for sale such as cream and eggs.

Themes: **National theme**
3. Economy

State theme
Industry

Local theme

Designer:

Builder:

Year started: 1930

Year completed:

Circa: No

Physical description: The site contains a concrete structure of four bins capped with a corrugated iron roof together with a machinery structure which provides an augering facility to the large steel framed, corrugated iron storage shed on its western side. The site is in the railway station yard site, the station platform having been removed. However access and weighbridge are still provided (2005).

**Physical condition
level:**

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Physical condition:Archaeological
potential level:Archaeological
potential Detail:**Modification dates:**Recommended
management:**Management:** Management category

Management name

Further comments:**Criteria a):**
[Historical
significance]**Criteria b):**
[Historical
association
significance]**Criteria c):**
[Aesthetic/
Technical
significance]**Criteria d):**
[Social/Cultural
significance]**Criteria e):**
[Research
significance]**Criteria f):**
[Rarity]**Criteria g):**
[Representative]**Intactness/Integrity:**

References:	Author	Title	Year
	Gidginbung Public School Reunion Co	Gidginbung Memories.	2002

Studies:	Author	Title	Number	Year
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Parcels:	Parcel code	Lot number	Section number	Plan code	Plan number
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Latitude:

Longitude:

Location validity:

Spatial accuracy:

Map name:

Map scale:

AMG zone:

Easting: 543542

Northing: 6201614

Listing: Name

Title
Heritage study

Number **ListingDate**

Data entry: Data first entered: 29/06/2004

Data updated: 13/12/2006

Status: Basic