

BEN NEVIS

Place No. 1

ADDRESS 21-25 Ben Nevis Grove
Bulleen

Last Update

DESCRIPTION 'Ben Nevis' is a large, detached, double-storey house with rendered walls and a slate roof. The verandah (front elevation) is enclosed within projecting walls and has cast iron lacework decoration on both levels. An old photograph of the building [1] shows that formerly the verandah extended at least around the left hand side of the building, if not around the entire house. The underlying brickwork is polychromatic. There are two symmetrically placed bay windows on the ground floor of the front elevation. There is a porch on the left hand side of the building which is a later addition.

There have been some external renovations including some new windows, a new cast-iron fence, which retains the old gate and pillars and the rendering itself.

SOURCES

[1] Hazel Poulter, 'Templestowe a Folk History', 1985, p.27.

Condition Excellent

Integrity Intact

Threats

Key elements Building

Designer

HISTORY 'Ben Nevis', a large, detached, double-storey house with rendered walls and a slate roof, was built c.1890 for George Smith 1890 [1]. George Smith was the first of his family to emigrate from Scotland in 1853/4. He was joined by his parents and five brothers in 1857 and the family became major dairy farmers in the region. Originally the farmland extending around the house covered approximately 200 acres (now it is about one acre).

In 1939 the property was sold by the Smith family to the Whites, in whose ownership it was to remain for the next forty years and who carried out most of the present alterations.

SOURCES

[1] Doncaster Templestowe Historical Society Newsletter February 1980.

Creation Date c.1890

Change Dates

Associations

Local Themes

George Smith

5.01 - Squatters, selectors & small farmer

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE Of local historical significance for its associations with George Smith and his early farming enterprise in the district.

LEVEL

RECOMMENDATIONS

Heritage Register Listings

Register	Reference	Zoning	Status
None Specified			

Extent

Heritage Schedule

External Paint Controls:	On VHR:	VHR Ref No:
Internal Alteration Controls:	Prohibited Uses:	

Tree Controls:

Aboriginal Heritage Place:

Outbuildings or Fences:

Incorporated Plan:

Incorporated Plan Details

Description:

Conservation Management

Extra Research

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