

PONTVILLE

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Place No. 117

ADDRESS 629 - 657 Blackburn Road
Templestowe

Last Update

DESCRIPTION

Condition Not known **Integrity** Further assessment require
Threats Demol. Aband'mnt Det'ation Poor **Key elements**
Designer

HISTORY

'Pontville' was built by Major Charles Newma, the first permanent settler in Templestowe in around the mid to late 1940s. It is on part of the land that Major Newman originally occupied as a squatter in 1838. He officially selected and purchased his land here in 1843 [71]. Major Newman was the first European to settle on this land as early as 1838. His major farming concerns were grazing cattle and sheep and breeding horses.

It is believed that the original building was a simple three-roomed house with a hipped shingled roof and a verandah extending around it. It was of brick construction, rendered and rendered as ashlar [72]. Subsequently the main body of the house was extended to form a small wing on either side of the building both at the front and at the rear, thus incorporating an extra four rooms (this may have been in around 1870, at which time a detached kitchen and store room were built). In around 1950 the house was altered and enlarged. The small wings were removed and the bricks from these used to build a low wall right around the house. The space above this was enclosed with cement sheets over timber stud walls. Also one of the two chimneys and its fireplace was removed.

The building has subsequently been vandalised and had some cosmetic changes made to it in the form of some additions (weatherboarding and old-fashioned windows) made by a film company. Since access has not yet been obtained to the site its current condition cannot be commented upon.

Creation Date c1840s

Change Dates

Associations

Local Themes

Major Charles Newman

5.01 - Squatters, selectors & small farmer

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE Of regional significance as a structure incorporating probably the earliest surviving pioneering homestead in the study area; it requires further investigation to confirm its significance.

LEVEL

RECOMMENDATIONS

Heritage Register Listings

Register	Reference	Zoning	Status
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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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[72] Doncaster Templestowe Historical Society Newsletter June 1983.