

TIMBER PACKING SHED

Place No. 334

ADDRESS 20 Monckton Road
Templestowe

Last Update

DESCRIPTION A gable-roofed timber packing shed building facing Watties Lane, the roof extending as a skillion on either side. There are three compartments, each with a large opening facing south: the western skillion has no floor; the central compartment, beneath the gable, is paved with brick (Glen Iris machine made) and has two small windows (one recent) and is lined with weatherboards internally on the east side; the east compartment (a loose box - known as the "double stable") has no floor with the backboard of a manger on its west wall and a feed hatch through to a chaff house at its northern end with a timber floor and ceiling joists. An early door and latch opens to the central space. The gable roof structure is old: it has a king post, struts and a tie, housed together. The western component was added later in the 1950s, using old corrugated iron.

The galvanised corrugated roofing is of great interest and should not be lost. Four different brands are identifiable: "Wolverhampton. Emu BFS" (extremely rare and used on the roof at Pontville), "Phoenix" (crown brand), "Marksman" and another with a Crown symbol.

There is an old split post and wire fence, a skillion shed and the former drive to Monckton nearby (refer sketch plans).

Condition - **Integrity** Not known

Threats **Key elements**

Designer

HISTORY A Nineteenth Century house and the stables at 20 Monckton Road, on a property extending North to Watties Lane were replaced in 1928 [1].

He owned the land south of Watties Lane to Monckton Road. The western skillion to the packing shed was added in the 1950s. It is said that in c1970 the roof blew off. If it did, it was reinstated, as the steel roofing is early C20. It may have been partly reclad with weatherboards.

Bill's son, George (G.T. Hawthorn, now 84) used to live in the timber cottage he built at 22 Monckton Road in 1950, on 7 1/2 acres his father gave him on his marriage.

Property on the north side of Watties Lane was occupied by Harold and Ruby Harrison who came from Brisbane and occupied Monckton as a holiday house. They bought 28 acres of land for orchard, between the Monckton and Pontville properties and erected the simple timber cottage at 7 Watties Lane relocated from Northcote soon after 1913 when they were married. This cottage was burnt down in 1923 and the present one erected four months later. Two of their four sons remained: James and his wife Harriet at 7 Watties Lane and his brother Wattie (Walter?) in a house at the east end of Watties Lane. This only linked the two houses [2] it was extended to Monckton Road, later[3].

A vehicle track ran south from Monckton to Monckton Road, nearly past each of these houses. It was probably still used in 1935, and much of it is still visible, now private property in various ownerships along its length. (Monckton Road was named Homestead Road until the 1940s?)

It is unclear why the timber gateposts in Monckton Road are in that location or where the (later?) entrance at 56 Websters Road led to. [4]

A house at 32 Watties Lane at the south-east corner of Monckton Road was built c1972 by Ted (E.R.) Baldock, builder and designer [5].

Creation Date **Change Dates**

Associations **Local Themes**

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE A timber packing shed, relatively intact. It was erected in 1928 by William Hawthorn who owned property between Watties Lane and Monckton Road where 20 Monckton Road's house stands and

still traversed by the drive to Monckton. It is of historical significance locally with other elements of surviving physical evidence as a representative embodiment of the orcharding way of life in templestowe in the early twentieth century. The former drive to Monckton is also significant for its association with that early homestead built in 1859 by district first settler, Major Charles Newman. It is of architectural significance as a surviving 1920s packing shed, now rare in Templestowe.

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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- BIBLIOGRAPHY** [1] Personal communication to Ms Ellender from George Hamilton, his son) by Bill Hawthorn.
 [2] Refer to Isabel Ellender's Report for detail.
 [3] James was interviewed by Isabel Ellender.
 [4] Refer to Isabel Ellender's report p.10.
 [5] Interviewed by Ms Ellender.