

HOUSE

-	Place No.			93												
ADDRESS	52-54 Serpells Road			Last Update												
	Templestowe															
DESCRIPTION	-															
	Condition	Excellent	Integrity	Intact												
	Threats		Key elements													
	Designer															
HISTORY	<p>The house was built by Fred Schuhkraft in 1886 as a six-roomed house with a central hallway. The Schuhkrafts sold the property in 1908. In 1922 it was bought by Charles Rasmussen after his marriage to Alfrieda Aumann. Rasmussen's father, Neils, had carted bricks for the construction of the house, and had later rented the property as an orchard, leasing out the house [97].</p> <p>It is a symmetrical double-fronted, hip-roofed, Italianate house with polychromatic brickwork and a slate roof. A skillion verandah, with timber fretwork valance and brackets, extends around three sides. The cornice frieze has bracket pairs and panels.</p> <p>The verandah, a kitchen and bathroom were added by Rasmussen in 1923 [98].</p> <p>The circular drive around a central garden bed is appropriate to the period of the house. A large cypress hedge extends along the Serpells Road boundary behind a recent picket fence. There are substantial new additions to the rear.</p> <p>The old Templestowe Common School No. 627, said to be prefabricated building, was relocated to this site and used as a shed, however it is not known if it still remains [99].</p> <p>Architecturally, this building can be compared to (for example) site nos. 174.4; 173.15; 173.36; 174.18; 173.26.</p> <table><tr><td>Creation Date</td><td>1886</td><td>Change Dates</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Associations</td><td></td><td>Local Themes</td><td></td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">Fred Schuhkraft, Charles Rasmussen, Alf</td><td colspan="2">5.03 - Eight hour pioneer settlement</td></tr></table>				Creation Date	1886	Change Dates		Associations		Local Themes		Fred Schuhkraft, Charles Rasmussen, Alf		5.03 - Eight hour pioneer settlement	
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE	Of local significance as a large Italianate farm house, rather more elaborate than other local examples, with interesting associations with orcharding families.															
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:															

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[98] Doncaster Templestowe Historical Society Newsletter, 10(2), Nov. 1976, p.5
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