

HOUSE

		Place No.	25													
ADDRESS	8 Russell Road Warrandyte		Last Update													
DESCRIPTION	-															
	Condition	-	Integrity	Altered - major alterations												
	Threats		Key elements													
	Designer															
HISTORY	<p>Built in the 1860s by James Gray Russell, this timber house has undergone major alterations.</p> <p>Russell arrived in Melbourne in 1854, moving to the Andersons Creek goldfield soon after. With his wife and child he lived on his pegged mining claim. In 1890 Russell applied for and was granted title to this land [63]. He was still described as a miner in the Voters' Roll of 1899.</p> <p>The cottage was originally a timber slab construction; as the dwelling was extended these slabs apparently become internal walls. Extra rooms were added and a new roof of yellow box shingles replaced the bark roof. These shingles are believed to remain underneath the corrugated iron roof.</p> <p>Henry Stiggants, the original proprietor of the Pig Tail Mine, had a slab hut at the rear of this house; Stiggants was apparently Russell's partner.</p> <p>Russell sold the house in 1922; in 1940 it was sold to a member of Russell's family. It is one of few Warrandyte buildings to have survived many bushfires, especially the 1939 fire which decimated the region and State.</p> <p>If anything original remains, it has been subsumed in the current house. Detailed internal examination is required.</p> <table><tr><td>Creation Date</td><td>c1860s</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">James Gray Russell. Also Henry Stiggan</td><td colspan="2">4.02 - Gold mining houses</td></tr></table>				Creation Date	c1860s	Change Dates		Associations		Local Themes		James Gray Russell. Also Henry Stiggan		4.02 - Gold mining houses	
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE	Of local significance for its historical associations with James Russell and his family; potentially of regional significance should substantial elements of the original building remain.															
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															

BIBLIOGRAPHY [63] Doncaster Templestowe Historical Society Newsletter, 9(1), Aug. 1975.