

HOUSE

-		Place No.	266								
ADDRESS	81 Brushy Park Road Wonga Park	Last Update									
DESCRIPTION	Detached, single-storey, double fronted timber Californian Bungalow house, located high on a hill. The roof is unglazed Marseille tile, unusual in this locality. The house features an off-set minor gable, shingles and joists on the upper gable, and casement windows. The roof extends as a verandah in the angle. The house has been extended at one end. The present owner, Mr L. Rossi, advises that he has also modified the original house internally and replaced all the windows. An adjoining outbuilding appears to be a Nissen hut. Condition Good Integrity Altered - major alterations Threats Alterations; deterioration. Key elements Designer										
HISTORY	The early history of the site of this simple single-storey Californian Bungalow style house was associated with the May 1920 subdivision of the Brushy Park Estate, then listed at Croydon. The 56 blocks of 5, 10 and 20 acres in the subdivision were advertised as “farm land, grass land, fruit land, week end house blocks, timber land and bushland”. The Estate was described as “valuable farming and orchard land so close to Melbourne” but “within easy reach of the great metropolitan markets”. Moreover, it was an Estate where “city businessmen can live on their farms here”. [1] Henry Pearson, Croydon gardener, was rated for the site of 81 Brushy Park Road, seventeen acres in Lot 44 of the 1920 subdivision, in the 1922-23 Lilydale Shire rate records. [2] Two other members of the Pearson family of Croydon gardeners, Charles E. and Alfred Pearson, purchased the adjacent ten acre Lot 42. [3] By c1924 a house was recorded on Henry Pearson’s allotment. [4] The valuation of the property increased the following year. [5] Valuation remained at this level in the 1920s, only declining in the 1930s depression years, Henry Pearson remaining as owner and occupier. [6] Creation Date c1920s Change Dates Associations Local Themes Henry Pearson 5.02 - Orchards & market gardens										
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE	Of local significance as a property associated with Henry Pearson, Croydon gardener, demonstrating the way of life of the farmers, gardeners and orchardists who moved into Wonga Park in the 1920s. (Criterion D2, H1)										
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RECOMMENDATIONS	Heritage Register Listings <table border="1"><thead><tr><th>Register</th><th>Reference</th><th>Zoning</th><th>Status</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>None Specified</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></tbody></table> 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			Register	Reference	Zoning	Status	None Specified			
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Extra Research

- BIBLIOGRAPHY**
- [1] Border Country, p.45. Text and plan from the Coghill and Houghton sale brochure.
 - [2] Shire of Lillydale RB 1922-23. SW Riding No. 46 93 NAV 15 pounds.
 - [3] Shire of Lillydale RB No. 4691. NAV 6 pounds.
 - [4] Shire of Lillydale RB 1924-25. No. 4458 NAV 15 pounds.
 - [5] Shire of Lillydale RB 1925-26. No. 4769 NAV 20 pounds.
 - [6] Shire of Lillydale RB 1933-34. No. 6257 NAV 16 pounds.