

# TIFFANY HEIGHTS

Place No. 226

**ADDRESS** 9 - 11 Edgar Avenue  
Wonga Park

**Last Update**

**DESCRIPTION** Tiffany Heights is a Victorian timber cottage. The front is symmetrical and double-fronted, with sash windows and a central door, each with side-lights. There are two hip-roofed sections and a rear skillion. It has paired eave brackets and a later Edwardian verandah.

The cottage is set within mature plantings.

**Condition** Good **Integrity** Minor modifications

**Threats** Deterioration **Key elements**

**Designer** N/A

**HISTORY** The Cronan family of gardeners and later, orchardists, were associated with the early history of this property. In 1882 William Cronan, a Doncaster gardener and farmer, took out a Goldfields and Cultivation licence for about 20 acres in Crown Allotment 14F, the site of Tiffany Heights. By 1891, Cronan reported that he had erected a two-roomed slab hut and that there was a quarter of an acre of garden on the property, which was occupied by his son. [1] William Cronan leased the two adjacent properties Crown Allotments 14E and 14G. By the late 1890s his son, Edward Cronan, gardener, held the freehold of a house (most probably the present structure) and three allotments totalling 56 acres.[2] By 1910, when Cronan moved to Tarwin Lower the property now known as Tiffany Heights, comprising 35 acres in 14F and 14G, was listed as an orchard property.[3]

There may have been additions or improvements made to the 1890s house during the First World War period when it was the home of Michael Power, orchardist. At this time the valuation increased from 20 pounds to 25 pounds.[4] Power was killed when his horses bolted and threw him off his lorry. District farmers formed a working bee to bring in the harvest for his widow.[5] Valuation also increased during the subsequent ownership of Wilhemina Young in 1920 and Edward O. Symonds, orchardist, in 1921. During the Symonds ownership the house was known as Etrick and had a Yarra Road address prior to the creation of Edgar Avenue.[6]

**Creation Date** 1890s

**Change Dates**

**Associations**

**Local Themes**

William Cronan

5.02 - Orchards & market gardens

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE** Of local significance as the 1890s home of William Cronan, gardener and farmer, with additions made during the First World War years for Michael Power, orchardist, Tiffany Heights is a rare relatively intact example of the small cottages built in Wonga Park in this period, and provides evidence of farming life. (Criterion B2, D2, H1)

## 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:  
Description:

Incorporated Plan:

Incorporated Plan Details

## Conservation Management

### Extra Research

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- BIBLIOGRAPHY** [1] Land File 1323/49.  
[2] Shire of Lillydale RB 1898-99 South West Riding No.995.  
[3] Shire of Lillydale RB 1910-11 No.1411.  
[4] Shire of Lillydale RB 1913-14 No.2196.  
[5] Border Country, p.47.  
[6] Shire of Lillydale RB 1920-21 No.4867; 1921-22 No.5050.