

AVONLEIGH

Fulford House

Place No. 280

ADDRESS 16 Fulford Road
Wonga Park

Last Update

DESCRIPTION Timber house, located on large rural property. The house is symmetrical and double-fronted, with a hipped roof, high verandah on brick piers across the main facade, and paired double-hung windows. The entry driveway is lined with mature pines, and there is a lily-filled dam near the roadside. There are large trees at the side and rear of the house.

Condition Good **Integrity** Altered

Threats None apparent **Key elements**

Designer

HISTORY In the 1890s the Topping family was associated with the early history of the site of this property in Crown Allotment 9N, an Eight Hour Pioneer Settlement (EHPS) property. F. A. Topping, a Fitzroy carpenter, applied for the 39 acres in this allotment in July 1893. In February 1894 his brother, James, a Fitzroy clerk, unemployed and an eight hours pioneer settler, was allowed to occupy 20 acres of 9N. However, after James had found employment by October 1894, the entire allotment was transferred back to F. A. Topping, listed by then as a gardener. Topping's son held the lease by 1896 but carried out few improvements. There was some fencing and ploughing but no buildings had been erected by 1900. In 1901 Topping transferred the lease to Walter Fulford, who received the Crown Grant in 1910. [1] Walter Fulford, a gardener, already leased 22 acres in the adjacent allotment 9R, another EHPS property. Fulford built a house on 9R now incorporated into a later house built for the Mullers at 39 Paynters Road.[2]

In the late 1930s David John Hooper was rated for a house and 20 acres in 9N.[3] The c1930s house, Avonleigh, remains. Avonleigh was later owned by Perry and then sold to Stan Moser, a former Shire President, Councillor and estate agent.[6]

Creation Date 1922-23

Change Dates

Associations

Local Themes

David John Hooper

5.03 - Eight hour pioneer settlement

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE Of local significance as a farmhouse owned in the 1930s by David John Hooper district farmer, demonstrating characteristics of the lives of farming families in Wonga Park from the 1930s. (Criterion A4, 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:	Incorporated Plan:	Incorporated Plan Details
Description:		

Conservation Management

Extra Research

- BIBLIOGRAPHY** [1] Land File No.11925/42.44.
[2] See Fulford House, 39 Paynters Road.
[3] Shire of Lillydale RB 1938-39 No. 6316.
[4] John Upton, pers. comm.