

COTTAGE

- **Place No.** 238

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| ADDRESS | 1 Hooper Road Wonga Park | Last Update |
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DESCRIPTION Simple symmetrical timber cottage, with gabled roof, front verandah (now enclosed) and rear skillion set close to Hooper Road. The corrugated iron roof retains ogee spouting and 12-paned, double-hung sash windows remain. The windows in the verandah (see photograph) are later and relate to the enclosure of the verandah. There is a rectangular vent in the gable end.

The form of the building suggests it may be a rare former Type 30 school; if so it would be 22 ft. 8 in. by 13 ft 8 in. (6.9 x 4.2 metres).[9]

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| Condition | Good | Integrity | Minor modifications |
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| Threats | None apparent | Key elements | |
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Designer

HISTORY This house is said to have been moved to this site by R. J. Hogarth after an earlier house was demolished c1930. It was subsequently sold to George Harding, the present owner. [1]

The early history of this site is associated with the 1897 subdivision of the Wonga Park Estate by the National Mutual Association. Lot 54 (originally comprising 36 acres) is shown on a plan prepared by Tuxen Bros., surveyors. It is bounded on the west and north-west by Hooper Road and Jumping Creek Road, and on the east by Fulton's Creek. Undated pencilled-in additions to this plan show a building on Lot 54 on the south-east corner of Hooper and Jumping Creek Roads with a track from the latter road northward across the block, across Fulton's Gully, and across the northern portion of Lot 52 on the opposite side (with the name Barton written across it) to the end of Launderers Road.[2]

A search of district rate records showed that in 1909 Lots 52 and 54 were owned by the Rev. John Hall, a Croydon Minister. The Rev. Hall owned a house "Beringa" and a shop in the Croydon township. At this time the Wonga Park allotments were occupied by Charles Hall and John McGlade, farmers, of Combienbar via Club Terrace (East Gippsland).[3] No house was rated on either Lot 52 or 54.

During the First World War period, Charles Hall, builder, was occupying the Croydon township shop.[4] Lot 54 was owned and occupied by Robert Boyle, c/o Footscray Gas Works.[5] By 1917-18, the property was owned by Evelyn Radcliffe, c/o Lieut. Radcliffe, Recruiting Officer at Geelong. The valuation did not change.[6]

The Renton family became the owner/occupier of Lot 54 in 1918-19.[7] A house was rated first in 1920-21. Notes by Myrtle E. Slade, whose family owned Lot 53 (the block north of Lot 54) and in 1927 purchased Lot 52 from Barton, tells how "when the gully was running too wide," the Rentons "kindly granted access along their headland".[8] This route appears to correspond with the track shown on the Tuxen Bros. sketch.

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| Creation Date | 1920s | Change Dates | |
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| Associations | | Local Themes | |
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Hogarth

5.01 - Squatters, selectors & small farmer

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE Of local significance as a simple timber cottage demonstrating an aspect of the way of life of Wonga Park people from the 1930s. (Criterion D2)

LEVEL

RECOMMENDATIONS

| Heritage Register Listings | Reference | Zoning | Status |
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None Specified

Extent**Heritage Schedule**

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| 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] John Upton, pers. comm.
[2] Wonga Park near Ringwood, Tuxen Bros., 1897.
[3] Shire of Lillydale RB 1909-10. Nos. 1601, 1602.
[4] Shire of Lillydale RB 1914-15. No. 2362.
[5] Shire of Lillydale RB 1914-15. No. 1866. NAV 8 pounds.
[6] Shire of Lillydale RB 1917-18. No. 2105.
[7] Shire of Lillydale RB 1918-19. No. 3589.
[8] Slade MSS.
[9] Richard Peterson.