

MARSHALL'S POST OFFICE (FORMER)

-	Place No. 254	
ADDRESS	76-78 Jumping Creek Road Wonga Park	Last Update
DESCRIPTION	<p>The former Marshall's Store remains, in part, today as a private residence. The house is a gable-roofed timber building, with the ridge-line parallel to Jumping Creek Road. The store facade to Jumping Creek Road, shown in 'Discover Wonga Park' (Place No. 14), has been removed or altered. It appears to have been a skillion section with a parapet wall. Other additions appear to include a verandah and front fence. The garage, set on stone foundations, appears to be a relic from an earlier time.</p> <p>Condition Excellent Integrity Minor Modifications</p> <p>Threats None apparent Key elements</p> <p>Designer</p>	
HISTORY	<p>This house, now a private residence, operated as a Post Office from the early 1920s, when it was owned by Charles F. Marshall, Post Master, until its closure in 1964-65 when the telephone exchange became automated.[1] An examination of Lillydale Shire rate records confirmed that the house was most probably constructed for Marshall in 1923-24. It either replaced or incorporated an earlier timber house on the site from the First World War period. The earlier house on 28 acres in Crown Allotment 9E was owned from 1914-15 by the orchardist James Duncan Cooper. This property was transferred to Marshall, listed as Post Master, in 1920-21.[2] The doubling of its valuation in 1923-24 suggests either the construction of a new house or substantial additions to an earlier building.</p> <p>The early history of the site was associated with the establishment of the Eight Hour Pioneer Settlement at Wonga Park. It was leased in 1893 by John Watson, the elder, a North Fitzroy bricklayer. By 1899 Watson had built a small 12 x 12 one-roomed weatherboard house on his land. In 1900, however, owing to ill-health he applied for a non-residence licence. By 1901, Dr. Alexander Morrison, a Perth doctor, became the lessee of 9E and took out the Crown Grant.[3] During the First World War period, J. D. Cooper, orchardist, owned the property.[4]</p> <p>Charles Marshall operated a Post Office at a different location prior to his move to Jumping Creek Road. In 1919-20, listed as an orchardist, Marshall became the owner of a house on 13 acres in Crown Allotment 9S.[5] This Eight Hour Pioneer Settlement allotment was on the south side of Paynter Road and was bounded on the west by Dudley Road.[6] The year after Marshall became the owner of the house on 9S, it increased in value and he was listed as Post Master. When Marshall moved to Jumping Creek Road, the ownership of the house on 9S was transferred to Florence Marshall.[7] This house no longer exists.</p> <p>Marshall's Post Office became an important Wonga Park community meeting-place. As well as providing mail services, Marshall operated a store and ran the horse coach service, previously run by Mr Jones, whose wife ran an earlier Post Office from their home near the corner of Paynters and Dudley Roads where, in about 1913-14, the first phone was put through from there to Croydon. Mail was collected and posted from the Jones home.[8]</p> <p>Creation Date - Change Dates</p> <p>Associations Local Themes</p> <p>Charles Marshall 6.04 - Local commerce & industry</p>	
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE	<p>Of local significance as an important community meeting-place providing a district mail service (operated at first in the early 1920s by Charles Marshall, Post Master) for over 40 years. (Criterion D2, G1)</p>	
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**

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- BIBLIOGRAPHY**
- [1] Discover Wonga Park. Place No. 14.
 - [2] Shire of Lillydale RB 1923-24. South West Riding No. 4601. NAV 45 pounds; 1914-15 No. 2063; 1920-21 No. 3410.
 - [3] Land File 11966/49.50.
 - [4] Shire of Lillydale RB 1914-15 South West Riding No. 2063.
 - [5] Shire of Lillydale RB 1919-20 No. 3417.
 - [6] Parish of Warrandyte Parish Plan.
 - [7] Shire of Lillydale RB. 1920-21 No. 3769; 1921-22. No. 3868.
 - [8] Discover Wonga Park. Place No. 14.