

# WONGA PARK STORE (FORMER TRAIN CARRIAGE)

Taylor property

Place No. 275

ADDRESS	38 Paynters Road		Last Update	
	Wonga Park			
DESCRIPTION	Part of the railway carriage that used to be the Wonga Park shop from 1946 - mid 1950s has been relocated to a private property in Paynters Road. The railway carriage is sited at the rear of a private house. A roof following the curve of the carriage roof has been added, otherwise the carriage section appears intact.			
	Condition	Fair	Integrity	Minor modifications
	Threats	Deterioration	Key elements	
	Designer			

HISTORY	Arthur Davis, who came to Wonga Park in 1947 after leaving the Air Force, bought this cedar railway carriage and about 1948 converted it into a store. He cut it in half and located it on his property on the north-east corner of Dudley and Jumping Creek Road, the site of the present store. He used the railway carriage because of the shortage of building materials in the Post-Second World War period. This was an era when many turned to the use of recycled building materials. He then built a first store, which he later pulled down.		
	In about 1954-55, Davis built a new shop behind the railway carriage. This was just prior to the 1955-56 Pan-Pacific Scout Jamboree, which resulted in improved district roads and brought increased business to district commercial and tourist centres. Taking advantage of this upsurge, Davis had a tent on the Jamboree site in Clifford Park where he sold lemonade and other goods to scouts and their visitors.[1]		
	The 1950s store was known for a time as the Wonga-Rhon Store. It became the Post Office as well in 1965 until 1983 when mail delivery commenced to houses within a one mile radius of the Post Office.[2]		
	After the completion of the store, about 1955, half of the railway carriage was moved to another property in Paynters Road. It was moved with logs and towed with an old Ford.[3] It has since been moved to Lesley Taylor's property directly across the road.[4]		
	Creation Date	1940s	Change Dates
	Associations		Local Themes
	Arthur Davis		6.04 - Local commerce & industry

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE	Of local significance as an example of the use of recycled building materials in response to shortages in the post-Second World War period, and as a community meeting-place, providing important services to Wonga Park, particularly during the commercial boom resulting from the Pan-Pacific Scout Jamboree at Clifford Park in 1955-56. (Criterion A4, B2, G1)
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## LEVEL

### RECOMMENDATIONS

#### Heritage Register Listings

Register	Reference	Zoning	Status
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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[2] Discover Wonga Park. Place No. 14.  
[3] Arthur Davis, Dawn Tapper. pers. comm.  
[4] Lesley Taylor, pers. comm.