

# READ ORCHARD COOL STORE (FORMER)

House

Place No. 257

**ADDRESS** 16 Toppings Road  
Wonga Park

**Last Update** 8/04/2005

**DESCRIPTION** The former cool store associated with Read orchard has been converted into a house. Externally, the gable-roofed form of the cool store remains clearly apparent. It appears to have been a timber-framed structure probably with an iron or cement sheet roof. Conversion into a house appears to have involved external changes including: extending the structure in brick, adding verandahs on several sides, reclading and re-roofing.

Inspected March 2005. The structure is so altered as to be unrecognisable. [were the side verandahs filled in? do we have the right building in the photo? Where is the brick extension mentioned?]

**Condition** Excellent

**Integrity** Altered

**Threats** None apparent

**Key elements**

**Designer**

**HISTORY** Built as part of the Read's orchard which extended from Yarra Road along the south side of Toppings Road (see separate entry). Believed to date from the 1950s.[1]

**Creation Date** 1950s

**Change Dates**

**Associations**

**Local Themes**

Herbert Read

5.02 - Orchards & market gardens

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE** Of interest as one of two remaining cool store structures, this example having been altered to convert it to a house. (Criterion B2)

**LEVEL** Local interest

## 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

**BIBLIOGRAPHY** [1] F. and E. Barr