

CITY OF DONCASTER & TEMPLESTOWE HERITAGE STUDY.

161 BRACKENBURY STREET, WARRANDYTE. A14.

HISTORY : A house built by Myrtle Houston for herself in about 1940.<sup>1</sup>

VISUAL DESCRIPTION : This simple random rubble sandstone house has a single gable-roof across. At right is a chimney with a pot, expressed externally. At front is a timber verandah, over timber windows.

COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS : Comparable to the other house built by Myrtle Houston at 165(?) Brackenburg Street, and to the five houses built by Alexa Goyder at 119, 139 and 151 Brackenburg Street, 300 and 306 (part) Yarra Street and 32 Mullens Street (part). Other women builders in the City include Meg Henderson (1960-64) and Inge King (1951-56).

SIGNIFICANCE : 161 Brackenburg Street is a sandstone house built by Myrtle Houston for herself about 1940. It is of local historical and architectural significance as a particularly intact work by the local female builder, Myrtle Houston. It demonstrates her creative contribution to the building tradition of Warrandyte.

INTACTNESS : Particularly intact.

CONDITION & THREATS : Very good condition.

REFERENCES : 1. Yvonne Reid on a site visit with Richard Peterson, 28 September 1991.



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