

Caringa
1 Monckton Road (NW cnr. Websters Road)
Templestowe.

William Blobel, orchardist, was rated first in the 1926-27 Templestowe Riding records for a house on 19 acres of land²⁶⁹ on the present site of Caringa in Monckton Road. The site was once part of the large property of Major Charles Newman, district pioneer.²⁷⁰

Blobel's residence was built during an era, the 1920s, when Templestowe had reached its peak as a major Victorian fruitgrowing district. Earlier, by 1919, when the Templestowe Cool Stores were built, fruitgrowing had become the main local industry.²⁷¹

Blobel's property was the subject of later subdivision. By 1963, when it was owned by George Thomas Hawthorn, another orchardist, and his wife, Annie Margaret, it was located on four acres. Helmut William Naumann, builder, became the owner in 1968.²⁷²

Of local historical significance as the home of William Blobel, orchardist, in the 1920s when the district fruitgrowing industry was at its peak.

House
17-21 Parker Street, Templestowe.

A local barber, James S. Reid, was the first owner in 1887 of a house and garden on a two acre allotment within the Templestowe government township.²⁷³ This property in Lots 7-10, Section 22, was later identified as the site of 17-21 Parker Street. By the late 1890s, Reid owned a shop as well as his house and garden in the Templestowe township, but on a different site²⁷⁴

At the turn of the century, Reid's house and garden was owned by James Henry Jones, gentleman,²⁷⁵ and was occupied between 1910 and 1915 by Robert Arthur Smith, butcher.²⁷⁶

²⁶⁹ Shire of Doncaster and Templestowe RB 1926-27 Templestowe Riding No.47 (NAV 60 pounds).

²⁷⁰ *Parish of Bulleen*, Parish Plan, 1906.

²⁷¹ Irvine Green, *The Orchards of Doncaster and Templestowe*, p.55; *Templestowe*, p.14.

²⁷² Title vol.8426 fol.481.

²⁷³ Shire of Bulleen RB 1887 Templestowe Riding No.94 (NAV 40 pounds).

²⁷⁴ Shire of Templestowe RB 1898-99 Templestowe Riding Nos.130-131.

²⁷⁵ Shire of Templestowe RB 1902 Templestowe Riding No.86.

²⁷⁶ Shire of Templestowe RB 1910-11 Templestowe Riding No.197; 1914-15 No.213.