

Heritage Overlay No.: 113
Citation No.: 373
Place: ‘Payne’s Cottage’

Other Names of Place: ‘Paine Cottage’, ‘Former Payne/Paine House’
Location: 638-688 Greigs Road East, Rockbank
Critical Dates: c.1860
Existing Heritage Listings: None
Recommended Level of Significance: LOCAL



Statement of Significance:

Payne House at 638-688 Greigs Road East, Rockbank, has historical significance as a prominent and scarce legacy, relatively intact, of the community of small farmers who settled the Mt Cotterell-Rockbank district in the 1860s and 70s. It was also associated with a prominent personality of that place and era. Although almost ruinous, part of building has been partly restored and reoccupied, and the historical significance of the place is embodied in the surviving Victorian vernacular styled fabric, and its bluestone construction which is typical of small farm cottage construction in the western volcanic plains in that era.

Payne house at 638-688 Greigs Road East is historically significant at the LOCAL level (AHC D2, B2). The bluestone cottage is one of only a few of its type remaining in the Mt Cotterell-Rockbank area from this era, and one very few such places in the Shire. It had a long association with Mark Payne, a long serving Braybrook Shire Councillor, local farmer, contractor, carter, and butcher, known widely as the ‘king of Mt Cottrell’, and after whom

'Paynes Road' is named. The building is also testimony to the historical importance of fire in the municipality, having been partly destroyed in the devastating 1965 fires.

Payne House at 638-688 Greigs East Road has architectural interest. The building has surviving Victorian vernacular fabric that includes the long, simple gable roof form clad in galvanised corrugated steel, bluestone wall construction, distinctive hand made brick lintels, window and door openings and the lack of eaves. Accurate restoration and reconstruction of the building may elevate the building to local architectural significance status.

Overall, Payne House at 638-688 Greigs Road is of LOCAL significance.