Heritage Overlay No.: 120

Citation No.: 460

Place: House, 1957-1963 Western Highway

Other Names of Place:

Location: 1957-1963 Western Highway, Rockbank.

Critical Dates: Construction: c.1895

Existing Heritage Listings: None **Recommended Level of Significance:** Local



Statement of Significance:

The house at 1957-1963 Western Highway, Rockbank, is significant as a moderately intact example of an unassuming Edwardian style. Built c.1895 probably for George Missen, the house has experienced some alterations and additions, but the original design qualities are clearly discernible.

The house at 1957-1963 Western Highway, Rockbank, is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level (AHC D.2). Although altered and extended, it still demonstrates original design qualities of an unassuming Edwardian style. These qualities include the shallow pitched hipped roof form, together with the minor gable and skillion verandah form that project towards the road. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the asymmetrical composition, single storey height, horizontal timber weatherboard wall cladding, lapped galvanised corrugated steel roof cladding, modest eaves, decorative gable infill (panelling and timber battening), timber framed doorway with highlight, timber framed double hung window under the verandah, bank of three

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timber framed casement windows with highlights above, and the window hood supported by timber brackets.

The house at 1957-1963 Western Highway, Rockbank, is historically significant at a LOCAL level (AHC A4, B2, H1). It is associated with the Missen family, prominent Rockbank early settlers, in particular George Missen, and his son Thomas George Missen. It is also one of relatively few allotments of land in the Shire released under the Selection Act, and one of few remaining early houses in Rockbank.

Overall, the house at 1957-1963 Western Highway, Rockbank is of LOCAL significance.

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