

Heritage Overlay No.: 015
Citation No.: 006
Place: House, 'Angus Downs', Blackhill Road

Other Names of Place: N/A
Location: 546-570 Blackhill Road, Toolern Vale
Critical Dates: c.1880s: erected on the site.
Existing Heritage Listings: None
Recommended Level of Significance: Local



Statement of Significance:

The house known as *Angus Downs*, 546-570 Blackhill Road, Toolern Vale, is significant as a moderately intact example of a Victorian vernacular style and as an historical legacy of the original family subdivision of Andrew Beaty's *Glencoe* homestead in the late nineteenth century.

The property is of LOCAL level historical significance (AHC A4, H1) for its association with the Beaty family, an early and prominent Melton pastoral family; it remains in the ownership of a descendent of this family. It is also of significance for its association with the 1970s alternative lifestyle movement, which saw numerous groups of mainly young people experiment with back-to-the-land and community lifestyles.

The house known as *Angus Downs* is of architectural interest. Although possibly relocated and undergoing restoration works, the house still demonstrates some original design qualities of a Victorian vernacular style. These qualities include the simple gable roof form, together with the skillion verandah that projects at the front. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the symmetrical composition, single storey height, modest scale, horizontal timber weatherboard wall cladding, galvanised corrugated steel roof cladding, narrow eaves, central timber framed doorway with four panelled timber door, and the flanking early timber framed 12 paned double hung windows, and the timber verandah posts.

Overall, the house known as *Angus Downs*, 546-570 Blackhill Road, is of LOCAL significance.