

Heritage Overlay No.: 016
Citation No.: 007
Place: House, 2-200 Porteous Road

Other Names of Place: Formerly 'Braemar' (*Melton Park* Manager's residence).
Location: 2-200 Porteous Road, Toolern Vale
Critical Dates: Construction, c.1900-1910.
Existing Heritage Listings: None.
Recommended Level of Significance: LOCAL



Statement of Significance:

The house at 2-200 Porteous Road, Toolern Vale, formerly 'Braemar', is significant as a predominantly intact example of an Edwardian style built c.1900-1910, and for its association with the *Melton Park* estate.

The house at 2-200 Porteous Road, Toolern Vale is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level (AHC D.2, E.1). It demonstrates original design qualities of an Edwardian style. These qualities include the steeply pitched hipped roof form, together with the minor gable and broken back verandah that project towards the front. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the single storey height, asymmetrical composition, horizontal timber weatherboard wall cladding, deep red painted and lapped galvanised corrugated steel roof cladding, broad eaves, face brick chimney with a multi-corbelled top, square timber verandah posts with incised bandings, timber

verandah brackets and fretwork valance, timber framed double hung windows and timber window architraves, timber framed front doorway with sidelight and highlight and the decorative gable infill (stucco panelling and wide vertical timber battening).

The house at 2-200 Porteous Road, Toolern Vale is historically significant at a LOCAL level (AHC A4, B2, H1). The house was built by Harvey Patterson for the manager of his *Melton Park* estate before 1916. The building is significant for its associations with the *Melton Park* homestead and its thoroughbred horse industry, with the movement to 'break-up' the large pastoral estates at the turn of the century, and with the Closer and Soldier Settlement Acts of the early twentieth century. It is also of significance for its association Harvey Patterson, pastoralist and chairman of directors of BHP during his ownership of *Melton Park*. Through introducing mining bores into the district, Patterson was also indirectly responsible for the discovery of bore water, developed by the Melton community into a vital resource in the very dry district. *Melton Park* was the first major racehorse stud and training estate established in the district, an activity which afterwards became prominent, to the extent that in the late nineteenth century the Melton Shire has adopted 'thoroughbred country' as the motif of the municipality.

Overall, the house at 2-200 Porteous Road, Toolern Vale is of LOCAL significance.