

## Statement of Significance: 1267-1289 Beattys Road, Grangefields, 'Former Fulham Park', November 2018

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| <b>Heritage Place:</b> | Former Fulham Park<br>1267-1289 Beattys Road, Grangefields | <b>PS ref no:</b> | HO135 |
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### What is significant?

The remnants of the Victorian stone cottage at the former Fulham Park and the nearby riveted vessels. The modest, circa 1860s cottage has a symmetrical format and retains an early chimney to each side.

### How is it significant?

The remnants of the cottage and the nearby vessels are of local historical and representative significance to the City of Melton.

### Why is it significant?

Historically, the remains of the cottage are significant as a relic of early settlement in the Melton area and was likely constructed during the selection era of the 1860s when a number of small farmers settled in the Rockbank district. The site is also significant for its association with the operations of the Cockbill family who established a successful pig and poultry stud at Rockbank during the early 20th century and also operated a knacker. The riveted vessels located to the south-east of the cottage are likely some of the only fabric that remains from the industrial activities of the Cockbill Brothers who operated in the area for almost 50 years.

Having been partly damaged by the devastating 1965 Toolern Vale fire, the ruin is also a testament to the destructive fires which destroyed many buildings in the municipality. (Criterion A)

The circa late-1860s cottage is a representative example of a Selection era dwelling, of which few survive in the Melton area. Although now ruinous, the remains of the basalt building are typical of small farm cottages constructed in the western volcanic plains in that era. Typical characteristics include the modest size, symmetrical composition with central doorway and the use of undressed basalt. (Criterion D)

### Primary source

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