
HO15 - House 'Angus Downs'



Angus Downs

Location

546-570 Blackhill Road TOOLERN VALE, MELTON SHIRE

Municipality

MELTON CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO15

Heritage Listing

Melton City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on -

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.

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Melton - Shire of Melton Heritage Study phase 2, David Maloney, David Rowe, Pamela Jellie, Sera Jane Peters, 2007; |
| Construction dates | 1880, |
| Other Names | 562-570 Blackhill Road, Toolern Vale, |
| Hermes Number | 29801 |
| Property Number | |

Physical Description 1

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The house known as *Angus Downs*, 546-570 Blackhill Road, Toolern Vale, which is undergoing restoration works, is set on a large site with a sizeable open grassed front setback and open side setbacks. There are some trees and plantings to the side and a galvanised corrugated steel shed at the rear.

The symmetrical, single storey, horizontal timber weatherboard, Victorian vernacular styled house is characterised by a simple gable roof form, together with a skillion verandah that projects at the front. A skillion addition is situated at the rear. These roof forms are clad in green painted galvanised corrugated steel. Narrow overhangs are features of the eaves. The lack of a brick chimney suggests that the house may have been relocated to the site.

The symmetry of the design is accentuated by the early central timber framed doorway with four panelled timber door, and the flanking early timber framed 12 paned double hung windows.

A feature of the design is the front verandah. It is supported by introduced timber posts and has an introduced decorative timber valance. The sides also have weatherboard wall cladding. The concrete verandah floor has also been introduced.

Integrity

Integrity - Moderately intact - altered

Physical Conditions

Physical Condition - Fair-poor

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