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# HO112 - House & Outbuilding, 65-543 Greigs Road, Truganina



House



House



Rear elevation of house



Outbuilding



Trees along driveway

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## Location

65-543 Greigs Rd TRUGANINA, Melton Shire

## Municipality

MELTON CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO112

## Heritage Listing

Melton City

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## Statement of Significance

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The property at 65-543 Greigs Rd, Truganina, is significant as a rare, predominantly intact example of a small farm complex of Federation styled buildings in the Melton Shire. These buildings consist of a main house and an outbuilding, all being similarly designed with gambrel roof forms. Established c.1910, the significance of the place is enhanced by the long drive flanked by mature eucalypts and peppercorn trees and the rural setting. The property is also significant as one of the more substantial grazing-farming complexes built as a result of the break up of the Clarke *Rockbank* estate in 1906.

The main house at 65-543 Greigs Rd, Truganina is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level (AHC D.2, E.1). It demonstrates original design qualities of a Federation homestead style. These qualities include the gambrel roof form, together with the broken back encircling verandah and two minor gables within the main roof that project at the front and comprise rectangular bay windows below the verandah. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the single storey height, symmetrical composition, deep red painted galvanised corrugated steel roof cladding, horizontal timber weatherboard wall cladding, three face brick chimneys with rendered bands and multi-corbelled tops, turned timber verandah posts with projecting capitals, decorative brackets and timber fretwork valances, timber framed casement windows, timber framed door openings, stuccoed gable infill and the timber truss decoration in the projecting gables at the front. One similarly-designed timber and galvanised corrugated steel outbuilding, with gambrel roof forms, together with the long drive flanked by mature eucalypts and peppercorn trees, also contribute to the significance of the place.

The property at 65-543 Greigs Rd, Truganina is historically significant at a LOCAL level (AHC A4, B2). It was built as a consequence of the early twentieth century break-up of the pastoral estates, a turning-point in the history of Melton Shire. It is one of the more substantial and intact farm houses and complexes that were built on the Clarke family's massive *Rockbank* pastoral estate at the time. Its original acquisition by WJT ('Big') Clarke in 1865 is indicative of the unsuitability of much of the stoney and dry land for farming, and the particularly difficult seasons of the early 1860s; its incorporation into the Clarke pastoral empire at this time was common throughout the Shire. It was purchased by well-known real estate agent WS Keast when the *Rockbank* estate was broken up and sold by Sir Rupert Turner Havelock Clarke in 1906. It was occupied for most of the late twentieth century by well-known local grazier and former Werribee Mayor Baden Powell.

Overall, the property at 65-543 Greigs Rd, Truganina is of LOCAL significance.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Melton - Shire of Melton Heritage Study phase 2, David Maloney, David Rowe, Pamela Jellie, Sera Jane Peters, 2007;
Construction dates	1910,
Other Names	65-543 Greigs Rd, Truganina,
Hermes Number	30262
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

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The property at 65-543 Greigs Rd, Truganina has a rural setting with a long drive lined with mature eucalypts and peppercorn trees. The property has a mainhouse and three outbuildings characterised by gambrel roof forms.

The symmetrical, single storey, horizontal timber weatherboard, Federation homestead styled main house is characterised by a gambrel roof form, together with a broken back encircling verandah. Two minor gables project within the main roof at the front and comprise projecting rectangular bay windows below the verandah. The roof forms are clad in deep red painted galvanised corrugated steel. Three early face brick chimneys with rendered bands and multi-corbelled tops adorn the roofline.

An early feature of the design is the encircling verandah. It is supported by turned timber posts with projecting capitals, decorative brackets and timber fretwork valances.

Other early features include the timber framed casement windows, timber framed door openings, stuccoed gable infill and the timber truss decoration in the projecting gables at the front.

Nearby the main house is a large galvanised corrugated steel outbuilding comprising a former men's quarters, coach house and stable. It has an elongated gambrel roof form clad in galvanised corrugated steel. Broad overhangs with exposed timber rafters are features of the eaves. Other early features include the timber framed multi-paned double hung windows, timber framed doorways, timber verandah posts and brackets, and the timber ventilators in the gable ends of the gambrel roof. The original stables and mangers are intact. The northern end of the building, which was presumably the men's quarters was rebuilt by a film production company, including the doors, chimney and internal lining, and restored to seem old.

Of similar design are the other two outbuildings with their gambrel roof forms clad in galvanised corrugated steel. One of the outbuildings has horizontal timber weatherboard wall cladding, while the other has galvanised corrugated steel walls (representing the fowl house). The fowl shed was demolished in 2005. There are broad eaves with exposed timber rafters, timber ventilators in the gable ends of the gambrel roofs, and timber framed window and door openings.

## **Historical Australian Themes**

*Melton Historical Themes: 'Farming'*

## **Physical Conditions**

Physical Condition - Fair-Good

## **Integrity**

Integrity - Substantially intact

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