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# VALLEY VIEW ORCHARDS MANAGER'S HOUSE & COOLSTORE,



Valley View Orchards  
Managers House &  
Coolstore



Valley View Orchards  
Managers House &  
Coolstore 2



Valley View Orchards  
Managers House &  
Coolstore 3

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## Location

15 & 30 SHELTON ROAD, and Lot 1 PS437712 and Lot 2 LP 131234 PAKENHAM UPPER, CARDINIA SHIRE

## Municipality

CARDINIA SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO231

## Heritage Listing

Cardinia Shire

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - September 25, 2006

### What is significant?

The Valley View Orchards, comprising the coolstore, engine room and Ruston engine constructed 1928 at 15 Shelton Road, and the manager's house constructed 1915 at 30 Shelton Road, Pakenham Upper.

### **How is it significant?**

The Valley View Orchards is of local historic and technical significance to Cardinia Shire.

### **Why is it significant?**

Valley View Orchards is significant to the locality of Pakenham Upper because of the surviving evidence of the development of orcharding in the district (RNE criterion A.4). This includes the manager's house (reputedly dating from c1915) part of the early Woolf coolstore (once one of the largest privately owned stores in the State) and a notable early refrigeration plant nearby featuring a Ruston engine (RNE F.1). This orchard was one of the biggest in the district and is one of the much smaller number to remain active.

### Local Significance

Heritage Study/Consultant Cardinia - Cardinia Local Heritage Study Review, Context P/L, 2007;

Construction dates 1913, 1928,

Other Names Shelton Bros. Orchards,

Hermes Number 29939

Property Number

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## **Physical Description 1**

This complex includes a coolstore with fragments of the Woolf store and a partly renewed engine room with a working Ruston engine from 1928. The complex has been extended considerably and is located at the corner of Shelton Road. Further along Shelton Road is the timber former manager's house which is a typical house of its era.

The former Woolf coolstore is located on Bourke Creek Road, at the south end of the 15 Shelton Road property. The remnant walls, surviving to the road (east side) and on the north side, are indicated by the ruled stucco finish. It has a new roof and has been extended to the rear. There are four sets of double metal doors to the road which are new. The engine room is a gabled timberframed shed clad in fibro sheets, with sheets replaced in metal siding at the north end. The windows are 2-over-2 sashes. While the ammonia refrigeration plant, powered by the Ruston engine, is no longer in service, it has been kept in excellent condition and is fired up for interested groups several times a year.

The manager's house at 30 Shelton Road is occupied by the current owner of the Shelton Bros.

Orchards. It is a weatherboard house with a gabled roof to the front and a hip to the rear. The roof is clad in corrugated metal.

## **Physical Conditions**

Good

## **Integrity**

Altered sympathetically

## **Physical Description 2**

Key elements - Buildings

## **Historical Australian Themes**

National Theme - 3.9 Farming for commercial profit

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