
HOBSON'S (SOLDIER SETTLER) HOUSE



Hobsons Soldier Settler House

Location

194 Soldiers Road RYTHDALE, Cardinia Shire

Municipality

CARDINIA SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO115

Heritage Listing

Cardinia Shire

Statement of Significance

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Built in the 1920s, Hobson's farm house is significant to the Cardinia Shire as a well-preserved example of a substantial soldier settler house. It provides good evidence of the closer or soldier settlement in the district and the draining of swamp lands for farming as well as some of the building techniques aimed at producing cheaper housing (concrete blocks).

Hobson's house is closely linked with a well-known family in the area (Hobson) and is rare in the Shire as a

concrete block soldier settler house.

**Regional Significance (house, farm),
Typical Significance (trees)**

Heritage Study/Consultant	Cardinia - Cardinia Shire Heritage Study 1996, Graeme Butler & Associates, 1996;
Construction dates	1930,
Other Names	194 Soldiers Road, Rythdale,
Hermes Number	30035
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

This hipped roof concrete block house has early trim colours (green), a verandah set on concrete block piers and is possibly to a War Service Home design pattern. The blocks have a rusticated finish and may have been made on the property with one of the patented block making machines of the era. The front fence is chain wire and possibly later. A Monterey cypress hedge surrounds the house allotment and related outbuildings are nearby. Early concrete block houses were made in New South Wales, one for a Dr Mackellar, MLC in 1907-8. The block making machine was hand-operated and the materials, such as sand and gravel were obtained from the site. However it was after the halt in construction, during the First War, that mass production techniques were sought to achieve cheap and quickly-built housing that this method became more popular.

Physical Conditions

The house is in externally near original and good condition.

Historical Australian Themes

Themes

3.6 Closer settlement and soldier settlement

10.7 Farmhouses/farm complexes & outbuildings, gardens

10.10 Closer/soldier settlers' houses, gardens

Physical Description 2

Associations - Hobson, G H

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