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# HO120 - House, 1957-1963 Western Highway, Rockbank



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## Location

1957-1963 Western Highway TRUGANINA, MELTON CITY

## Municipality

MELTON CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO120

## Heritage Listing

Melton City

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## Statement of Significance

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The house at 1957-1963 Western Highway, Rockbank, is significant as a moderately intact example of an unassuming Edwardian style. Built c.1895 probably for George Missen, the house has experienced some alterations and additions, but the original design qualities are clearly discernible.

The house at 1957-1963 Western Highway, Rockbank, is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level (AHC D.2). Although altered and extended, it still demonstrates original design qualities of an unassuming Edwardian style. These qualities include the shallow pitched hipped roof form, together with the minor gable and skillion verandah form that project towards the road. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the asymmetrical composition, single storey height, horizontal timber weatherboard wall cladding, lapped galvanised corrugated steel roof cladding, modest eaves, decorative gable infill (panelling and timber battening), timber framed doorway with highlight, timber framed double hung window under the verandah, bank of three timber framed casement windows with highlights above, and the window hood supported by timber brackets.

The house at 1957-1963 Western Highway, Rockbank, is historically significant at a LOCAL level (AHC A4, B2, H1). It is associated with the Missen family, prominent Rockbank early settlers, in particular George Missen, and his son Thomas George Missen. It is also one of relatively few allotments of land in the Shire released under the Selection Act, and one of few remaining early houses in Rockbank.

Overall, the house at 1957-1963 Western Highway, Rockbank 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	1895,
Other Names	1957-1963 Western Highway, Rockbank.,
Hermes Number	30275
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

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The house at 1957-1963 Western Highway, Rockbank, is situated on a small domestic allotment and has a modest front setback. The front has a row of mature Cypresses that may have previously formed a hedge. The remainder of the front is rudimentary, with grassed areas, concrete pedestrian path and small perimeter plantings and trees. The front is bound by a timber picket fence, approximately 1300 mm high.

The asymmetrical, single storey, horizontal timber weatherboard, unassuming Edwardian styled house is characterised by a shallow pitched hipped roof form, together with a minor gable and skillion verandah that project towards the road. These roof forms are clad in lapped and green-painted galvanised corrugated steel. Modest overhangs are features of the eaves.

Early features of the design include the decorative gable infill (panelling and timber battening), timber framed doorway with highlight, timber framed double hung window under the verandah, bank of three timber framed casement windows with highlights above, and the window hood supported by timber brackets. The cladding of the hood is in poor condition.

The front verandah appears to have been altered and is supported by introduced timber posts with a green mesh screen at the front. The house also has been extended at the side, with the provision of a narrow gable.

## Historical Australian Themes

*Shire of Melton Historical Themes: 'Pastoral', 'Farming'*

## **Integrity**

Integrity - Moderately intact

## **Physical Conditions**

Physical Condition - Fair

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