



630 Doyles Rod

History and Historical Context

This property passed from a closer settler to a soldier settler within seven years.

Allotment 142 of Section D in the Parish of Shepparton in the County of Moira consisting of 81 acres had initially been granted in August 1912 to Esau Avenel Shelton, in the first tranche of Closer Settlement allotments to be allocated in Shepparton Estate No2. Always referred to as EA Shelton, he became a community leader and later secretary of the forceful Irrigators' Association.

Of interest is that he was named Avenel after the hotel at Avenel where Ned Kelly saved a Shelton son from drowning.

The northern 6 ha (15 acres) was purchased by another closer settler, F J Akers, to add to the latter's property on the east side of Doyle's Lane, now Doyle's Rd. This left Shelton's Allotment 142 as a property of 27ha (65 acres 3 roods and 18 perches).

On 17 November 1919 this allotment passed to James Thomas Coe under the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act 1917. Born in Wangaratta, Coe had been a groom at a property at Narrabri, NSW, and a member of the Senior Cadets for two years. Enlisting on 28 January 1916 at his home town one month before his twenty-first birthday, he served in France for two years with the 38th Battalion and 3rd Machine Gun Battalion, unusually without suffering a wound or illness. He was discharged on 11 August 1919.

Coe received the Crown Grant of Allotment 142 of Section D in the Parish of Shepparton in the County of Moira on 24 May 1945, having just made the final payment of £1336.2.10. The Grant certificate included a clause giving the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission the right to enter for the purposes of works the easement along the irrigation channel which bisected the property from east to west, a usual condition which had no doubt

applied throughout Shelton's tenure also.

James Coe held the property until his death on 6 April 1955. On 25 March 1959 his executors, his widow Ella Ruby Coe and son Stanley James Coe, subdivided the property. The small central section facing Doyle's Road included the house.

The house is most likely to have been built by Coe.

Description

Physical Description

The settler's house shares many of the characteristics of housing from this period and of this type. The large pyramidal hip roof has a broken back verandah that returns to the side. The facade is distinguished by the gable front and gable roof with a decorative hood to the window. The verandah has timber posts and timber verandah floor. The windows are paired sash windows and have minimal decorative features. The walls are clad with square edged timber weatherboards and the roof is clad with corrugated galvanised metal (painted).

Statement of Significance

What is significant?

630 Doyle's Road, Shepparton East is significant.

How is it significant?

630 Doyle's Road, Shepparton East, is of local historical and aesthetic significance to the City of Greater Shepparton.

Why is it significant?

630 Doyle's Road, Shepparton East, is of local historical significance as it demonstrates the impact of the Closer Settlement Policies through the character of the new settlements and the type of development that occurred.

(Criterion A)

630 Doyle's Road, Shepparton East is of aesthetic significance for its representative architecture for the period and type.

(Criterion D)

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