

<b>PLACE</b>	MINER'S COTTAGE (former)						
<b>Address</b>	11 Stewart Street WONTHAGGI						
<b>Study No</b>	WN032	<b>HO No</b>	-	<b>HPD No</b>	-	<b>Allotment No</b>	4 (Section 68)
<b>LGA</b>	Bass Coast	<b>Ward</b>	Hovell	<b>Parish</b>	Wonthaggi	<b>County</b>	Momington



<b>Image Date</b>	17 July 2009	<b>Extent of listing</b>	Whole allotment			
<b>Designer/architect</b>	Unknown	<b>Architectural style</b>	Federation/Edwardian Period (1901-1918) Bungalow			
<b>Builder/maker</b>	Unknown	<b>Commenced</b>	1918	<b>Completed</b>	1918	
<b>Her Act Category</b>	Heritage place		<b>Historic Theme/s</b>	13.2 Building Towns (Larger Centres)		
<b>Her Item Group</b>	Residential buildings (private)		<b>Assessed by</b>	S Reeves	<b>Date</b>	28/08/09
<b>Her Item Category</b>	House		<b>Reviewed by</b>	-	<b>Date</b>	-
<b>Usage (2009)</b>	Residence	<b>Condition</b>	Good	<b>Intactness</b>	Excellent	
<b>Significance</b>	Local	<b>Recommendation</b>	Include in VHR <input type="checkbox"/>	Include in RNE <input type="checkbox"/>	Include in HO <input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Statement of Significance**

**What is Significant?**

The house at 11 Stewart Street is a single-storey double-fronted weatherboard cottage with a steep gambrel and a symmetrical frontage with integrated full-width hipped verandah. It was erected in 1918 for Robert McMillan, a miner (and, later bus driver), who lived there for several decades.

**How is it Significant?**

The house is of historic and aesthetic significance to the Shire of Bass Coast.

**Why is it Significant?**

Historically, the house is significant for associations with an early and important phase of private residential settlement in the Township of Wonthaggi. Erected during 1918, the house provides rare evidence of the expansion of settlement towards the outer fringe of the original township after the initial centralised boom (AHC Criterion A.4). Somewhat larger and grander than the modest miner's cottages associated with the earlier phase of development, the present building demonstrates the rising aspirations of the working class during a key phase in the town's development (AHC Criterion D.2).

Aesthetically, the house is significant as an atypical example of its type, representing something of a transition between the Victorian-influenced Edwardian cottage style and the emerging bungalow idiom (AHC Criterion F.1). With its unusually steep gambrel roof, integrated verandah and casement windows, the house represents a striking contrast to the simpler miner's cottages with their low gabled roofs, simple verandahs and double-hung sashes (AHC Criterion B.2). This distinctive house is enhanced by its setting, with a mature Canary Island date palm tree in the front garden (AHC Criterion E.1).

### Physical Description

The house at 11 Stewart Street, Wonthaggi, is a large single-storey double-fronted Edwardian weatherboard cottage. It is dominated by an particularly tall gambrel roof, which is clad in corrugated galvanised steel and penetrated by a plain red brick chimney. On the street frontage, the roof extends beyond the eaves line to form an integrated verandah, supported on turned timber posts. The facade is symmetrical, with a central front entrance flanked by large rectangular windows. The entrance contains a timber door-case with a panelled door flanked by narrow sidelights, and highlights above. The flanking windows contain tripartite bays of timber-framed sashes, also with highlights.

There is a simple flat-roofed carport to the right (west) side of the house. A tall timber picket fence extends along the line of the driveway, and returns across the front property line. This defines and enclosed garden, which is dominated by a mature Canary Island date palm tree (*Phoenix canariensis*).

### Historical Notes

This house stands on part of Section 68 of the Township of Wonthaggi, a rectangular block of eighteen residential allotments bounded by Peverill Crescent and Billson, Dickson, Stewart streets. The present site, designated as Lot 4 with frontage to Stewart Street, is not recorded in the Borough of Wonthaggi Rate Book until 1918-19 (dated October 1918), when it was rated as the property of Robert McMillan, with a Net Annual Value of £23. The 1920-21 rate book reveals that McMillan was a miner by profession, while the following edition confirms that his property, still listed with a NAV of £23, comprised a "new house". Subsequent rate books indicate that McMillan was still living at that address as late as 1937, by which time he was identified as a "bus driver".

### Comparisons

The house at 11 Stewart Street is something of an anomaly amongst the early miner's cottages in Wonthaggi, not merely due to its relatively later construction date, but also due of its unusual form. It is considerable larger than than the modestly-scaled counterparts that survive in Broome Crescent (eg Nos 68, 70, 73 and 121), while its steep and prominent gambrel roof is a particularly unusual element, comparable only to the larger and more prepossessing private dwellings at the northern end of Broome Crescent (especially *Kaleno* at No 19, qv) or to the former dentist's house/offices at 38 Graham Street (qv). The integrated hipped verandah also contrasts with the generally simpler low-pitched skillion or bullnosed verandahs of earlier miners cottages; the similar house on the other side of the street (at No 12) being a notable exception).

### Recommended Management

Encourage the retention of the return verandah as a semi-open space, with no solid or glazed infill to be constructed.

Encourage the retention of the Canary Island date palm tree, which provides an interesting setting for the house.

### References

<b>Author</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Year</b>
Borough of Wonthaggi	Rate Books (held by Public Record Office)	Various

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### Statement of Significance

#### What is Significant?

The house at 12 Stewart Street is single-storey double-fronted Edwardian weatherboard cottage with a symmetrical facade, gambrel roof and integrated full-width verandah. It was erected during 1911 for Frederick W Becker, a miner, who lived there only briefly before the property was taken over by another miner, John Dixon, who remained there for two decades.

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#### Why is it Significant?

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