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## HO16 - House, 2-200 Porteous Road, Toolern Vale



House

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### Location

2-200 Porteous Road TOOLERN VALE, Melton Shire

### Municipality

MELTON CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO16

### Heritage Listing

Melton City

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### Statement of Significance

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The house at 2-200 Porteous Road, Toolern Vale, formerly 'Braemar', is significant as a predominantly intact example of an Edwardian style built c.1900-1910, and for its association with the *Melton Park* estate.

The house at 2-200 Porteous Road, Toolern Vale is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level (AHC D.2, E.1). It demonstrates original design qualities of an Edwardian style. These qualities include the steeply pitched hipped roof form, together with the minor gable and broken back verandah that project towards the front. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the single storey height, asymmetrical composition, horizontal timber weatherboard

wall cladding, deep red painted and lapped galvanised corrugated steel roof cladding, broad eaves, face brick chimney with a multi-corbelled top, square timber verandah posts with incised bandings, timber verandah brackets and fretwork valance, timber framed double hung windows and timber window architraves, timber framed front doorway with sidelight and highlight and the decorative gable infill (stucco panelling and wide vertical timber battening).

The house at 2-200 Porteous Road, Toolern Vale is historically significant at a LOCAL level (AHC A4, B2, H1). The house was built by Harvey Patterson for the manager of his *Melton Park* estate before 1916. The building is significant for its associations with the *Melton Park* homestead and its thoroughbred horse industry, with the movement to 'break-up' the large pastoral estates at the turn of the century, and with the Closer and Soldier Settlement Acts of the early twentieth century. It is also of significance for its association Harvey Patterson, pastoralist and chairman of directors of BHP during his ownership of *Melton Park*. Through introducing mining bores into the district, Patterson was also indirectly responsible for the discovery of bore water, developed by the Melton community into a vital resource in the very dry district. *Melton Park* was the first major racehorse stud and training estate established in the district, an activity which afterwards became prominent, to the extent that in the late nineteenth century the Melton Shire has adopted 'thoroughbred country' as the motif of the municipality.

Overall, the house at 2-200 Porteous Road, Toolern Vale 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	1900,
Other Names	2-200 Porteous Road, Toolern Vale, Formerly 'Braemar' (Melton Park manager's residence),.
Hermes Number	29802
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## Physical Description 1

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The house at 2-200 Porteous Road, Toolern Vale, has an open grassed setting, with a low timber picket fence to one side. There is also an exotic tree at the front.

The asymmetrical, single storey, horizontal timber weatherboard, Edwardian styled house is characterised by a steeply pitched hipped roof form, together with a minor gable and broken back verandah that project towards the front. These roof forms are clad in deep red painted and lapped galvanised corrugated steel. Broad overhangs are features of the eaves. An early face brick chimney with a multi-corbelled top adorns the roofline.

An early feature of the design is the front broken back/skillion verandah. It is supported by square timber posts with incised bandings. There are also early timber brackets and timber fretwork valance, typical for Edwardian design.

Other early features of the design include the timber framed double hung windows and timber window architraves, timber framed front doorway with sidelight and highlight and the decorative gable infill (stucco panelling and wide vertical timber battening).

Horizontal timber base boards have recently been replaced around the perimeter of the house. The air conditioning unit in the front window and the satellite dish on the roof at the front are intrusive, introduced elements.

## Historical Australian Themes

*Shire of Melton Historical Themes: 'Horses, Hounds & Hares' (Stud); 'Farming'.*

## **Integrity**

Integrity - Substantially intact

## **Physical Conditions**

Physical Condition - Good

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