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Name: Stubbs' House
Status: Permanently Registered
Tier: State

THR ID Number: 10926
Municipality: Central Coast Council
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Location Addresses

28 Main RD, Penguin 7316 TAS
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Title References

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Setting: The weatherboard house at 28 Main Road, Penguin is one of three modest early C20th cottages (22, 25, 28 Main Rd) clustered in close proximity within the western part of the township opposite Beecraft Point. The block is comparatively narrow, with the house occupying most of its width. The house is set back a short distance from the footpath, allowing for a small cottage garden behind the picket fence which marks the front boundary.

Description: The residence is a modest single storey Federation cottage of weatherboard construction, with a full-width verandah overlooking the street across a small cottage garden enclosed by a picket fence. General stylistic features are demonstrated by the medium pitch hip roof, the overall building form and layout of windows, door style and materials, verandah form and joinery and the corbelled brick chimney tops. The exterior of the house appears predominantly intact to the original design. The simple shed relocated from the wharf area and used by Lou Stubbs as a workshop remains in a rear corner of the property, having been recently been reclad in split palings.

History: The land parcel known as 28 Main Road Penguin was originally granted to Penguin was part of a larger section of 167 acres originally granted to Edward Beecraft in 1862 and was purchased by Alexander Clerke in 1867. The land was subdivided and in 1902 and became part of 18 acres. In 1903 Dr GW Dammon was the owner and occupier of the house until purchased by Dr De Witt Henty in 1906. Dr George William Dammon, MB 1889 Melb 1890 District Medical Officer, late house Surgeon St Johns Hospital London, late Clinical Assistant Hospital for the Sick Children, London, practised at Deloraine in 1902 and then moved to Penguin. In addition to being a medical practitioner Dammon was a JP and proprietor of the Penguin Drug Store for 1903-04. From 1911 to 1919 he was practising as a GP at Latrobe. In 1907 Dr Whitfield De Witt Henty moved to 5 Main Road briefly before constructing a new surgery and residence at 17 Main Road in 1911. He is famous for flying GS Rischardsons pedal-powered flying machine on the first Australian flight in 1908. 28 Main Rd was sold to Mrs C Kenner in 1907, who subsequently sold the property 'including stables' to J Smith in 1910.

The house and stables were then sold in 1915 to John Thomas Stubbs. JT Stubbs was a local butcher in Penguin with a shop located near the wharf area on Beecraft Point (since demolished). All that remains of his business is the relocated shed at the rear of 28 Main Rd Penguin. JT Stubbs' son Louis began his career in carpentry in this small shed, which he renovated into a carpentry workshop, thence developed his business as a builder and thence developed a hardware store at 36-42 Main Road as a precursor to a small chain of hardware stores across the northwest region. A book celebrating his achievements has been published showcasing the prolific building projects undertaken by his company. The Stubbs family were also involved with many civic and social pursuits in Penguin. By the late C20th the property had been sold out of the

Stubbs family.

Statement of No Statement is provided for places listed prior to 2007

Significance:

(non-statutory
summary)

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The Heritage Council may enter a place in the Heritage Register if it meets one or more of the following criteria from the Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995:

a) The place is important to the course or pattern of Tasmania's history.

28 Main Road, Penguin is of historic cultural heritage significance as it is important in demonstrating the evolutionary pattern of the Central Coast district. The cottage comprises one of three that occur in close proximity (22, 25, 28 Main Rd) and that together demonstrate modest housing from the early settlement phase of Penguin c1900.

b) The place possesses uncommon or rare aspects of Tasmania's history.

c) The place has the potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of Tasmania's history.

d) The place is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of place in Tasmania's history.

28 Main Rd Penguin is of historic cultural heritage significance because it is important as a representative house in demonstrating the characteristics of a broader class of cultural places. The house has the ability to demonstrate the principal and typical characteristics of modest late Victorian/early Federation cottage as constructed in a rural and beachside town across Tasmania.

e) The place is important in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement.

f) The place has a strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social or spiritual reasons.

g) The place has a special association with the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance in Tasmania's history.

28 Main Road, Penguin is of historic cultural heritage significance through a long history of association as the residence of the well known Stubbs family, who were involved in commercial (significant building contracts across northern Tasmania) and civic positions in the community and across the northwest region, and of importance at a local level for its association with early C20th medical practitioners including Dammon and De Witt Henty.

h) The place is important in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics.

PLEASE NOTE This data sheet is intended to provide sufficient information and justification for listing the place on the Heritage Register. Under the legislation, only one of the criteria needs to be met. The data sheet is not intended to be a comprehensive inventory of the heritage values of the place, there may be other heritage values of interest to the Heritage Council not currently acknowledged.