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# Farmhouse "Lerderderg Park", concrete silo and water tank stand



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Djerriwarrh School no1635,  
1916 (probably in front of  
shelter Bill Griffen, centre,  
front row Herald Sun, 12 July  
1934

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## Location

20 Lerderderg Park Road MERRIMU, MOORABOOL SHIRE

## Municipality

MOORABOOL SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO179

## Heritage Listing

Moorabool Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The Farm Complex at 20 Lerderderg Park Road, Merrimu.

How is it significant?

The Farm Complex at 20 Lerderderg Park Road, Merrimu is of local historical, aesthetic and scientific significance to the Shire of Moorabool.

Why is it significant?

The Farm Complex at 20 Lerderderg Park Road, Merrimu is of local historical significance for its associations with the racehorse industry and as part of the Lerderderg Park property. In 1891, Thomas Cain sold this property to Wallace. Wallace farmed the property, which he named Lerderderg Park. At the turn of the century, Wallace sold Lerderderg Park to C. W. Macarthur who used it for the agistment of racehorses. In 1909, the property was sold to John Mills, the owner of the famous Melbourne Cup winner, Carbine. The present farmhouse was erected in the 1920s for John Mills, designed by his son. The property is of historical significance for its demonstration of a 1920s property developed for wealthy and prominent owners.

The Farm Complex at 20 Lerderderg Park Road, Merrimu is of aesthetic significance for its 1920s large brick Californian Bungalow farmhouse. Features of importance include the main gable roof with minor gables extending from the main roof, verandah on three sides with square section piers splaying to brick pedestals, decorated gable ends with shingles and vents, exposed rafters to the eaves, tall tapered chimneys with wide, flat cappings, roughcast finish to the walls over dado height with face brickwork below, and quadruple timber framed casement windows. The water tower and silo contribute to the aesthetic significance of the farm setting around the house.

The Farm Complex at 20 Lerderderg Park Road, Merrimu is of scientific significance for the water tower and silo on the property, which are rare early examples of slip form concrete construction. The structures have roughcast render over the corduroy grooved concrete.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moorabool - Bacchus Marsh Heritage Study 1995, Richard Peterson and Daniel Catrice, 1995;
Architect/Designer	Wills, Jack,
Other Names	Farmhouse,
Hermes Number	118501
Property Number	

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## Physical Conditions

There are twenty-six 1920s Bungalow houses in Bacchus Marsh identified in the Study. Other large and complex examples are refs: 65 & 180.

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## Intactness

Very good. The verandah floor has been replaced with concrete slab. All walls including the roughcast have been painted white.

## Physical Description 1

A complex, large brick Californian Bungalow farmhouse. The front, facing north, is unusually, almost symmetrical. There is a major gable-roof across. In front of this is a nest of gables, facing. One is a (lower) major gable, with twin minor gables beneath, on timber brackets, with a skillion roof between them Rafters are exposed and there is a verandah, beneath these roof gables, on three sides. At right, is a minor gable.

The upper gables jetty, with timber shingles and elaborate louvred rectangular vents on block-like brackets. There are tall, Voyseyan chimneys with flat tops. Walls are generally roughcast over dado height, with brickwork below. The verandah is supported on roughcast square section piers, splaying to brick pedestals. Windows are quadruple casements. There are two concrete cylindrical towers; one appears to be a water tower and the other, a silo, with a conical roof They are roughcast over corduroy grooved concrete, possibly lift form construction. Poplar windbreaks line the road and orchard.

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