
TULSE HILL

Location

Carapook Road, CARAPOOK VIC 3312 - Property No 115

Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - October 23, 2003

What is significant?

Tulse Hill is a homestead complex located on the Carapook Road, near the small settlement of Carapook, 15kms northwest of Coleraine. The complex includes the house and garden, mature trees and several later timber outbuildings. As a separate homestead, Tulse Hill effectively dates from its purchase in 1871 by the pioneering squatter, William Corney. The first house was built soon after, at a separate location but has since been demolished. The new house was built in 1910 which seems to be the date of the planning of the surrounding garden. The names of the designers, if there were professional designers, is not known. The house is in the Federation Queen Anne style, typical of the period. Its forms, planning, materials and details are each typical. It is large and rambling, the whole creating a deliberately picturesque effect, complementing the garden. The house and garden are sited above the Wennincott Creek to take advantage of the views into and across the steep valley. Both house and garden are significantly intact and are in very good condition.

How is it significant?

Tulse Hill is of historical and architectural significance to the Shire of Southern Grampians.

Why is it significant?

Tulse Hill is of historical significance as a representative homestead and garden from the Edwardian period and as the home

of one of the pioneering families of the Western District still in the original ownership. It is of architectural

significance as an intact representative example of the integrated house and garden design typical of the period.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1910,
Hermes Number	23109
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Physical Conditions

The house is in very good condition and is significantly intact. The garden is also in good condition and intact.

Physical Description 1

Tulse Hill Homestead is a large Federation style house of eighteen rooms set in a mature garden dating from the same period. The single storey, brick house is typical of the style with an asymmetrical plan, an emphasis on the diagonal, and a picturesque and dominating roof. The roof is corrugated iron and the bricks are said to have been hand made on the property. A distinctive turret reinforces the corner bay window of the drawing room and tall chimneys contrast with the spreading roof forms. There is a timber verandah on two sides, terminating on the left at a projecting wing with a large bay window and an elaborate gable. This marks the dining room. On the other side of this wing there is a conservatory. The main windows include coloured glass typical of the period. Further gables mark other functions within the house. An extensive service wing at the rear completes the house, which includes two small cellars under the storerooms. The house is sited on a rise overlooking the steep Wenicott Creek valley and is sited deliberately to take advantage of the view. The garden is about .2ha and is comprised of a curving drive, extensive laws and shrubberies. Overarching cypresses, *Cupressus macrocarpa*, cover the gravel drive. A Canary Island Palm (*Phoenix canariensis*), one of several in the garden, dominates the main lawn. Other trees include pines, oaks, elms and birches.

Historical Australian Themes

Theme 3: Developing local, regional and national economies

3.5 Developing primary production

3.5.1 Grazing stock

Theme 5: Working

5.8 Working on the land

Usage/Former Usage

Continuing as a pastoral property

Integrity

Very intact with high degree of integrity

Physical Description 2

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Physical Description 3

Section 15

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