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# Araluen

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## Location

301-331 Narre Warren North Road, NARRE WARREN VIC 3805

## Municipality

CASEY CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO52

## Heritage Listing

Casey City

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## Statement of Significance

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Araluen, with its large dam, has regional significance as an important district orchard property which sent apples all over Australia and overseas from 1905 until the 1940s. More recently, Araluen is noted for its water lilies grown for commercial use. The property has been associated with the Bailey family, district pioneers, throughout its history. The present owner, Miss Lucy Bailey, is the daughter of the first owners Mr. and Mrs James W. Bailey. Araluen contains a 1903 Edwardian villa residence with intact Federation Bungalow extensions. It also has an important garden, established in 1903 and still one of the best in the district. The large irrigation dam built by James Bailey in 1914 is of great importance as the only remaining evidence of the orcharding use of the property, and for its ability to demonstrate the value of irrigation in orchard production.

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Casey - Casey Heritage Study, Context Pty Ltd, 2004; Casey - Heritage of the City of Berwick, Context Pty Ltd, 1993; |
| Hermes Number             | 62908  |
| Property Number           |  |

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## **Physical Description 1**

The house today appears to be intact to its 1926 design, containing a number of period features. The broad gable roof section, placed asymmetrically over the entrance is half-timbered and shingled with feature brackets. The verandah balustrade is in rendered brick with exposed brick detailing below the corbel and at the base. The windows are an interesting triplet with double-hung sashes. These are repeated at the side box window and verandah. Internally, dark wood tapered architraves are a feature of the 1920s section of the house.

Today, the original orchards have gone but the dam remains.

## **Historical Australian Themes**

Developing Primary Production

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