
North Woodlands Homestead, 863 Tulkara Railway Road, TULKARA



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Location

863 Tulkara Railway Road TULKARA, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

Heritage Listing

Northern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

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North Woodlands Homestead, 863 Tulkara Railway Road, Tulkara, has significance as an important example of a substantial single storey Federation styled homestead. Possibly built in c.1909 for Colin McCulloch, the land upon the which the homestead is situated may have originally formed part of the much larger Woodlands Homestead, which, during the ownership of John Wilson from 1863 until 1888 was transformed into one of the most notable rural estates in the Wimmera. North Woodlands homestead is predominantly externally intact and appears to be in good condition.

North Woodlands Homestead is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It demonstrates original design qualities of a Federation style. These qualities include the complex roof forms comprising at least two long gable roofs, together with minor gables that project at the sides and the corner candle snuffer/conical roof. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the asymmetrical composition, single storey height, face brick wall construction, terra cotta tile roof cladding, several early elongated face brick chimneys with rendered tops and terra cotta pots, broken back encircling verandah supported by turned timber columns with elaborate timber fretwork valances and brackets, as well as a broad arched fretwork valance in the gabled entrance portico, broad eaves to the gable ends, decorative timber and stucco work in the gable ends, timber framed casement windows, gable ventilators (both rectangular and circular in form), terra cotta roundel in the projecting verandah entrance portico gable, and the terra cotta roof ridge decoration and terra cotta finials. The single storey gabled section at the rear, with red-painted galvanised corrugated roof cladding, face brick wall construction, brick chimneys with rendered tops and terra cotta pots and the timber framed windows, also contributes to the significance of the place, as does the landscaped setting in which the homestead is located.

North Woodlands Homestead is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with residential and pastoral developments in the Navarre district during the Federation era (c.1895-1915). In particular, North Woodlands Homestead may have associations with Colin McCulloch, son of William McCulloch who bequeathed the northern portion of his larger Woodlands Homestead upon his death in 1909. Colin McCulloch owned several large rural properties throughout Victoria and New South Wales in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. He was a gifted Athlete and VFL footballer for the Essendon Football Club between 1881 and 1885, and he was appointed a Justice of the Peace for New South Wales in 1900.

Overall, North Woodlands Homestead is of **LOCAL** significance.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Northern Grampians - Shire of Northern Grampians - Stage 2 Heritage Study, Wendy Jacobs, Vicki Johnson, David Rowe, Phil Taylor, 2004;
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Physical Description 1

North Woodlands Homestead, 863 Tulkara Railway Road, Tulkara, has a picturesque landscaped setting. There is an open grassed area to the front and side with perimeter shrubs, trees and garden beds. There is also an orchard towards the rear of the house. The homestead garden is bound by an early timber post and tubular steel rail and wire fence, with early scrolled steel gates.

The asymmetrical, single storey, face red brick, Federation styled homestead building is characterised by complex roof forms comprising at least two long gable roofs, together with minor gables that project at the sides. The corner is accentuated by an early candle snuffer/conical roof, typical for Federation design. These roof forms are clad in early terra cotta tiles. Several early elongated face brick chimneys with rendered tops and terra cotta pots adorn the roofline.

An early feature of the design is the broken back encircling verandah, supported by turned timber columns with elaborate timber fretwork valances and brackets, as well as a broad arched fretwork valance in the gabled entrance portico.

Other early features of the design include the broad eaves to the gable ends, decorative timber and stucco work in the gable ends, timber framed casement windows, gable ventilators (both rectangular and circular in form), terra cotta roundel in the projecting verandah entrance portico gable, and the terra cotta roof ridge decoration and terra cotta finials.

The single storey gabled section at the rear, with red-painted galvanised corrugated roof cladding, face brick wall construction, brick chimneys with rendered tops and terra cotta pots and the timber framed windows, appears to be a later addition.

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