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## Location

99 McMahons Road BALLIANG, MOORABOOL SHIRE

## Municipality

MOORABOOL SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO132

## Heritage Listing

Moorabool Shire

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 1, 1995

What is significant?

The Farm Complex at 99 McMahons Road, Balliang.

How is it significant?

The Farm Complex at 99 McMahons Road, Balliang is of local historical and aesthetic significance to the Shire of Moorabool.

Why is it significant?

The Farm Complex at 99 McMahons Road, Balliang is of local historical significance for its demonstration of the early settlement of Balliang and as part of the Staughton Vale Estate. Balliang was created in 1908 when the Victorian Government acquired 9,838 acres from the pastoralist, S. F. Staughton and subdivided the land for closer settlement. George Peters took up the original lease in 1908, at the beginning of the settlement scheme, but the substantial Victorian house was not constructed on the site until 1913. With the retention of a number of outbuildings, some pre-dating the construction of the house, the property is of historical significance for demonstrating the workings of a farm in the early 20th century.

The Farm Complex at 99 McMahons Road, Balliang is of aesthetic significance for its substantial Victorian Italianate farmhouse most likely moved to the site in 1913, as well as, its collection of outbuildings and remnants of the farm garden. It is of aesthetic significance as a farming complex demonstrating the typical appearance and workings of a farming property in the early 20th century. The farmhouse is of aesthetic significance as an intact Victorian Italianate farmhouse demonstrating key characteristics of the style, including the symmetrical composition, hipped roof with paired brackets under the eaves, return bullnose verandah with a timber-framed valance, and turned Doric posts.

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An Italianate (?) farmhouse relocated(?) here in 1913 set in a well established characteristic farmhouse garden. With various outbuildings, formerly within the Staughton Vale Estate.

The house is of local historical significance in demonstrating the way of life of the leasehold small farmer, within its established context. It is of local architectural significance as a relatively intact Italianate farmhouse and a mature Edwardian garden.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moorabool - Bacchus Marsh Heritage Study 1995, Richard Peterson and Daniel Catrice, 1995;
Construction dates	1917,
Hermes Number	115022
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

A timber Italianate double-fronted farmhouse. It is symmetrical but with a wing projecting at the right hand side rear. The frieze has bracket pairs. The bull-nosed verandah returns on both sides. It has turned Doric posts. (Partly obscured by the mature garden).

Garden: A typical farmhouse garden, with a central concrete path from the gate to the front door, symmetrically leading to the east and west of the house." Garden beds are located along the front fence and contain a mixture of roses and perennial plants.

The edge of the garden beds are lined with scalloped terracotta tiles which can be barely seen above the concrete. An empty lily pond is in the centre of the lawn to the west, which is bounded by a coppiced hedge of Sugar Gums. Individual exotic and fruit trees are planted around the garden, the largest being an olive on the east side of the house. Later plantings of native trees are along the boundary fences.

Plant Species include:

*Schinus Molle*

*Fraxinus Excelsior*

*Cupressus Sempervirens*

*Cupressus Macrocarpa*

*Grevillea Robusta*

Fruit Trees, including apples

*Olea Europaea*

*Melaleuca Armillaris*

*Cupressus Torulosa*

*Nerium Oleander*

*Rosa Sp.* including "Cecille Brunner"

*Acacia Baileyana*

Succulents, cacti species

*Eucalyptus Cladocalyx*

Geranium Sip

*Syringa Vulgaris*

Peppercorn Tree

English Ash

Italian Cypress

Monterey Cypress

Silky Oak

Olive

Bracelet Honey Myrtle

Himalayan Cypress

Oleander

Roses

Cootamundra Wattle

Sugar Gum

Geraniums

Lilac

2 Inspected by JS on 13 February 1995 with permission of the owner and after discussion with the earlier owner Mrs Rebe Peters (tel: 67 1973).

## **Physical Conditions**

Garden: The garden is in a reasonably dilapidated state as the property has recently been sold, after being in the one family for four generations.

### **Intactness**

INTACT ELEMENTS: VERANDAH, VERANDAH DECORATION. OUTBUILDINGS. GARDEN.

### **Historical Australian Themes**

WALLS Timber

ROOF Iron

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