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# Farmhouse "Clifton"



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## Location

61 Muddy Lane MYRNIONG, MOORABOOL SHIRE

## Municipality

MOORABOOL SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO193

## Heritage Listing

Moorabool Shire

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 1, 1995

What is significant?

The Farm Complex at 61 Muddy Lane, Myrniong

How is it significant?

The Farm Complex at 61 Muddy Lane, Myrniong is of local historical and aesthetic significance to the Shire of Moorabool.

Why is it significant?

The Farm Complex at 61 Muddy Lane, Myrniong is of local historical significance for its demonstration of the continuing settlement of the Myrniong area for agricultural purposes into the 20th century. Constructed in 1908, the grand Edwardian farmhouse demonstrates prosperous farming in the area during this period. With the retention of a number of original outbuildings and structures, the property is of historical significance for demonstrating the workings of a farm in the early 20th century.

The Farm Complex at 61 Muddy Lane, Myrniong is of aesthetic significance for its impressive red brick farmhouse demonstrating the key characteristics of a grand Edwardian farm residence. With the retention of a number of outbuildings close to the residence, the property is also of aesthetic significance as a substantially intact farm complex demonstrating the appearance and construction methods of farm buildings in the early 20th century.

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An Edwardian brick farmhouse, with several Italianate residual characteristics, built in 1908 on a property first settled in the 1850s.

It is of local historical significance as a representative embodiment of an agricultural way of life and its confident social values, before the First World War. It has local architectural significance as a representative example as a farmhouse in this architectural style.

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Moorabool - Bacchus Marsh Heritage Study 1995, Richard Peterson and Daniel Catrice, 1995; |
| Hermes Number             | 118040  |
| Property Number           |   |

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## Physical Conditions

Apparently good.

## Intactness

Apparently good! The right hand bay has no lace.

SIGNIFICANT INTACT ELEMENTS:

FORM. FACADE. VERANDAH.

VERANDAH DECORATION.

CHIMNEYS. DOORS. WINDOWS. PAINTWORK SCHEME.

PLANTING FORMATION.

## Physical Description 1

An Edwardian farmhouse with several residential Italianate characteristics, with a hip roof of M-section, with the right hand bay set forward. A bullnosed verandah extends right around. It has a cast-iron lace valance, brackets

and cast-iron posts. The eaves have brackets and a frieze, chimneys have moulds and pots. At the right hand side is a high barn, surrounded by tree windbreaks. The road boundary fence has old three-strand barbed wire, penetrating in drilled holes through the split timber posts with a tie over the top securing the top strand, 1200mm high. There are pine windbreaks on the boundary of this and the adjoining property, the Whites.<sup>5</sup>

5 Personal communications with the present lessees, 20 February 1994 (RP) & 1 February 1995 (JS).

## Physical Description 2

Landscape. Paddocks are hedged with a dominant species of Monterey Cypress interspersed with Pines and Golden Cypress. The front garden is open lawn with planting of Coprosma and Cotoneaster to the north side as a barrier to the access road. Conifers accent the front entrance gate and random planting of shrubs are along the west and south fencelines of the house and garden.

Plant species include: *Cupressus macrocarpa*, Monterey Cypress. *Cupressus macrocarpa var. aurea*, Golden Monterey Cypress. *Pinus radiata*, Monterey Pine. *Cupressus sempervirens*, *Cupressus sp.*, Italian Cypress. *Coprosma repens*, Mirror Bus. *Cotoneaster serotinus*, Cotoneaster. *Eucalyptus botryoides*, Southern Mahogany. *Pittosporum undulatum*, Sweet pittosporum. *Rosa sp.*, Shrub Roses.

Monterey Cypress

Golden Monterey Cypress

Monterey Pine

Italian Cypress

Mirror Bus

Cotoneaster

Southern Mahogany

Sweet pittosporum

Shrub Roses

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## Historical Australian Themes

Agricultural

## Usage/Former Usage

USE: Farmhouse

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