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# TARA FARMHOUSE, OUTBUILDINGS AND FEATURES

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## Location

435 GREAT OCEAN ROAD BELLBRAE, SURF COAST SHIRE

## Municipality

SURF COAST SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7721-0248

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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## Statement of Significance

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Tara farmhouse, outbuildings and features, Bellbrae have been estimated (interim) to have medium significance at a local level.

### Interpretation of Site

Farm house dates to at least 1915, as does the Great Ocean Road deviation. Apart from the slab and paling shed at rear of farm area, all the other farm buildings date from around the 1950s. These buildings show a change in farming interest - shearing shed, dairy. The piggery came later as did the foundations located in paddock nearby. The farm dump date is unknown but possibly from pre 1950s. The fenceline and stock yard are unknown but pre 1970s. The 'naked ladies' could possibly be a grave site as no building has been noted on early plans and the area lies near a former track to coast and property track. The site therefore encompasses several phases of the property's history, as the former shearing shed, dairy and piggery have been converted for horse use.

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Property  
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## History

The land forms part of Section II, Parish of Jan Juc, purchased by A E Butler during the 1850s (323 acres). Butler family appears to have owned land through to about 1922. A house has been on land since at least 1915, possibly earlier, as has a deviation of the Great Ocean Road, which ran immediately in front of the house. By mid-1950s the property buildings increased, and the deviation blocked off with the current alignment present. By 197 the present owner David Neate purchased the land, and raised race horses. The former dairy, shearing shed and piggery have been re-utilised as stable, storage room and stable respectively. The house is lived in by the manager.

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