
Roselea



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Location

450 Staceys Road ANAKIE, GREATER GEELONG CITY

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1992

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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LOCAL SIGNIFICANCE

What is Significant?

"Roselea" at 450 Staceys Road, Anakie, has significance as an historical legacy of the well-known and successful mixed farming enterprise established by the Leigh brothers from 1911 as a result of the Marathon Estate subdivision, and as a moderately intact example of the small number of Federation styled dwellings in the

Lara area. The property was developed by Albert, Frederick and Rowland Leigh, farmers of Ceres, with the Federation styled dwelling constructed in 1913 as a home of the newly married couple, Frederick Leigh and his wife, Ethel. The success of the mixed farm at "Roselea" was reported in the local and Melbourne press from 1916 and in addition, Frederick and Ethel contributed much to community life. Although the metal wall cladding has been introduced at "Roselea", the original Federation design qualities are clearly discernible. They include the asymmetrical composition, prominent, steeply-pitched hipped roof and projecting minor gabled wings at the front and side linked by a return verandah formed under the main roof, lapped and red painted galvanised corrugated steel roof cladding, face brick chimneys, modest eaves, timber verandah posts and fretwork valances, timber framed doorway with sidelight, timber framed double hung windows and the bracketed timber window hood at the front. Overall, the dwelling appears to be in fair condition and of moderate integrity when viewed from the road. The small gabled outbuilding immediately at the rear of the dwelling also contributes to the significance of the place.

How is it Significant?

"Roselea" at 450 Staceys Road, Anakie, is historically and architecturally significant at a LOCAL level.

Why is it Significant?

"Roselea" at 450 Staceys Road is historically significant for its associations with the Leigh brothers of Ceres, and particularly Frederick Leigh and his wife, Ethel, who established a highly successful mixed farm from 1911 (Criteria A & H). The success of both the cropping and sheep grazing at "Roselea" was reported in the local and Melbourne press from the early 20th century. In 1913, the existing timber Federation styled dwelling was constructed for the newly married Frederick and Ethel Leigh. They contributed much to local community life, including Frederick being a Councillor with the Corio Shire Council between 1924 and 1948. "Roselea" is also a surviving historical legacy of newly created farms made available in the area during the Federation era as a result of the Marathon Estate subdivision of 1911.

"Roselea" at 450 Staceys Road is architecturally significant as a moderately intact example of the Federation style in Lara (Criterion D). It demonstrates several original design qualities of the Federation style and it is one of the more intact of a small number of surviving Federation styled houses in the Lara area.

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Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	195048
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

DESCRIPTION

"Roselea" at 450 Staceys Road, Anakie, is set on a substantial rural estate. The dwelling has a large frontage to Staceys Road, comprising an open paddock between the homestead garden and the road. The homestead garden is fenced off with post and wire fencing, although there is little vegetation surviving at the front. Mature cypress and other exotic trees are located to the rear (north) and west of the dwelling. The property is accessed by a long gravelled drive to the east of the dwelling, defined by stands of golden cypress trees. Immediately to the rear of the dwelling is a small gabled outbuilding (possibly an early laundry or dairy outbuilding), with another outbuilding nearby. There are at least 5 outbuildings in the rear yard, with the gabled and skillion timber weatherboard building to the north-east of the dwelling possibly being early. On site investigations would need to

confirm the provenance of the outbuildings.

"Roselea" is a single storey, asymmetrical, Federation styled dwelling having a prominent, steeply-pitched hipped roof and projecting minor gabled wings at the front and side linked by a return verandah formed under the main roof. A minor elongated roof projects at the rear where there are also skillion verandahs. These roof forms are clad in lapped, red-painted galvanised corrugated steel. Two early face brick chimneys adorn the roofline. Modest overhangs are features of the eaves. It would appear that the dwelling has been clad in introduced metal wall sheeting to simulate the previous timber weatherboard construction. The early gable infill also appears to have been replaced with the existing vertical strapping. There also seem to have been some alterations to the eave on the west side.

Other features of the design include the timber verandah posts and fretwork valances, timber framed doorway with sidelight, timber framed double hung windows and the bracketed timber window hood at the front. The window hoods on the west side may have been introduced.

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