
Tallaranie Homestead



Tallarine Homestead - 170
Peak School Road, Lara

Location

170 Peak School Road, LARA VIC 3212 - Property No 284609

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1980

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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LOCAL SIGNIFICANCE

What is Significant?

"Tallaranie" at 170 Peak School Road, Lara, has significance as an historical legacy of the Woolloomanata Estate subdivision of 1904 and the revival of successful farming during the Federation era. The early owner, Archibald

Shannon, established a sheep farm known as "Tallarannie" in c.1906, with the existing timber dwelling having been designed by the Geelong architects, Laird and Barlow in December of that year. Shannon was the son of the well-known and successful wool broker, mill owner and fellmonger, Charles Shannon, a pioneer of commercial enterprise in Geelong. Charles Shannon appears to have acquired the property for his son. The significant fabric of the homestead dwelling includes the asymmetrical composition and single storey height, main hipped roof forms and the projecting minor hipped wing at the front, return verandah, horizontal timber weatherboard wall cladding and basalt base, face brick and strapped chimneys with terra cotta pots, broad eaves with exposed timber rafters, timber framed double hung windows and door openings, and the design of the verandah posts and solid, curved timber valances. The dwelling appears to be in good condition. The historical significance is embodied in the surviving Federation era fabric.

How is it Significant?

"Tallaranie" at 170 Peak School Road, Lara, is historically significant at a LOCAL level.

Why is it Significant?

"Tallaranie" at 170 Peak School Road is historically significant for its associations with the subdivision of Woolloomanata Estate in 1904 and the subsequent early successful sheep grazing developments of Archibald Shannon in c.1906 (Criteria A & H). Archibald Shannon's father, Charles Shannon, prominent and successful businessman in Geelong connected with the wool industry, appears to have funded the purchase of the property. The existing dwelling, first known as "Tallarannie", was constructed in 1907, having been designed by the Geelong architects, Laird and Barlow, in December 1906 (a stables building was also designed by the architects). "Tallaranie" also has associations with William and Ida Milbourne, graziers, from 1910-11. It is a surviving historical legacy of the once numerous allotments and farms made available in the area as a result of the Woolloomanata subdivision. "Tallaranie" is the only known surviving example of this subdivision, with the nearby "Lara Hill" farm at 220 Hams Lane, established by W.H. Ham in 1907, now ruinous (and the dwelling destroyed). The significance of "Tallaranie" is embodied in the surviving Federation era fabric.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - Lara Heritage Review Phase 2, D. Rowe & W. Jacobs, 2013;
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	195347
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

DESCRIPTION

"Tallaranie" at 170 Peak School Road, Lara, is set on a large rural allotment overlooking Hovells Creek to the east and the You Yangs to the north-east. The homestead garden is fenced off from the remainder of the property, with entry from the rear (west). The main garden is a large grassed area and it has numerous native trees. To the immediate north of the dwelling is an open gravelled area which leads to an in-ground swimming pool. To the west of the dwelling outside the homestead garden are a number of fenced-off horse paddocks and training yards. There are also at least five outbuildings and other structures, none of which appear to date from the Federation era.

Of particular interest is the "Tallaranie" dwelling. The single storey, asymmetrical, horizontal timber weatherboard, Federation styled dwelling is characterised by dominant hipped roof forms, together with a minor hipped wing that project towards the front (east) and a return broken-back verandah. At the rear is a small projecting gabled wing on the south side. This gabled wing and the rear hipped portion may represent an addition. The roof forms are clad in introduced corrugated zincalume. An early face red brick and strapped chimney with terra cotta pots adorns the roofline as do projecting ventilation gablets in the main roofs. At the rear is an introduced, rendered and truncated chimney. Broad overhangs and exposed timber rafters are features of the eaves.

The return verandah is supported by square timber posts which appear to have replaced earlier posts. The solid curved timber verandah valances are typical of Federation era design but the original valances also appear to have been replaced. The concrete verandah floor has also been introduced.

Other early features of the design include the basalt plinth, timber framed double hung windows, front doorway with transom (although the original door and possibly sidelight have been replaced with timber and glazed French doors), and the timber doors at the front. On the north side under the verandah are introduced timber and glazed doors.

Overall, "Tallaranie" appears to be in good condition, apart from the cracking in the basalt plinth.

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