
Greenslopes, Mature Oak

Location

15 Bayview Road OFFICER, CARDINIA SHIRE

Municipality

CARDINIA SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO144

Heritage Listing

Cardinia Shire

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

'Greenslopes', at 15 Bayview Road, at the corner of Princes Highway, Officer. It is a weatherboard house of 1888-89 with a hipped roof, with a rear kitchen and hipped-roof brick storeroom joined to the main house by later additions. The house is set on a hill, overlooking Princes Highway on a site bordered by a mature juniper hedge to the east, with a remnant orchard and oak tree in the garden on the west side. The site may contain the remains of James Tivendale, the Younger's brickworks and clay hole, the first to be established in Officer (in 1889).

How is it significant?

'Greenslopes' is of local historical, architectural and archaeological significance to the Shire of Cardinia.

Why is it significant?

Historically, for its associations with the Tivendale family, who have been significant in Officer since 1889 when James Tivendale, the Younger established the first brickworks in the locality, until the present day (RNE criterion H.1). Also for its associations with the early brick, pipe and pottery industry, which has been significant in Officer since the 19th century (RNE criterion A.4). Architecturally, as an intact 19th-century weatherboard house in its early garden setting, including mature hedges, oak tree, remnant orchard, and brick water tank (RNE criterion D.2). Archaeologically, for the information it may be able to provide about the early brickmaking industry in Officer. (RNE criterion C.1)

Ref: Context Pty. Ltd. 2011. Cardinia Shire Local Heritage Study Review. Vol 3. p453.

Heritage Study/Consultant Cardinia - Cardinia Local Heritage Study Review, Context P/L, 2007;

Hermes Number 197676

Property Number

Physical Description 1

'Greenslopes' of c1889 is sited on a rise, overlooking Princes Highway, set back behind an open field (the 'green slope' of its name). The facade faces Princes Highway, probably the original address of the house, though the property is now entered off Bayview Road. There is a post and wire fence just in front of the house (along the south side) and a mature juniper hedge along the Bayview Road (eastern) boundary of the property. On the west side of the house is a remnant orchard with surviving citrus and stone fruit trees, as well as a mature oak. Also on the west side of the house, next to the kitchen, is a large in-ground brick tank or well (cover missing and filled with rubbish).

While there was once a brickworks on the property, remains of it were not noticed when visiting the house site.

The weatherboard house has a fairly high hipped roof and four brick chimneys on the side and rear slopes of the roof. Three of them are corbelled, 19th-century chimneys, and one dates from c1920s. The house has a long front verandah with a bullnose roof, supported on turned timber posts (frieze missing). Both the main roof and verandah are clad in early corrugated iron (short sheets on the roof). The front door is asymmetrically placed, with two one-over-one sash windows on the west (left) side and one on the east (right). The door is four-panelled with narrow sidelights.

There is a series of skillion-roofed additions to the rear of the house linking it to what may have originally been a detached kitchen (with corbelled brick chimney) and a tiny brick outbuilding with a pyramidal hipped roof. Some of the windows and doors to the additions appeared to be salvaged from other houses.

The east elevation has a single window to the body of the house and another to a rear addition. Both are one-over-one sash windows; the window to the addition a bit shorter and wider. Both have a hood with pressed metal brackets and ripple iron roofs.

The west elevation has a c1920s brick chimney with an exposed breast (flush with the external wall) near the front. Behind it are two one-over-one sash windows. The front one has a pressed metal and ripple-iron hood, like those on the east side. The rear one has a ripple-iron hood supported on simple triangular timber brackets.

Apart from the missing front verandah frieze, the house is very intact, with evidence of later stages of development in the rear additions. It is in fair to poor condition (the rear accretions being in worse condition than the main house).

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