
Residence - 'Former Allens Week Farm 32-40'

Location

32 Ashgarth Avenue, LEOPOLD VIC 3224 - Property No 266545

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1535

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The former Allens Week farmhouse on the shores of Lake Connewarre was built by William Brinsmead, an English squatter. The earlier section, where non-denominational church services were held, is a small gable roof brick and stone cottage probably constructed in the 1850's. The original 200 acre site which was a dairy farm and later produced peas and potatoes, contain mature exotic trees, a cypress windrow, fruit trees and an underground well.

The former Allen Weeks farm has historic and social value to the Leopold area.

The former Allen Weeks farm is the original homestead of a pioneer family and indicates the agricultural origins of settlement in the Leopold area. Remnants of the house surrounds survive and the original building, which is relatively intact and one of the oldest in the region, has associations with early community religious observance.

REFERENCES:

GHRC Ref 450/3224 Brinsmead Cedric & Laura GHRC

The Geelong Advertiser

Wynd p. 171 & 172

Ref 318, 33, 29 photographs, Bellarine Collection, Geelong Historical Records Centre

Bellarine Rate Books 1916.

GHRC Ref 332/3224 Leopold Boat & Sail Club

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - Bellarine Heritage Study, Huddle, Howe, Lewis and Francis, 1996;
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	21612
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Physical Description 1

DESCRIPTION

The site has several mature exotic and fruit trees, a cypress windrow, and an underground well. The building was developed in at least four stages.

The earliest section is a small brick and stone cottage, with a steep pitch gable roof clad in corrugated iron.

The west elevation is constructed from sandstone with red bricks above the ceiling level, with a stone inscription plaque proclaiming "Allen Weeks 1856". The cottage has new 12 pane windows, French doors, a small verandah added to the south elevation and new bricks on the east elevation. The next section was an extension to the north side of the cottage, in red bricks and sandstone with a hipped and gabled roof, clad in corrugated iron. There is a simple verandah on the north elevation.

A separate weatherboard clad section has an internal red brick chimney and a hipped roof, clad in new corrugated iron. It is probably the detached kitchen for the original cottage, but is now joined to the other building by a new walkway.

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