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# Westbourne

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## Location

315-349 Hessel Road,HARKAWAY, Casey City

## Municipality

CASEY CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO43

## Heritage Listing

Casey City

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## Statement of Significance

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Westbourne has regional significance as a beautifully intact weatherboard Victorian villa developed in several stages and demonstrating subtle design differences in Edwardian, Italianate and Federation idioms. It has important historical associations with the pioneer German Wanke family, who played a major role in the early settlement of Harkaway, one of Victoria's German Lutheran communities.

Heritage Study/Consultant Casey - Casey Heritage Study, Context Pty Ltd, 2004;

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## Physical Description 1

This property, opposite the historic Harkaway Bell Tower, like a number of others in Hessel Road, was associated with the Wanke family. It was reputedly the home once of Johann Gottlieb Wanke (1814-1889), perhaps from as early as 1869. (1) The existing house seems to date from a later period, possibly the 1890s, and was most probably not the first house on the site. Today, Westbourne, a beautifully intact weatherboard villa with several additions demonstrates the subtle design differences typical of Italianate, Edwardian and Federation domestic styles.

The house features two projecting bays in the facade with different roof designs, the older probably being the hip-roofed wing. Extensions to the rear of the building appear to be relatively recent. The interior retains intact beaded pine ceiling and walls. Peppercorn trees and a mix of native and exotic plantings form a garden surrounding the house which is bounded by a crimped wire fence.

#### Source

1. 'Historic Homes of Harkaway', Harkaway Primary School, 1988.

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