
Burnbank



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Location

64-72 Beaumont Road, BERWICK, Casey City

Municipality

CASEY CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO36

Heritage Listing

Casey City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 6, 2004

What is significant?

'Burnbank', comprising the c.1890 house (with potential c.1860 portions) and mature garden setting including the Cypress hedge, at 64-72 Beaumont Road, Berwick.

How is it significant?

'Burnbank' is of local historic, aesthetic and scientific (archaeological) significance to the City of Casey.

Why is it significant?

Historically, Burnbank is significant as one of a number of important district farming properties. It was run at the turn of the century and later as a joint dairying venture by its owner, Edwin Flack, and Sir Sidney Sewell of Roads End, and from c1922 by William Gamble, former principal of Dookie Agricultural College and Flack's partner. In the 1920s, the Burnbank herd was increased and nearby farming properties Ardblair (part of which is now known as Beaumont Farm), and Mansfield were leased by the partnership. Burnbank also has significance for its early associations with Berwick district pioneer farmer, Robert Buchanan, who bred Ayrshire cattle there. The earliest portion of the buildings may date from this time. (AHC criteria A4, D2 and H1)

Aesthetically, the design significance of Burnbank has been reduced due to recent alterations which have removed 1920s and 1940s sections in order to reconstruct the Victorian house. The garden itself is significant as an example of a formal landscape containing an interesting combination of exotic and native mature specimens. (AHC criterion E1)

Scientifically, 'Burnbank' is of archaeological significance for the research potential relating to the location and identification of the 1850s house and old cheese cellar. (AHC criterion C2)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Casey - Casey Heritage Study, Context Pty Ltd, 2004;
Construction dates	1860, 1890,
Hermes Number	62948
Property Number	

Usage/Former Usage

Residential, part of farm complex

Physical Description 1

'Burnbank' as it exists today, is an elegant Victorian villa with a timber ashlar finish on the facade. It is presumed that this symmetrical form surrounds the 1850s original building but this requires verification. The verandah alterations are a recent addition with Federation-style timber fretwork. Internally, the house has been reconstructed in sympathy with Victorian era decor (1). These changes appear to have replaced previous alterations from the 1920s and 1940s. It is possible that a cellar, once used for storing cheese, remains beneath the house (2).

The garden features a magnificent cypress hedge, an abundance of exotic species and mature examples of flowering gums, two forming highlights of the driveway turning circle in front of the house.

Sources

1. Pakenham Gazette, 15 July 1992.
2. Gazette, 15 July 1992.

Physical Conditions

Good

Historical Australian Themes

Developing primary production, Dairying

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