
Myuna Farm

Location

182 Kidds Road,DOVETON, Casey City

Municipality

CASEY CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO103

Heritage Listing

Casey City

Statement of Significance

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Myuna Farm has high local significance as a rare survivor in this urban area of a former farm run at the turn of the century by Thomas Carroll, the Mayor of Dandenong. The present homestead was built for the McKinnon family, who purchased the property in 1932. Arch McKinnon, engineer, and later Berwick Shire Councillor, ran it first as a pig farm. It has social and educational value as a public community farm demonstrating the agricultural history of Berwick and the district's rural heritage. The former farm homestead has architectural significance as a good example of a red brick Craftsman Bungalow with a Dutch gabled main roof, stepped chimneys and attic windows.

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Physical Description 1

A red brick Craftsman Bungalow with Dutch gabled main roof and dormer windows, which has survived in industrial Doveton, is located on the site of a dairy farm run at the turn of the century by Thomas Carroll, the Mayor of Dandenong. The existing homestead was constructed for the McKinnon family, following the sale of the property in 1932. Arch McKinnon, engineer, was later a Councillor of the Shire of Berwick. He used the property at first as a pig farm and then for agistment.

The farmhouse demonstrates a number of design motifs typical of the Craftsman Bungalow style, including attic windows, stepped external chimneys piercing the roof, and Mackintosh-style verandah supports. The upper storey is half-timbered. The windows are all intact six-paned double-hung sashes, mostly framed in boxes as singles, pairs and triplets. The rendered lintels above windows in the lower storey are in a deteriorated condition. The verandah has a new timber floor and a concrete path surrounds the perimeter of the house and diverges at the corner of the pathway.

Located in the rear yard is a large round brick tower, presumably containing a water tank, and a collection of corrugated iron sheds, a weatherboard shed and a train carriage.

The Myuna Farm is important as the only public community farm in the south-east area of Melbourne. It is a reminder of the district's rural heritage and plays an important educational role in demonstrating various aspects of farming life with its large numbers of farm animals, replica shearing shed, orchard and vegetable gardens. Frequent visitors are groups of school children, mainly from primary school classes. (1)

Source

1. Myuna Community Farm, City of Berwick, 2 page brochure; The Gazette, 19 Feb., 1992.

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