
Forres Farm

Location

182-200 A'Beckett Road,NARRE WARREN NORTH, Casey City

Municipality

CASEY CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO60

Heritage Listing

Casey City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - March 25, 2004

What is significant?

'Forres Farm', comprising the farm residence constructed c.1900, at 182-200 a'Beckett Road, Narre Warren North.

How is it significant?

'Forres Farm' is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Casey.

Why is it significant?

Historically, Forres Farm is significant as a farm residence dating from 1900 or earlier, and built for and most probably by members of the Bolduan family, district German pioneers. It remained in Bolduan family ownership at least until 1924. (AHC criteria A4, D2 and H1)

Aesthetically, this symmetrical villa is significant for its unusual stucco rendered facade with return verandahs and its traditional garden setting. (AHC criterion E1)

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Hermes Number 62980

Property Number

Physical Description 1

The unusual roughcast construction distinguishes this house from other houses of similar symmetrical form in the area. Smooth rendered quoins and architraves are a feature. The verandah returns on both sides and is supported by square timber posts with timber capitals but no lacework. Recent boards fence the verandah. There are weatherboard additions to the rear of the building. Towards the rear of the property is a collection of corrugated iron sheds and a brick dairy building. The entrance to the property is flanked by roughcast curved corner walls with the name Forres Farm inscribed.

The house is set within a traditional garden, partly enclosed by a simple picket fence, and entered from the drive via concrete steps. Cypresses mark the entrance, and a large camphor laurel at the rear complements the site. It is located on a rural allotment of around 32 hectares.

Today the house is located on approximately 0.68 hectares amidst rolling lawns and established exotic and native plantings. The facade is decorated in timber ashlar with an Edwardian entrance, pendant brackets along the eaves and a new return verandah. The interior of the old section of the house has been 'partially retained with its Baltic pine floorboards, ceilings and walls stripped back'. The recent extensions to the house have been designed to match the older section. The present owners are Terence and Traci Rutherford and Victoria Holloway.

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