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# Kilkieran

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## Location

692 Princes Highway, BERWICK, Casey City

## Municipality

CASEY CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO53

## Heritage Listing

Casey City

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

This gracious Edwardian house has regional significance as the last home of William Wilson Snr., pioneer settler, and founder of the Wilson Quarry, an important Berwick district industry. Wilson's earlier home, Quarry Hills, built c1854, remains as one of the district's most important and earliest houses. This house has associations with a number of Wilson family descendants including Mrs Anne Jane Greaves who lived there in the 1930s with her parents, Mr and Mrs L. D. Beaumont (Mrs Beaumont's mother was William Wilson's sister). The original builder, George Ballantyne, was also related, and the house has design significance as an example of the excellent craftsmanship. The property is notable for its fine garden setting.

### How is it significant?

### Why is it significant?

Heritage Study/Consultant	Casey - Casey Heritage Study, Context Pty Ltd, 2004; Casey - Heritage of the City of Berwick, Context Pty Ltd, 1993;
Hermes Number	62991

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## Physical Description 1

Located on the hillside above the Princes Highway, Kilkieran today retains a secluded aspect, surrounded by magnificent grounds containing mature exotic plantings including Magnolia grandiflora, liquid amber, camphor laurel, pines, oaks and cypresses. The Italianate villa has a symmetrical form with two projecting hip roofed bays at each end of the facade. The verandah, encircling the whole building, is supported on slender cast iron posts with simple timber brackets and new tiling in the verandah floor. Long sashed windows are paired in the front bays with wide architraves. Two deep window boxes on the west wall contain four sashed windows each and leadlight highlights. Polychrome brickwork, curved brackets in roof eaves and ornate brick chimneys are all features demonstrating excellent craftsmanship in this building. The site is now 1.39 hectares.

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