
Rowallan Farm

Location

15-25 Rowallan Road,HARKAWAY, Casey City

Municipality

CASEY CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO112

Heritage Listing

Casey City

Statement of Significance

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Rowallan Farm, once known as Aberfeldy, and built in the 1880s or earlier, has high local significance as an early Harkaway farmhouse with an old barn and slab shed and an attractive mature garden. The fabric of the oldest part of the house, with its pine walls and hand made brickwork at the rear, is remarkably intact. The later additions are also good examples of Federation detailing with both internal and external features largely intact and in good condition. It is important for its associations with the German pioneer settler, Gottfried Tschirner, whose daughter married J. F. W. Aurisch, the early owner of the neighbouring property, Harkaway Farm. The beautiful garden was reputedly planted by J. C. Anderson, an early owner, a Shire of Berwick Councillor for 27 years and three times Shire President.

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

Other Names Aberfeldy,

Hermes Number 63009

Property Number

Physical Description 1

The earliest parts of this large weatherboard farmhouse were built of timber, lined with beaded pine board and insulated with charcoal. A chimney indicates the position of the old kitchen, adjacent to two other rooms (now used as stores), and toilet a laundry.

Federation features such as curved multi-faceted windows, exposed verandah rafters and curved eaves brackets are evident in the exterior. The verandah to the west would once have allowed views of the old driveway approach from the corner of Noack Road. Internally, the hall is still intact with pine walls and ceiling and lathe and plaster walls in the lounge and dining rooms. Herringbone bricks feature in the later fireplaces and plaster ceiling cornices and rose clusters are in the Art Nouveau style, complementing the cedar architraves. The uneven timber floor indicates sinking footings.

There are several weatherboard outbuildings. The shed adjacent to the water tanks has been externally clad in a mix of second hand sheet materials but contains a wooden slab structure within. Pathways and external drains in handmade brick connect these sheds and stores with the older part of the house. An old barn with bush pole structural timbers stands in the paddock adjacent to the house.

There is a beautiful garden (see history for more).

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