
Chadwick Farm House and Garden

Location

68 Chadwick Road,HARKAWAY, Casey City

Municipality

CASEY CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO117

Heritage Listing

Casey City

Statement of Significance

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Built c1900 with additions in 1906, Chadwick Farm has high local significance as the home of Harkaway farmer, Maurice Chadwick. Fascinated by early building techniques, Chadwick used timber frame and slab construction with mud and concrete infill to create this unusual building. He also built the house next door using hand made concrete blocks, and together the buildings have design interest, with the property as a whole having aesthetic significance.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Casey - Casey Heritage Study, Context Pty Ltd, 2004; Casey - Heritage of the City of Berwick, Context Pty Ltd, 1993;
Hermes Number	63011
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Physical Description 1

Chadwick Farm is a farmhouse of vertical slab construction with mud infill.

The building was built in two gabled sections, similar in form and materials and is reasonably intact today. The method of construction involves a timber frame with wide slabs of timber nailed to cross-beams, forming the exterior of the building. It appears that Chadwick was attempting to recreate the early timber slab building technique which involved slabs slotted into top and bottom plates. The infill material may have originally been mud, which is evident in sections of the wall, and is mostly replaced with concrete. (It is likely that Chadwick himself used concrete as he was evidently using the material in the construction of the later house). The roof is clad in corrugated iron with long timber palings beneath, and weatherboard gable ends. Both halves of the building have pre-cast concrete chimneys (of the Pickering Flemington variety seen in many older Berwick buildings), with one section recently paved in brick and the other retaining wooden floorboards.

Chadwick built the house next door using hand made concrete blocks (1). The new house is also intact, and utilises an interesting type of square brick with porous surface which has been painted. A number of old trees surround the houses which are set well back from the road and form a picturesque farm landscape when viewed from the driveway approach. A large oak is particularly notable.

Source

1. 'Historic Homes of Harkaway'.

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