
Doctor's Surgery & Residence

Location

26-30 Langmore Lane,BERWICK, Casey City

Municipality

CASEY CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO101

Heritage Listing

Casey City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The Doctor's Surgery & Residence, originally constructed c1895-96 with 1920s additions and a new waiting room built in 1965, at 26-30 Langmore Lane, Berwick

How is it significant?

The Doctor's Surgery & Residence at 26-30 Langmore Lane are of local historic significance to the City of Casey.

Why is it significant?

Historically, it is significant for its continuing associations with Berwick district doctors. Constructed for Dr. Alexander Bennie its most notable owner/occupier was Dr. Percy Langmore from 1907-1939. Langmore Lane was named in his honour by Berwick Shire Council in recognition of his service to medical care in the district and to his personal tree planting program over a period of fifty years which is reflected in his own garden and the streets of the township. The additions to the building from the 1920s and 1965 demonstrate the changes in ownership of the practice.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Casey - Casey Heritage Study, Context Pty Ltd, 2004; Casey - Heritage of the City of Berwick, Context Pty Ltd, 1993;
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Usage/Former Usage

Surgery & residence

Physical Description 1

Set on a large site of around 7212 square metres with an extensive garden and sloping lawns, the house with its attached surgery is approached by a return driveway lined with mature exotic trees including cedar, Japanese maples, pines and liquidambar. The most intact part of the earliest building is the late Victorian facade which is on a raised earth plinth and faces west rather than the Langmore Lane entrance. Rendered steps lead to the entrance which has wide sidelights with moulded architraves. Long double-hung windows next to the door indicate the position of the original waiting room. On the opposite side of the entrance the gabled wing is a later addition and features a triple lighted bay window. The walls of the earliest section of the building are believed to contain seagrass as insulation material. (1) The verandah with its broad hip roof, plasterboard ceiling and twin tapered post supports dates from around 1926. Other additions dating from the 1920s are wings to the east and south of the earliest part of the house. The 1960s waiting room addition extends to the north of the house, obscuring the earlier late Victorian and 1920s design.

SOURCE

1. Information supplied by Dr N. Stephenson.

Physical Conditions

Good

Historical Australian Themes

Developing settlements, towns and cities

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