
Quilly Park (former)



Image of curtilage for Quilly Park

Location

55 Craigs Lane,PEARCEDALE, Casey City

Municipality

CASEY CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO21

Heritage Listing

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

Quilly Park located at 55 Craigs Lane Pearcedale is significant to the City of Casey. The following elements are considered to be significant:

- The highly intact wattle and daub cottage [with early corrugated iron extensions] (c.1873);
- The Olive Tree and Peppercorn Tree located adjacent to the wattle and daub cottage;

The adjacent Edwardian timber residence (c.1916) has been externally altered and added to and is not considered significant. The row of Monterey Cypress (c.1939) along the driveway are not considered significant. Modern stables, shedding and outbuildings are not significant.

How is it significant?

The wattle and daub cottage [with extensions] and its adjacent Olive and Peppercorn trees at Quilly Park is of local historic and scientific (technical) significance to the City of Casey.

Why is it significant?

Historically, 'Quilly Park' is significant as one of the earliest residential farm buildings to survive intact within the municipality. The cottage exhibits a high degree of integrity externally (restored 2012), retaining the original building and roof form, materials and cladding (including timber shingles beneath iron). The later corrugated iron store room and skillion addition, as well as the Olive and Peppercorn trees which survive adjacent to the cottage are demonstrative of the small incremental change over time, typical of pastoral buildings of this size and period, which responded to immediate need. Its proximity to the adjacent [much altered] c.1916 timber residence does not detract from this significance. The cottage demonstrates the living conditions, resourcefulness and way of life of those from this earliest period of pastoral settlement in the municipality, particularly that of those who took up land under the Land Selection Acts. (Criterion A)

Scientifically (technically) the cottage at Quilly Park is significant as a rare surviving example of an early vernacular building technique (wattle and daub) of timber and mud. These buildings, once relatively common in rural areas are becoming increasingly rare due to their fragility. Quilly Park demonstrates a particular system where timber uprights were used with horizontal members of local ti-tree with mud and lime mixed to attach to the members, and rendered with a lime and mud render. (Criterion F)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Casey - Casey Heritage Study, Context Pty Ltd, 2004; Casey - Heritage of the City of Casey: Historic Sites in the former Cranbourne Shire, Graeme Butler & Associates, 1994; Select Review of Casey Heritage Places, Review of sites for proposed Heritage Anomalies Amendment, Context Pty. Ltd., 2018;
Construction dates	1873, 1916,
Other Names	Craig's Selection, Jatoki Farm,
Hermes Number	63095
Property Number	

Usage/Former Usage

Residential, as part of farm

Physical Conditions

Quilly Park consists of a modest c. 1870s wattle and daub cottage, a timber residence dating from c.1916, a row of Monterey Cypress (c.1939) and a limited number of exotic planted trees.

Wattle and Daub cottage

The cottage is the original Quilly Park homestead, and comprises a small wattle and daub (or pole and pug) cottage with a rear service skillion and an added side store room, constructed of corrugated iron. The cottage has a simply hipped corrugated iron roof (replaced in 2012) over timber shingles, extending to a skillion roof over the rear addition. A few remaining trees from the cottage garden survive at the front of the cottage, including an Olive Tree (*Olea europaea*) and a Peppercorn (*Shinus molle*).

The construction method of the cottage utilises timber uprights, ti-tree horizontal members and mud or mud mixed with lime. There are at least two different types of render applied to the wall surfaces, and this has served to protect the vulnerable walls beneath. The cottage has a simple straight profile verandah, clad in corrugated iron with chamfered timber posts and a concrete pad, and was restored in 2012. Two brick chimneys survive (one to the east and one to the west). The western chimney has been altered and extended in the mid twentieth century.

The facade is generally symmetrically with a pair of twelve pane double hung sash windows flanking the four panelled timber front door (although the window to the west is set closer to the front door than that to the east. Windows at the rear of the cottage appear to be early, and possibly salvaged from elsewhere, as they are not matching. The external architrave mouldings also appear to be early.

Timber residence

Immediately adjacent to the cottage (east) is a timber house dating from 1916, with various alterations and additions externally and internally.

Other trees

A row of mature (c1939) Monterey Cypress (*Cupressus macrocarpa*) extend from the 1916 house down the driveway to the property entrance from Craig's Lane.

Fair to Good

Historical Australian Themes

Peopling the continent, Promoting settlement on the land through selection and group settlement

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