
Stella Maris (Former)

Location

129-135 South Gippsland Highway, TOORADIN, Casey City

Municipality

CASEY CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO190

Heritage Listing

Casey City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 9, 2004

What is significant?

'Stella Maris' (Former), comprising the building constructed in 1924 and the three Canary Island Palms, at 129-135 South Gippsland Highway, Tooradin.

How is it significant?

'Stella Maris' (Former) is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Casey.

Why is it significant?

Historically, it is significant for its associations with the development of Tooradin as a tourist resort during the interwar period, which was facilitated by better road access to the area. It also has associations with local identity James D Singleton. It is symbolic of the town's long-term role in tourism of various kinds, from the hunting parties of Lyall in the mid nineteenth century to the fishing parties of this century.(AHC criteria A4, D2 and H1)

Aesthetically, the three Canary Island Palms are significant as fine specimens, which are local landmarks. (AHC criterion E1)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Casey - Casey Heritage Study, Context Pty Ltd, 2004; Casey - City of Casey Heritage Study: Cranbourne, Knox, Graeme Butler & Associate, 1998;
Construction dates	1924,
Hermes Number	63176
Property Number	

Usage/Former Usage

Guest house, restaurant.

Physical Description 1

The former Stella Maris is a large altered and extended weatherboard Edwardian bungalow with shingled gables. There are new windows and a verandah.

Three mature Canary Island date palms (*Phoenix Canariensis*) along the frontage (one apparently on or close to the boundary) provide an appropriate setting, along with some cypress and gum trees. The age of the trees is not known, but their size would suggest that they are contemporary with the date of the building.

Physical Conditions

Good

Intactness

Low to Moderate. The building has been extensively altered. The palms are in good condition.

Historical Australian Themes

Economic Development; Tourism

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