
Menenia Park

Location

71 Craig Road,DEVON MEADOWS, Casey City

Municipality

CASEY CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO126

Heritage Listing

Casey City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 13, 2004

What is significant?

'Menenia Park'

How is it significant?

'Menenia Park' is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Casey.

Why is it significant?

Menenia Park (house, trees and outbuildings) is of significance to the City for its distinctive combination of a well-preserved two-storey verandahed farm house form and weatherboard cladding, from early this century, together with a number of other historic elements from the 19th century such as the well and earlier house sites. The property is also associated with some of the pioneering landowners of the district, such as Bruce, Foley and William Taylor, and prominent names from other districts such as the Irvine and Crosthwaite families. It once formed part of a property holding thousands of acres and was the setting for some of the district's social events in the form of race meetings.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Casey - Casey Heritage Study, Context Pty Ltd, 2004; Casey - City of Casey Heritage Study: Cranbourne, Knox, Graeme Butler & Associate, 1998;
Other Names	Sherwood Park,
Hermes Number	63178
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

Description

This large two storey, verandahed and weatherboarded hipped roof farm house is set on a hill in mature exotics including Monterey pines and cypress, plus outbuildings. The Monterey pines are thought to have been part of a plantation, being in rows, and legend has it that they were planted by convict labour. The house possesses architectural detailing (slatted verandah balustrade) and roof form (Dutch hip) typical of the Edwardian-era, with potential for an earlier building adjoining on the site (detailed inspection required). A single storey wing of the house is thought to have been shifted from an earlier houses site where a brick-lined underground tank remains today, near the front gate. This wing is remembered as being lined with ornamental pressed metal sheeting over hessian in the 1930s (15). Another house site is reputedly located nearer to Finsbury Road among sugar gums, along with an old well.

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