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# Eyrecourt



Eyrecourt - south east elevation 2017



Eyrecourt - former stables and coachouse now demolished



Eyrecourt - north elevation 2017



Eyrecourt - mature trees



Eyrecourt - front garden and driveway from Grice s Road

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## Location

211 Grices Road,CRANBOURNE NORTH, Casey City

## Municipality

CASEY CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO129

## Heritage Listing

Casey City

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

Eyrecourt, comprising the homestead constructed c.1886-7, nineteenth century coach house, and associated mature driveways, area of lawn to the north and specimen trees, at 221S Grices Road, Clyde North.

### How is it significant?

Eyrecourt is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Casey.

### Why is it significant?

Historically, it is significant as an early farm complex that illustrates an important phase in the historic development of primary production in this area during the late nineteenth century. It also has associations with Richard Grice Junior who was well known in Melbourne and local circles, having served on the Shire Council. (Criteria A & H).

Aesthetically, the homestead is architecturally significant for its picturesque multi-gabled form, complete with the lantern roof with widow's walk and a prominent hill-top setting. Mature specimen contributes to the setting, as do the areas of lawn to the north of the homestead and the nineteenth and twentieth century driveways. The incorporation of decorative internal entry and central hall spaces is of particular aesthetic significance, and the well-resolved and innovative space speaks to the aspiration of its original owner. (Criteria D & E)

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Casey - Casey Heritage Study, Context Pty Ltd, 2004; Casey - City of Casey Heritage Study: Cranbourne, Knox, Graeme Butler &amp; Associate, 1998; |
| Construction dates        | 1886,   |
| Other Names               | Eyre Court,   |
| Hermes Number             | 63193   |
| Property Number           |   |

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## Physical Description 1

The homestead at 'Eyre Court' is a large altered weatherboarded multi-gabled and verandahed Victorian farm house, with a look-out built into the roof and a hill-top setting within a notable mature exotic garden.

The garden contains many mature trees (many conifers, 'Araucaria sp.', oaks, old robinias) which complements the nearby orchards and adjoining picturesque farm landscape. Canary Island pines (*Pinus canariensis*) and oaks extend west along Grices Road through other properties which were presumably once part of the Grice holding.

## Physical Conditions

Good

## Historical Australian Themes

Developing primary production

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