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Location

122 Commercial Road, Mt Evelyn VIC 3796 - Property No 75947

Municipality

YARRA RANGES SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO248

Heritage Listing

Yarra Ranges Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - July 5, 2000

Appin, built c1920 by James Paton Beveridge, printer and lithographer, as a weekend bush retreat, and once with a photographic studio, has high local significance as one of Mt. Evelyn's remaining log cabins and as a 1920s holiday house. The 1920s log cabin has historical significance for its associations with both Beveridge and Brodney. Beveridge became prominent in the printing industry, gaining an OBE in 1954/5 for his services to printing in Australia. Brodney was one of the founders of the legal firm Maurice Blackburn and Co., who lived there in the late 1950s and early 1960s, using the larger log cabin as a music room and the smaller cabin as a library for his law books.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Yarra Ranges - Shire of Yarra Ranges Heritage Study, Context Pty Ltd, 2000;
Construction dates	1920,
Other Names	Log Cabin House,
Hermes Number	115098
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Physical Description 1

Appin is a 'log cabin' style house, set on the hillside above Chateau Wyuna and accessed via a steep driveway lined on one side by cypresses. The property has been subdivided, and some of the features described in the history either do not survive or may be located on adjoining properties.

The house itself is built of logs laid horizontally. It has two main sections and a detached wash house (now enclosed within a 1983 extension). The front room extends the whole length of the building. It has a coved ceiling with the plaster joints covered by half-rounds. There is a large stone fireplace at one end. The other section contains two rooms, and the remains of a fireplace. The walls of the detached wash house are stone to about 1 metre, and then timber. The extension added around 1983 by the previous owners, adopts much of the detailing of the original.

Information from the Beveridge family reveals that the house was built in stages. The first stage now contains the kitchen. The fireplace at one end has since been replaced with a window. The main front room was the second stage. The current kitchen is not in its original location. The first kitchen was in a lean-to on the north side of the house, built into the bank of the hill. It was eventually covered in to become a kitchen room, but was still separated by an open breezeway from the two main rooms. By the 1940s, several outhouses and sleepouts had been built to accommodate guests and grandchildren. (Beveridge et al, 2000.)

The original driveway entered from the western side of the property. The original stone pillars and entrance gateway walls now form the entry to 110 Commercial Road. The stone entry and metal "bottom gate" with the sign "Appin" still exists (heavily overgrown) at the southern edge of the original property, now on a separate land title. A path lead from this gate through the rockery garden to the house. (Beveridge et al, 2000)

Physical Conditions

Good

Integrity

Minor Modifications

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