
Glenara

Location

1675S BALLARTO ROAD CLYDE, CASEY CITY

Municipality

CASEY CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO204

Heritage Listing

Casey City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

Glenara, a single storey timber Victorian farmhouse (c.1889) at 1675 Ballarto Road, Clyde, is significant to the City of Casey.

The significant elements of the place are:

- The freestanding dwelling and its rural garden setting;
- The M-hip roof form, clad in galvanised corrugated iron, the three (overpainted) face brick chimneys, square edge weatherboard wall cladding, under eave timber brackets, symmetrical arrangement of the facade, including tripartite windows on the facade flanking the original front door and surrounds including fanlight and sidelights, double hung timber sash windows on other elevations and the hip roofed verandah which extends beyond the principal facade.

The large Spotted Gum canopy tree at the rear of the house contributes to the formerly rural setting of the place.

The following structures and elements are features that do not contribute to the significance of the place:

- Later additions to the dwelling including the timber verandah posts,

- Timber infill to the verandah (to the north and south),
- The nearby small trees and associated outbuildings.

How is it significant?

Glenara at 1675 Ballarto Road, Clyde, is of local historical and aesthetic significance to the City of Casey.

Why is it significant?

Glenara is of historical significance as a surviving late Victorian former farmhouse that originally served as part of a dairy farm. Dairy farming was an important and longstanding industry in the Clyde/ Cranbourne district, first with the production of cheese and butter, and later milk production when transport connections (rail then road) allowed greater access to the wider Melbourne market. The dwelling was constructed in 1889, the year after the railway line was extended to Clyde. The location of the farmhouse, set well back from Tuckers Road and originally accessed by a long driveway (no longer extant) is typical of farmhouses within the City of Casey from the late nineteenth century. Glenara was owned by Isaac Mullins from 1873 to 1906, an early landowner in the Clyde/Cranbourne area from c.1857, including the period when the extant farmhouse was constructed. The farm was used both by Mullins and others for tenant farming, demonstrating a key aspect of the change from large landholders to smaller landholders who tenanted their farms in the richer agricultural areas of the municipality in the late 19th and early 20th century. (Criterion A)

Glenara is of representative significance as an intact example of a late Victorian farmhouse. It has a distinct lack of decorative detailing which is common for timber farmhouses in the rural context. The house is similar in appearance to other late Victorian farmhouses associated with pastoral industry. The weatherboard farmhouse has characteristics typical of the late Victorian period including the restrained ornamentation (limited to timber under eave brackets); the symmetrical arrangement of the facade, with central front door (including fanlight and sidelights) flanked by tripartite windows, M hip roof clad in galvanised corrugated iron, brick chimneys with corbelled caps, square edged weatherboards and double hung timber sash windows on secondary elevations. The hip verandah, which extends beyond the facade some distance is a distinctive and atypical element. The mature Spotted Gum tree retains a visual connection to the farmhouse, contributing to the rural garden setting. (Criterion D)

The site is located on the traditional land of the Bunurong.

Theme

4. Transforming and managing the land

Heritage Study/Consultant	Clyde Creek Precinct Structure Plan: Heritage Review and Assessments for Clyde and Clyde North, Ray Tonkin, 2014;
Hermes Number	208362
Property Number	

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