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# BOURKE HOUSE & STABLES



Bourke House & Stables  
at Pakenham Racecourse

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## Location

65 RACECOURSE ROAD, PAKENHAM, CARDINIA SHIRE

## Municipality

CARDINIA SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO108

## Heritage Listing

Cardinia Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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Pakenham racecourse residence & stable complex is significant as a large, successfully designed and well-preserved residential complex from the 1920s, linked with a private racecourse and associated with notable district figures, such as the Bourkes, prominent Pakenham graziers and horse racing identities. Through its associations with the Bourke family who have played major roles within the Victorian Racing Club, and with the Pakenham Racing Club, this property has been significant in the history of racing in the shire.

The relatively intact garden associated with the residence adds to the property's significance.

The combination of a private residence, racecourse and stables has importance as rare within the Shire.

## Regional Significance

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Cardinia - Cardinia Shire Heritage Study 1996, Graeme Butler & Associates, 1996; |
| Construction dates        | 1926,  |
| Other Names               | Pakenham Racecourse,   |
| Hermes Number             | 29962  |
| Property Number           |  |

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## Physical Description 1

This large hipped and verandahed weatherboard house is set on the north side of the racecourse, the south side of the Pakenham Creek and the west side of the road. The roof is corrugated-iron and the skillion window hoods along the side have ripple iron roofs and fringed valences. The chimneys are brick (over-painted ) and have corbelled tops. A mature and notable cypress hedge spans the front and a lesser hedge is to the side. A Canary Island date palm and large gum add to the generally mature exotic garden.

There are extensive timber outbuildings of the era and earlier behind and to the sides of the house. These are, in part, reputedly old stables brought from the former Bourke property, Homegarth.

## Physical Conditions

The house and out-buildings appear to be in externally near original condition and the garden is related to the period of the house.

## Historical Australian Themes

Themes

7.3 Outdoor sports (football, cricket, horse racing, hunting, car racing, rifle shooting, fishing),  
10.11 Township residences, 19th and 20th century, gardens

### 11.0 Evidence of:

Life style, housing and landscape choice of notable figures residing in the district

## Physical Description 2

Associations - Casey, Jack; Bourke, MJ and family

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