
CARDINIA PARK, FORMER GIN GIN BEAN



Cardinia Park Former Gin Gin
Bean Pre Emptive right site

Location

410 Officer South Road OFFICER, Cardinia Shire

Municipality

CARDINIA SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO91

Heritage Listing

Cardinia Shire

Statement of Significance

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Cardinia Park, the former Gin Gin Bean Pre-emptive Right, is significant to the Cardinia Shire as an early house connected with the pioneering pastoral period in the district and closely related to the later early farming activity on this property. The house is thought to be among the oldest in the shire and this is supported by a reasonably well preserved front wing which is complemented by a later Edwardian-era wing, thus reflecting stages in the Lecky ownership of the property. The Lecky family was associated with this property from a very early date, James Lecky, the pastoralist, holding the Gin Gin Bean lease from 1846.

Regional Significance

Heritage Study/Consultant	Cardinia - Cardinia Shire Heritage Study 1996, Graeme Butler & Associates, 1996;
Construction dates	1870, 1914,
Other Names	410 Officer South Road, Officer,
Hermes Number	29988
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

This house is near or at the site of an old pastoral complex, set on the Cardinia Creek, and well in from the road. The present house was reputedly built in three stages and this matches the physical evidence. The brick front is thought to date from the 1870s, the weatherboard section at the rear from the turn of the century, and the kitchen from the First World War period.

The front section is a typical conservative stuccoed Italianate styled and verandahed villa with a corrugated iron clad hipped roof and Edwardian-era bullnose profile verandah (later). The front threshold is set well above the verandah floor level indicating that it once opened onto a timber verandah which has since been removed. The house has the typical four main rooms either side of a central passage as reflected by the symmetrically arranged double-hung windows facing the front and the cemented ornamental chimneys.

The rear verandah supported on turned timber posts typical of the Edwardian-era and is faced by an altered weatherboard section of the house. There is a huge dome-topped well to one side of the house in the garden which presumably served the kitchen. A reconstructed pleasure garden is at the front of the house with some mature plantings. There is no indication of mature trees which might have lined the long driveway into the house.

Well removed from the house are corrugated iron clad out-buildings which appear of more recent construction.

Physical Conditions

Given the various stages of construction, generally externally original.

Historical Australian Themes

Themes

- 3.1 Squatters/pastoralists and grazing
- 10.2 Pastoralists' homes, gardens

Physical Description 2

Associations - Lecky, James

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