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# Kilfera



Kilfera extent - HO32

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## Location

72-92 King Road, HARKAWAY, Casey City

## Municipality

CASEY CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO32

## Heritage Listing

## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

Kilfera, located at 76-80 King Road Harkaway is significant. Elements contributing to the significance of the place are:

- the Post Office (originally a residence)
- Lilly Pilly and Holly Trees
- Cypress windrow.

### How is it significant?

Kilfera, 76-80 King Road, Harkaway is of local historical significance to the City of Casey.

### Why is it significant?

Kilfera, is an important early historical site, as the Harkaway Post Office. It has close associations with the German Lutheran settlement at Harkaway. It is of historical significance as an example both of an early Post Office, as well as a residential building set within a substantial garden, although only the Holly, Lilly Pilly tree and Cypress Windrow are considered to have sufficient contextual significance to assist in the understanding of the place as an early residence and garden. It is of further historical significance as one of the earliest remaining Harkaway buildings. Kilfera has associations with Harkaway pioneers John W. Fritzlaff and William Wiese, carpenter/builders, the first owners in 1856. Despite alterations and additions in the 1890s and 1980s, it is a rare surviving example of the simple pioneering homesteads constructed in a vernacular colonial style. (Criterion A)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Casey - Casey Heritage Study, Context Pty Ltd, 2004; Select Review of Casey Heritage Places, Review of sites for proposed Heritage Anomalies Amendment, Context Pty. Ltd., 2018; Casey - Heritage of the City of Berwick, Context Pty Ltd, 1993;
Construction dates	1856, 1890,
Hermes Number	62894
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

Kilfera, a mud and timber cottage, with alterations and additions in the 1890s and 1980s, is an important early building in the Berwick district.

The oldest part of the house consists of two rooms with walls constructed with a wooden frame and battens supporting a mud infill (with some concrete indicating later repairs), and a chalky paint wash. The eastern wall of this early section has been covered with weatherboard and metal sheeting. Two weatherboard rooms have been attached to the rest of the building, probably dating from about the same time as the enclosure of the rear verandah. These sections have been altered recently as part of renovations by the current owners. The house has a picturesque aspect, behind a privet hedge and bordered to the side by cypress plantings, and is located on approximately 1.3 hectares. Marion Marshallsea is the current owner.

## Historical Australian Themes

Settling and Working the land

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