
Quarry Hills

Location

31 Quarry Hills Drive, BERWICK, Casey City

Municipality

CASEY CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO55

Heritage Listing

Casey City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 13, 2004

This property has regional significance as one of the earliest buildings in Berwick, its oldest section dating from c1854, with extensions c1878 and 1883. It has significance, also, for its associations with the pioneering Wilson family, farmers, whose quarry (adjacent to the house), provided the bluestone for the Gippsland Railway and roads throughout the district. Quarry Hills remains much as it was when the Wilson family extended it in the 1880s. It is important, too, as a model for local construction with bricks manufactured on site, and the incorporation of a cheese room in the homestead complex.

The property has additional historical significance for its associations with Jock and Jane Marshall. The couple had social connections with a prominent group of artists whose work is believed to remain in the house. Jock Marshall also contributed to the recognition of Wilson Quarry as a Botanic Park.

Heritage Study/Consultant Casey - Casey Heritage Study, Context Pty Ltd, 2004;

Construction dates 1854, 1878,

Hermes Number 62898

Property Number

Physical Description 1

The homestead at 'Quarry Hills' appears today as a symmetrical Victorian Italianate villa. The south addition with its symmetrical facade and verandah has not been changed significantly since the extensions c.1878 and 1883. The first homestead, which was asymmetrical in plan, is believed to exist within the building today. Internally, a mural by Drysdale in the dining room and a mosaic by Pugh in the bathroom are believed to be intact.

'Quarry Hills' retains a fine garden with many mature exotic trees. Some other trees, including a Moreton Bay Fig, also remain in a small park in Shute Avenue.

An early red brick building dating from around the turn of the century has deteriorated and stands on an adjacent allotment.

Physical Conditions

Good

Historical Australian Themes

Settling and working the land

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