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# Springfield Homestead and The Old Cheese Factory

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## Location

34 Homestead Road,BERWICK, Casey City

## Municipality

CASEY CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO5

## Heritage Listing

Casey City

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## Statement of Significance

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**What is significant?**

**How is it significant?**

**Why is it significant?**

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

Construction dates 1855,

Other Names The Springs,

Hermes Number 62901

Property Number

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## Physical Description 1

The house is located on top of a hill and is a simple symmetrical villa. A concave verandah with concrete floor surrounds the building on three sides with a skillion to the rear. The roof is slate and internally the ceilings are all lined with beaded pine boards. New window frames have been installed to the original design.

A three-roomed building containing kitchen and wash-house is located a short distance from the rear of the house. A double-door wood stove is a feature of the old kitchen.

The Cheese Factory building was designed to maximise insulation and features a cavity brick wall with a nine inch external wall and an internal wall of half that thickness with galvanised iron wall ties. The pattern of bricklaying is unusual, possibly copied from a British style. (1) The roof is also double-layered for insulation with hardwood shingles beneath a corrugated iron cladding. (2) The eaves are supported by heavy timber brackets which have a decorative effect. At each end of the hip roof a chimney identifies the position of an upper storey fireplace. An outside staircase has been built into the east wall. Windows have been reframed with fixed glass. The carpentry in the upper floor, both floor and ceiling, provides an excellent example of early truss construction. The building has new concrete footings. A brick domed well is located in the carpark to the west of the factory. Next to it is an inoperable hand pump which has been relocated from The Springs. A second well with hand pump is also located at south-east corner of the factory. Sources 1. National Trust of Australia (Victoria), Berwick Cheese factory Classification Report, p.3.2. National Trust of Australia (Victoria), Berwick Cheese factory Classification Report, p.1.

## Physical Conditions

Good

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