
Essex Park

Location

13 Aquila Crescent ENDEAVOUR HILLS, CASEY CITY

Municipality

CASEY CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO61

Heritage Listing

Casey City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - March 25, 2004

What is significant?

'Essex Park', comprising the homestead constructed in 1939 and its related mature garden setting, at 13 Aquila Crescent, Endeavour Hills.

How is it significant?

'Essex Park' is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Casey.

Why is it significant?

Historically, Essex Park homestead is significant as one of the oldest houses in Endeavour Hills, predating the establishment of the suburb by some thirty years. Its site has historical importance, demonstrating an earlier farming use of the area, as the location from 1900-1930 of the Pines Estate and from 1932-39 (after subdivision), as the location of the Essex Park dairy farm of Brown, owner of the Essex Dairy in Dandenong. (AHC criteria A4, D2 and H1)

Aesthetically, it is significant as a fine example of an interwar residence. Its grand 1939 design and formal garden setting is substantially intact, demonstrating the architecture and tastes of this period. The front garden is also of design interest and has a significant visual relationship with the house. (AHC criterion E1)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Casey - Casey Heritage Study, Context Pty Ltd, 2004; Casey - Heritage of the City of Berwick, Context Pty Ltd, 1993;
Other Names	Pines Estate,
Hermes Number	62905
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

Essex Park is built on carefully landscaped slopes in the midst of the Endeavour Hills subdivision. The front garden is carefully landscaped in a formal manner with a stone wall containing an oval lawned space with central rectangular pond. Cypresses and other exotic plantings dating from the middle of this century surround the house.

The house is a pretentious classical design in the form of a symmetrical villa with sprawling hip roof. It features a colonnaded verandah with ionic concrete columns and balustrade. A central pediment protrudes from the verandah with steps rising at the sides and below a recess with surrounding relief work but no statue. The fenestration is typical of many houses of the inter-war period, with central fixed pane and side sashes.

To the rear of the house there have been weatherboard additions, including a caretaker's flat and garage. A well also remains to the rear of the house.

Historical Australian Themes

Working the land, Dairying

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