
Minard

Location

62-70 Manuka Road, BERWICK, Casey City

Municipality

CASEY CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO50

Heritage Listing

Casey City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

Minard, located at 62 Manuka Road Berwick, including the cellar and garden setting.

How is it significant?

Minard is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Casey.

Why is it significant?

Minard is of local historic significance as it demonstrates two key periods of development within the suburban lands of Berwick - the creation of small, self sufficient farms on the outskirts of Berwick from c1871-1890, as represented by the small timber cottage at the centre of Minard, and the later consolidation of small farms into more intensive industry in the early twentieth century, including new industries, such as holiday accommodation (Criterion A).

The house itself has aesthetic significance as it represents typical elements of the form and style of modest Victorian and Edwardian domestic architecture as represented in the City of Casey, and retains a high degree of integrity. While minor alterations and additions have occurred, the periods of development, and differing architectural styles are clearly evident in comparing the two principal parts of the dwelling. The later section is constructed from timber, has a shallower gable roof, with simple, small four pane sash windows and a modest two-room form. The brick section demonstrates a new design and decorative approach to architecture, including the high-pitched gable roof, decorative large window set into the facade with side lights and timber detailing, the

decorative 'rising sun' motif on the bargeboard and the elevated positioning. The inclusion of the cellar is of interest, as it is unusual within the municipality (Criterion D and E). .

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Hermes Number 62914

Property Number

Physical Description 1

Minard is an intact, asymmetrical brick and timber dwelling constructed in three distinct parts, clearly identifiable from the building fabric. The earliest section is a transitional Edwardian-Victorian brick building of two rooms with a steeply pitched gable roof clad in corrugated iron. This section of the building is elevated to allow access to a cellar via brick steps leading down to a solid timber door. A large decorative timber window with side lights is set in the western elevation, forming part of the combined facade of the amalgamated sections of building. This timber window has been replaced with an exact replica in recent years. A smaller traditional double hung sash window is set in the eastern wall, and two similar windows are symmetrically arranged on the northern elevation. The original brick chimney survives intact in this section.

The second part of the cottage is believed to date from c.1920, and comprised of a two room timber cottage with a gable roof and skillion profile verandah. This timber cottage forms the centre and facade of the combined building. The verandah has been replaced with modern timber posts and a possibly a new profile, and the cladding on both verandah and roof replaced. A portion of the verandah has been enclosed at some time in the period 1940-1970.

The timber portion of the building which is located to the east is a modern (but entirely sympathetic) extension of modern weatherboard and glass, with a simple corrugated iron clad gable roof.

The remnants of an attractive garden surround Minard, including a brick edged path leading to the front of the timber cottage, plantings of exotic trees and shrubs which appear to date from the period c.1950-1970, and more modern plantings and garden beds.

Overall, the cottage is in very good condition, and retains a high degree of integrity.

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