
Beaumont Farm

Location

115-129 Beaumont Road, BERWICK, Casey City

Municipality

CASEY CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO37

Heritage Listing

Casey City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 6, 2004

What is significant?

Beaumont (former Ardblair), comprising the complex of buildings dating from c.1854 to c.1900, at 115-129 Beaumont Road, Berwick.

How is it significant?

Beaumont Farm is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Berwick.

Why is it significant?

Historically, it is significant as one of the district's most important and earliest farming properties with sections of its buildings dating from c1854, the 1860s and 1890s or c1900. It has important associations with two major district pioneer farming families, the Buchanans and Beaumonts. The Buchanans were involved in cattle breeding, wheat growing and cheese making and the Beaumonts bred Ayrshire cattle, imported stud Southdown sheep and Suffolk Punch farm horses. It retains one of two cheese factories extant within the municipality, which provides evidence of this important early farm-based industry. (AHC criteria A4, D2 and H1)

Aesthetically, the buildings are good examples of building technology and design approaches dating from 1854, 1860s and 1899 respectively. Each stage of development is in a reasonable state of intactness and in the context of surrounding landscape, this provides a good illustration of the history of land use in the Beaumont Road area. (AHC criteria E1 and F1)

Heritage Study/Consultant Casey - Casey Heritage Study, Context Pty Ltd, 2004;
Other Names Ardblair, Neuchatel, Green Hills,
Hermes Number 62920
Property Number

Physical Description 1

A large proportion of this original house remains today, with some internal alterations to accommodate modern uses. The kitchen is the oldest part of the building, now divided into two kitchenettes. It is still possible to identify the position of the fireplace in the 1854 building. This building is joined, by more recent additions, to the double-storey 1860s former cheese factory. The floor of the upper level is constructed of hand hewn beams. The hand-made brick walls are rendered and painted. The verandah which once skirted the lower storey has been removed. A recent addition to the stairway and landing gives access to the side of the building.

There were red brick additions to Ardblair c1899 (1). This section extends on the western side of the 1850s kitchen. A broad hip roof extends over the return verandah, shading a sequence of floor to ceiling sashed windows. Exposed rafters in the eaves and brick pillar supports represent an interesting early bungalow influence in this design.

An old corrugated iron shed is located on the opposite side of the driveway next to a more recent building used as a visitor's residence. A well is located immediately to the east of the cheese factory.

Source

1. The Gazette, 12 Aug. 1992. These additions were for L. D. Beaumont.

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