

Inveresk

Location

93 High Street, BERWICK, Casey City

Municipality

CASEY CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO44

Heritage Listing

Casey City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

'Inveresk', designed by Little & Beasley and constructed by William J Brown in 1891, at 93 High Street, Berwick.

How is it significant?

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

Why is it significant?

Historically, 'Inveresk' is significant as a splendid example of a residence constructed of local Berwick bricks for successful draper, George Brown, which demonstrates the grand homes built for local businessmen servicing the prosperous farming district. (AHC criteria A4, D2 and H1)

Aesthetically, 'Inveresk' is significant as a local landmark located in the prestigious Berwick hill area and is also notable a good example of the domestic work of the Melbourne architects, Little and Beasley, featuring fine carpentry in the exterior and interior. (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;
Construction dates	1891,
Architect/Designer	Beasley & Little,
Hermes Number	62925
Property Number	

Usage/Former Usage

Residential

Physical Description 1

After recent sympathetic renovations, Inveresk remains remarkably intact, and is an important landmark within its colourful cottage garden setting. The original form of the building with a return verandah extending between projecting gabled bays, complex roof form and elaborately decorated flying gables (with half-timbering, drop pendant, curved brackets) remains intact. The verandah balustrade, posts and brackets appear to be new but are based on the original design.

The brown brick walls are built of stretcher courses (cavity wall construction) and are tuck pointed with string courses highlighted by a dark wash at sill level and two metres up the wall. The roof retains its slate tiles, and overall the house is in excellent condition.

Internally, Baltic pine floors and marble fireplaces are a feature, and there have been a number of alterations to modernise facilities as well as match Victorian decor.

Physical Conditions

Excellent

Historical Australian Themes

Building settlements, towns and cities

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