
Gloucester Cottage

Location

1/66 Gloucester Avenue, BERWICK, Casey City

Municipality

CASEY CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO78

Heritage Listing

Casey City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - February 17, 2022

What is significant?

'Gloucester Cottage', constructed c.1880, at 1/66 Gloucester Avenue, Berwick.

How is it significant?

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

Why is it significant?

Historically, 'Gloucester Cottage' is significant as the home of John Joseph Williams Warne, well-known district painter and decorator, and his family. The Warnes established one of Berwick's earliest businesses in Gloucester Avenue and have been district painters and decorators to the present day. (AHC criteria A4 and H1)

Aesthetically, 'Gloucester Cottage' is significant as a representative example of a Victorian Italianate house which remains largely intact. (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	1880,
Hermes Number	63029
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

'Gloucester Cottage' was described in 1967 as an old weatherboard with an iron roof ' about 85 years old but well maintained'. Today, units have been built at the rear, but the symmetrical Victorian house remains largely intact. The timber ashlar facade is complemented with lozenge blocks and pendant brackets in the shallow eaves. Elaborate front windows with moulded frames and sidelights, central door with fanlight, rendered chimneys and ornate convex verandah (possibly new) are features of this Italianate villa.

Its interior retains various Victorian features such as ten to eleven foot ceilings, cornices and ceiling roses and lathe and plaster walls in the older section.(1) Situated opposite St Margaret's School, the exterior of the cottage is enhanced by street plantings of oaks, elms and plane trees.

SOURCES

1. City of Berwick Valuer's records.

Physical Conditions

Good

Intactness

Moderate to High

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