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# St. Germain's

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## Location

Mccormacks Road,CLYDE, Casey City

## Municipality

CASEY CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO16

## Heritage Listing

Casey City

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

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St Germain's (HO16) comprises a late Victorian Italianate dwelling constructed c.1890 and remnant ornamental landscape of mature tree plantings, and two contemporary palm trees, located at 95 McCormacks Road, Clyde North (Map 2a).

### How is it significant?

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HO16 is of historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Casey

### Why is it significant?

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The site is significant to the City of Casey for the following reasons:

- Historically, HO16 is significant for the relative age and size of the dwelling and the association with early pastoral history of the region. HO16 provides a representative example of a substantial rural homestead of the pastoral era. HO16 is also of historical significance as the residence of locally prominent figure Alexander Patterson, and the association with other members of the regionally important Patterson family (Criterion A, D

and H).

- Aesthetically, HO16 is significant as a representative example of a late Victorian Italianate residence set in remnant ornamental garden, including the two contemporaneous ornamental palms west of the ornamental garden (Criterion E).

## Theme

### 4. Transforming and managing the land

Heritage Study/Consultant	Casey - Casey Heritage Study, Context Pty Ltd, 2004; Casey - Heritage of the City of Casey: Historic Sites in the former Cranbourne Shire, Graeme Butler & Associates, 1994; McPherson Precinct Structure Plan (PSP 1055): Targeted Heritage Review of St Germain's (HO16), Southside Lodge (HO130) and Heritage Assessment of 10 Smith's Lane, Clyde North, Victoria', Ecology and Heritage Partners, 2015;
Construction dates	1893,
Hermes Number	63090
Property Number	

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## Usage/Former Usage

Residential, farming

## Physical Conditions

Good

## Intactness

Moderate to High.

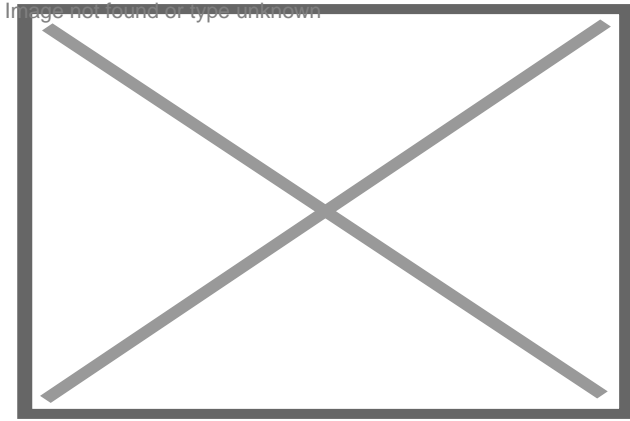
## Physical Description 1

A circular driveway is located at the front (northern) entrance to the house ([Plate 1](#)). The dwelling appears to have retained the structural features present in the 1975 photographs (Section 2.1.3), the front and sides of the house are stuccoed while the brick walls are exposed in the rear courtyard. The front doorway retains a moulded door set between leadlight windows. Iron lacework has been re-introduced since the 1975 photographs were taken, along the front veranda ([Plate 2](#)). The domed well remains in the rear courtyard. Two farm sheds and a second dwelling are located approximately 60-100m east of the house. A large Oak tree is located adjacent to one of the farm sheds ([Plate 4](#)).

Additions to the dwelling and surrounds that were not present in the 1963 to 1991 aerial images included:

- a paved rear courtyard with a hedge around well, a paved multi level area to rear, leading to the garage, and the construction of a small garden bed and hedges to the south of the dwelling ([Plate 3](#));
- a paved trellis walkway leading from rear courtyard past the back of east wing to a conservatory (added to eastern wing), and a pool surrounded by a trellis walkway with two pool houses at each corner ([Plate 5](#)). Previous assessment (Barker and Hislop 2012: 10) identified the garage and conservatory were designed by leading heritage architect Robert Sands;

- an English style hedged rose garden immediately west of the dwelling, incorporating several palm trees of the remnant ornamental garden ([Plate 6](#));
- two contemporary palm trees (*Phoenix canariensis* and *Washingtonia robusta*) located immediately west of the rose garden (Plates 7 and 8) – subsequent arborist advice indicates that these two trees are 80-120 years old and are potentially contemporaneous with the construction of the house;
- a garage and driveway entrance south of homestead ([Plate 9](#));



a large dam approximately 50 m in front of the house, along the edge of which the current owners are constructing an area for a rotunda ([Plate 10](#)).

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