
House

Location

3-5 Mundaring Drive,CRANBOURNE, Casey City

Municipality

CASEY CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO176

Heritage Listing

Casey City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 14, 2004

What is significant?

The house, constructed 1906-07, at 3-5 Mundaring Drive, Cranbourne, and the *Cyressus torulosa* and the *Prunus domestica*.

How is it significant?

The house at 3-5 Mundaring Drive, Cranbourne, and the *Cyressus torulosa* and the *Prunus domestica* is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Casey.

Why is it significant?

Historically, it is significant as the only surviving example of an early twentieth century house on the west side of High Street and one of only a small number in Cranbourne as a whole. It provides rare evidence of a significant phase in the development of Cranbourne from the late nineteenth to early twentieth centuries when it was the pre-eminent market town in the area. It is also of interest for being the residence of long-serving Shire Engineer, Harry Cockcroft, for a long period from the 1940s onwards. (AHC criteria A4, D2 and H1)

Aesthetically, it is significant as a representative example of a transitional Victorian/Federation weatherboard dwelling that retains a number of original features. (AHC criterion E1) The *Cyressus torulosa* (Bhutan cypress) at the north west of the residence, and the *Prunus domestica* (Plum) immediately south east of the residence,are

early twentieth century plantings which provide a setting for the residence. The *Cypressus torulosa* is significant in its own right for its outstanding size and form.

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Construction dates 1906,
Hermes Number 63138
Property Number

Physical Description 1

The house at 3-5 Mundaring Drive, Cranbourne is an asymmetrical single storey double fronted transitional Victorian/Federation weatherboard cottage. It has a hipped corrugated steel roof (with small gablets) that incorporates a separate return verandah supported on square section timber posts. There are three red brick chimneys with rendered caps. The centrally located front door has sidelights and highlights and is flanked by original double hung sash french windows. There is a small projecting half-timbered gable on the north side.

The house is situated in a relatively large lot, which contains the remnants of a mature garden. There are some old camellias scattered throughout and a large cypress (*Cupressus torulosa*?) in the north-west corner.

Part of the verandah on the north side has been filled in, and there is an extension on this side, which aligns with the projecting gable. Windows in the side elevation have been altered. Later development includes a post war low cream brick front fence and a new shed at the rear.

Physical Conditions

Fair

Intactness

Moderate.

Historical Australian Themes

Building settlements, towns and cities

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