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# Cloverdale Cottage

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## Location

4/324 Hallam North Road (Cloverdale Lane),LYSTERFIELD, Casey City

## Municipality

CASEY CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO33

## Heritage Listing

Casey City

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 12, 2004

What is significant?

'Cloverdale Cottage' (former Devon), comprising the cottage constructed c.1870 and remnant mature trees including pines and flowering gums, at 4/324 Hallam North Road, Lysterfield South.

How is it significant?

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

Why is it significant?

Historically, it is significant as a now rare early house that demonstrates the first stages of selection and primary production in this area. It also has a strong link with the Battersby family who were pioneers of the Lysterfield district. (AHC criteria A4, D2 and H1)

Aesthetically, Cloverdale Cottage is significant for its representation of a simple rubble stone farming cottage with rare roofing iron as distinct from the relatively more numerous numerous timber cottages in the municipality of a similar age. The mature trees provide a related setting that also give some idea of the age of the property. (AHC criteria E1 and F1)

The National Trust of Australia (Victoria) provides the following citation for this property:

"A charming and picturesquely located farmhouse of rubble fieldstone from the site, with brick dressings, built in about 1870 by Charles Battersby. Though now in a state of dilapidation, it remains a good illustration of nineteenth century rural building as now being absorbed into the fringes of the suburban sprawl."

Heritage Study/Consultant	Casey - Casey Heritage Study, Context Pty Ltd, 2004; Casey - City of Casey Heritage Study: Cranbourne, Knox, Graeme Butler & Associate, 1998;
Construction dates	1870,
Other Names	Devon,
Hermes Number	63177
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

This verandahed cottage is double-fronted, has four-rooms, walls of rubble freestone (reputedly worked from on-site) and has hand-moulded red bricks trimming the window and door openings. It is sited on 6.4 acres or 2.6 ha of land. Typically, it has a double-gable roof profile which indicates sequential construction (or a desire for a simpler form of roof construction). The verandah is recent but there is an old post at the east end of the house. The roof is clad with corrugated iron and an early fascia is on the north gable. Timber clad skillions have been added at either end. A piece of corrugated iron removed from the roof has the rare three crowns brand, being the product of the Gospel Oak company. Similarly branded iron was found on the verandah of Eeuyuk homestead at Koroit from 1874. Similarly the iron was also used on Coan Downs woolshed on the Lower Darling (7).

The site also includes a relatively rare pine (*P pinaster?*), pepper trees and a *E. ficifolia* which should be considered for retention, particularly the pine.

In 1995 when owned by A Mr & Mrs Stephen Price, the cottage was burnt out but the walls and much of the original roof framing have remained in good to fair condition. Part of the floor also remains. This will not continue if the roof is left open as is existing.

(7) Lewis, M. Australian Building (work in progress) Metals & Corrugated Iron section 8.4.12

## Physical Conditions

Fair to Poor

## Historical Australian Themes

Developing primary production

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