

Victorian Heritage Database Report
"Avondale" Residence

Location:

2 Church Road, BELLARINE VIC 3221 - Property No 267757

Heritage Status / Level of Significance:

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Number: HO1546

Listing Authority: Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance:

C Listed - Local Significance

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Avondale is believed to have been the Farmer's Arms Hotel run by the Willey family and Cobb and Co depot for the Bellarine Peninsula C1870. It is a weatherboard double gabled roof building with some remaining original features and has the form of a typical hotel of the early settlement period.

Avondale has historic and social value to the local East Bellarine and Bellarine Peninsula Communities.

The former Farmer's Arms Hotel and Cobb and Co station (which Avondale was believed to have been) together with the churches, were the only known community meeting places in the East Bellarine area. The place is believed to have been associated with the Willey family, who were pioneer farmers in the area. The form of the building was commodity used for hotels in early settlement and is now a rare type in the region and it is regarded locally as a landmark.

REFERENCES:

Wynd, I (1988) - Ballawein The History of the Shire of Bellarine p 178 & 114

McLeod, E - Early History of Portarlington and East Bellarine Indented Heads and St Leonards. P15.

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Description

DESCRIPTION

The building is sited on a large corner allotment, on the main, Portarlington Rd, with a mature Norfolk pine and other exotic trees. The double fronted timber frame residence is clad with weatherboards, and painted light orange with white trim. The hipped and gable roof is clad with corrugated iron, and has two large ornate rendered chimneys.

The north elevation has two projecting gables, with a verandah in between. The verandah has a separate corrugated iron clad roof, timber posts defining the entrance to the central timber paneled door with a double-hung, timber frame window either side. Any verandah decoration has been removed, possibly for renovation, except for two timber brackets. The north gable ends each have a central double-hung window, with large side lights, and a decorative window hood with ornate timber brackets. There are decorative timber scalloped and cut-out bargeboards, turned timber finials and pendant on the two projecting gables. A second paneled timber door leads from the verandah to the north west gable projection.

The east elevation has a separate corrugated iron clad verandah, with turned timber posts.

Heritage Study / Consultant	Greater Geelong - Bellarine Heritage Study, Huddle, Howe, Lewis and Francis, 1996
Construction Date Range	
Architect / Designer	
Municipality	GREATER GEELONG CITY
Other names	
Hermes number	21628
Property number	267757

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