

Deloraine homestead Statement of Significance

Heritage Place: Deloraine homestead

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Figure 2 Deloraine, showing the house in the late twentieth century c.1970s (?)
Source: Sylvia Thompson, 2020

What is Significant?

The following features contribute to the significance of the homestead:

- The timber dwelling constructed c.1910s with architectural form and details of the subject residence are largely Edwardian, although the front porches, with their columns and masonry balustrade with deco detailing are clearly interwar, and a skillion addition to the rear also appears to date from the interwar (1920-1930s) period.
- the geometric paving at the front of the house,
- the brick dunny located to the east of the dwelling, and
- the timber framed outbuilding (laundry and store) to the north east of the dwelling.

How is it Significant?

Deloraine at 63 Yarragon-Leongatha Road, Yarragon is of local historical and aesthetic significance to the Baw Baw Shire.

Why is it Significant?

Deloraine is of historical significance as an example of dairy farm complex, established in the early part of the twentieth century, at a point of key establishment of the dairying industry

in the Yarragon, and more broadly, Gippsland area. The farmhouse which was located at the centre of the highly successful Best and Carter's Dairy enterprise (which serviced the local and Victorian populations for several decades) was substantially altered in the late 1920s-early 1930s by the Best family, at the time of the establishment of the Best and Carter partnership. The brick dunny and outbuilding contribute to the understanding of the place as a rural homestead from the early twentieth century. (Criterion A)

Deloraine is of aesthetic significance as a very substantial example of a single storey Edwardian period Queen Anne style dwelling, constructed in c.1910s and altered and added to in the late 1920s or early 1930s. The residence is largely Edwardian in its composition, form and detailing including the high hipped roof which is continuous over the two-part front verandah, the juxtaposition of the principle hipped roof with a projecting gabled bay to the front façade, and details such as the faux half-timbering to the front gable, decorative timber hoods to windows on all elevations, and high-waisted front doors with segmental arched Art Nouveau leadlight and matching sidelights. The Interwar additions and alterations have been undertaken to emulate an earlier period. (Criterion E)

Of further aesthetic significance is the symmetrical duplex arrangement of the façade. Highly unusual in properties outside of townships, there are no other known examples within the municipality. Also of rarity value is that the substantial interwar alterations are expressed in the fabric only in the bungalow style rendered masonry porches with Tuscan columns and cross motif, and geometric paved garden paths and beds to the front of the house. (Criterion B)

Curtilage



Primary Source

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