Statement of Significance: Willurah Park, Harkaway

Address:	306-328 Harkaway Road, Harkaway	**Name:**	Willurah Park
Place type:	Private residential	**Grading:**	Significant
PS ref no:	HO82	**Constructed:**	1890

Figure 1: Detail of curtilage for HO82 – shown by solid red line

What is significant?

Willurah Park, located at 306-328 Harkaway Road, Harkaway is a farming complex, dating from c.1893 with later additions dating from the early twentieth century and Interwar period. The property has been used for farming practices since the 1890s and exhibits evidence of farming in Harkaway from the late nineteenth century, early twentieth century and Interwar through to post War period.

The significant elements include the asymmetrical timber homestead, the red brick and corrugated iron outbuildings, the concrete silo, the hawthorn hedges, tree-lined driveway to the north (including plantings of English Elm, English Oak, Monterey Pine and Canary Island Pine lining the driveway) and the mature garden setting, in particular, mature specimens of Blue Gum, Monterey Pine, Weeping Elm and Canary Island Palm. The modern sheds are not considered significant, nor is the existing Ash lined driveway, which dates from the 1960s.

How is it significant?

Willurah Park, at 306-328 Harkaway Road, Harkaway is of local historical significance to the City of Casey.

Why is it significant?

Willurah Park, at 306-328 Harkaway Road, Harkaway is of local historical significance for its ability to demonstrate, through the surviving fabric, the principal agricultural and dairying pursuits evident in the Harkaway area in the period 1890 through to the 1960s. The house, which dates from c1893 is a typical late Victorian timber residence, built by farming family, the Andersons. The house also demonstrates changes over time, including later additions by the various owners. These include the projecting Edwardian gable, representing the period of ownership and change by Dr. Chris Griffiths, who undertook renovations in the early twentieth century to install a Doctors surgery at the front of the house, as well as extending the size of the residence. The majority of the brick and iron outbuildings, the concrete silo and garden plantings, date from the period of ownership 1914-1934 by farmer James Coote, who practiced grazing and dairying on the farm at that time, of 244 acres. The range of buildings is typical of a small mixed farm of the Interwar period but is increasingly rare within the municipality. (**Criterion A and B**)

The driveway to the north of the house, lined with Elms, Oak and Pine is contemporary to the c1893 date of the residence. Hawthorn hedges which define the Harkaway Road boundary and the paddocks are also from the late nineteenth century and early twentieth century. The driveway, which deliberately accesses the rear of the property, and the Hawthorn hedges are historically significant an important and traditional style of boundary and paddock delineation on late nineteenth century and early twentieth century farms in the area, which are increasingly rare. (**Criterion A and B**)

Primary source

Select Review of Casey Heritage Places, Review of sites for proposed Heritage Anomalies Amendment, Context Pty Ltd, June 2018

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