

Place name Myrtle Downs

Survey Date: 04/07/2004

Other name

Id: 1208

Street Sale-Maffra Road

Last Update 04/10/2004

Locality Sale

Postcode

Official Locality

Property No

Local Government Area Wellington Shire

Precinct: Not in precinct

Easting

Northing

Map

Workshop number

Workshop votes

Field survey number

Community priority

Designer

Builder

Ownership Private

Built Date

Change Date

Description Surrounded by a garden with large flower beds, shrubberies and established exotic trees, Myrtle Downs forms a landmark on the road between Maffra and Sale. It is unusually positioned on the site, facing away from the road, towards the railway line.

The house is a sprawling timber bungalow with bold projecting gabled bays linked by a return verandah. A row of attic windows sympathetic with the overall design, if not part of the original construction, overlook the garden and surrounding rural landscape. Curved brackets support the gable ends, echoing the rhythm of the slatted timber valence along the verandah. Edwardian details are used on the verandah brackets and timber capitals on the posts. Rock-edged gravel paths are a feature of the garden.

Myrtle Downs is in fair to good condition and appears to have the majority of its architectural features intact.

Feature	Style	Wall Materials	Roof Materials
House	Edwardian	Weatherboard	Corrugated iron

Condition Good

Integrity Intact

None apparent

Residential

Building
Garden

National Themes

Local Themes

7. BUILDING SETTLEMENTS & TOWNS
7.1 Ports

History C. J. Tyers, Crown Lands Commissioner, was the first owner of Myrtle Downs, which he sold to Richard Bennison in 1858. Bennison was the first owner of the Club Hotel, and a pastoralist, and he lived at Myrtle Downs until his death in 1876. Mrs Eliza Bennison continued to live here until her death in 1920 aged 98.(1)

The next owners, the Fynney family, substantially rebuilt the home after a fire in the 1920s. The Rollands family lived there for many years. Mrs Rollands was a daughter of the Fynneys, and Mr. R. M. Rollands was a Sale solicitor and mayor of Sale.(1); Associations: Roland, solicitor; Cowie family.

REFERENCE

(1) Notes supplied by Flo Pearce.

Heritage Protections Register	Reference	Zoning	Status
Planning Scheme	x		Recommended

National Estate

Research Required

Recommendations

Fieldwork priority?

Stage 1 Ranking

Assessed: Sale Heritage Stu

Stage 2 priority

Planning Scheme: Individua

Final Ranking

Local significance

Final Recommendation

Statement of significance

Myrtledowns, Sale-Maffra Road, Sale is of local aesthetic and historic significance to Wellington Shire. Aesthetically, it is significant as a fine, boldly proportioned example of late Edwardian/Bungalow transitional design. Historically, Myrtledowns is significant for its important associations as an early property and direct connections with the Fynney and Rollands families. (RNE criteria B.2, E.1, H.1)

Extent of designation

Informant

Notes

Lot 1 LP 85001

Follow up

Bibliography

Context Pty Ltd, (1994), City of Sale Heritage Study
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