

Place name Benacre

Survey Date: 04/07/2004

Other name-

Id: 1248

Street 1 to 3 Rebecca Drive

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 Benacre is a large Victorian weatherboard villa situated in rolling lawns and surrounded by established exotic plantings and shrubs. Symmetrical in form, the house is surrounded by a convex verandah supported on chamfered posts with elegant Art Nouveau timber brackets. A series of long casement windows open out onto the verandah. The location of the corbelled chimneys suggests the western aspect of the original facade, which originally faced on to Patten Street.

Externally the house appears intact to its Victorian date of construction, possibly with later verandah embellishment. The garden is also very intact, and the gates to the property remains at 40-42 Patten Street. There are a number of mature trees in the garden including Italian cypresses, other conifers and peppercorn trees.

Feature	Style	Wall Materials	Roof Materials
House	Victorian	Weatherboard	Corrugated iron

Condition Good

Integrity Intact

None apparent

Residential

Building

Fence/gate

Garden

National Themes

Local Themes

7. BUILDING SETTLEMENTS & TOW

7.1 Ports

History

A branch of the Gooch family occupied Benacre in the 1890s.(1) Charlie Lyon later established a model milking shed at Benacre after the First World War. It was around 30 acres, and Lyon also owned Araluen and other land on the morass. The farm which was managed by C. E. Kingswell, was a showpiece for visitors.(2) Subsequent owners include the Atkinson family and later Charlie McColl.(3)

The wrought iron gates, originally built for the hospital in 1884, were removed in 1960 and salvaged by the then owner of Benacre who had trained as a nurse at the hospital.(4) The gates were added to the property at the entrance off Patten Street.

The current owners, Kevin and Pat Heart, subdivided the property in the early 1980s and consequently the gates now form entries to two new residences off Patten Street, and Benacre has a new address in Rebecca Drive.

REFERENCES

(1) 'Gippsland Times', 19/11/1896.

(2) 'Gippsland Times', 18/4/1921.

(3) Mr McColl, Heritage Awareness Day.

(4) Andrew A., + Edwards, A., 'Two Turrets and a Dome', p.17.

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 Benacre, comprising the house and garden at 1-3 Rebecca Drive, Sale is of local aesthetic and historic significance to Wellington Shire. Aesthetically, Benacre is significant as an outstanding example of large Victorian villa, which is complemented by a mature garden that demonstrates typical Victorian and Edwardian layout. Historically, it is significant as a now rare example of a former farm house associated with prominent families of the region. (RNE criteria A.4, D.2 & E.1)

Extent of designation

Informant

Notes

Follow up

Bibliography Context Pty Ltd, (1994), City of Sale Heritage Study
Context Pty Ltd, (2004), Wellington Heritage Study: Sale Review

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