

**Place name** Kilmany Park

**Survey Date:** 4/07/2004

**Other name**

**Id:** 762

**Street** Settlement Road

**Last Update** 28/09/2004

**Locality** Wurruk

**Postcode** 3850

**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**

**Built Date** 1901-06 **Change Date** 1923

**Description** Scottish pastoralist William Pearson took up Kilmany Park at Sale in September 1841 at a time when East Gippsland was virtually unoccupied. Pearson built the original timber single storey homestead in the 1840s and his son William junior erected the substantial stucco rendered two storey mansion house adjacent to the original homestead in 1901-06 in a late conservative Classical style. (RNE 004772)

'Kilmany Park' at Sale has been adapted as a home for boys and conducted by the Presbyterian church since 1923. The arcade has been almost completely enclosed and the interior converted to dormitory Accommodation. (RNE 004772)

Not inspected during the Wellington Heritage Study: Sale Review (2004). See also place record for Quercus robur at Kilmany Park, place id. 1468.

**Condition**

**Integrity**

National Themes	Local Themes
	2. SETTLING THE LAND
	2.1 Phases of land settlement

**History**

William Pearson, 'resolute Scot, successful pastoralist, politician and mining entrepreneur', took up Kilmany Park at Sale in September 1841 at a time when East Gippsland was virtually unoccupied and it became one of the first pastoral estates in this part of Victoria. Pearson built the original timber single storey homestead in the 1840s and his son William junior erected the substantial stucco rendered two storey mansion house adjacent to the original homestead in 1901-06 in a late conservative Classical style. (1)

The status of the Pearsons within Australian society was illustrated by the visit to Kilmany by the Duke of York (later King George V) on 15 May 1901. He planted an English Oak to mark the occasion (2). The Duke had come to Australia as the King's representative to open the first Federal Parliament in Melbourne.

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REFERENCES

- (1) Register of the National Estate, Place ID 004772
- (2) National Trust of Australia (Victoria) Register, T11099

Period	Associations
	Pearson family

Heritage Protections Register	Reference	Zoning	Status
Planning Scheme	HO68		Listed
Register of the National Estate	004772		Listed
Victorian Heritage Register	602683		File only

**National Estate**

**Research Required**

**Recommendations**

**Fieldwork priority?**

**Stage 1 Ranking** Assessed & protected **Stage 2 priority** No Action: Already include

**Final Ranking** State significance **Final Recommendation**

**Statement of significance** Kilmany Park is of considerable historical and aesthetic significance to Wellington Shire and the Gippsland region. Historically, it has associations with the pastoral settlement of Gippsland in the mid-nineteenth century and illustrates the status of the pastoralists within Gippsland society. It has important associations with the locally important Pearson family who were influential in local and Victorian commerce and politics. Aesthetically, the present Classically derived mansion with the wide arcaded loggia at ground level and superimposed upper arcade with segmental arches and ponderous central pediment, is notable as one of the last of the conservative Classical mansions erected in Victoria. (RNE criteria A.4, B.2, D.2, E.1 & H.1))

(The Commission is in the process of developing and/or upgrading official statements for places listed prior to 1991. The above data was mainly provided by the nominator and has not yet been revised by the Commission.)

Notable for the variety of its art nouveau plaster decoration, the art nouveau timber screen in the drawing room, the imposing stair lobby and the great balcony, now partially built in. . (National Trust Register, B2969)

**Extent of designation**

**Informant**

**Notes**

**Follow up**

**Bibliography** Context Pty Ltd, (2004), Wellington Heritage Study: Sale Review

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