

BACCHUS MARSH HERITAGE STUDY.

Ref: 79

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<p>NAME: Errindale. PREVIOUS NAME: Glencraig. ADDRESS: Werribee Vale Road. (West end). TITLE DETAILS:</p>
<p>USE: Farmhouse SIGNIFICANT DATE: C1920s (house) SOURCE: 1,3. CONSTRUCTION DATE: c1863 (outbuildings) CRITERIA: H1; Ar1. HISTORIC THEME: Agriculture</p>
<p>DESCRIPTION: (Outbuildings) STYLE: Early STORIES: 1 DETACHED. MATERIALS: (Outbuildings) WALLS Stone ROOF Iron STRUCTURE Lb CONDITION: Reasonable. INTACTNESS: Reasonable THREATS: Neglect</p>
<p>SIGNIFICANT INTACT ELEMENTS: MATERIALS. OUTBUILDINGS (3 no) GARDEN. TREES.</p>
<p>SIGNIFICANCE: TYPE: HISTORICAL. ARCHITECTURAL. LEVEL: LOCAL.</p>
<p>DESIGNATION EXISTING: Nil RECOMMENDED CONTROL: PLANNING SCHEME.</p>
<p>MAP NO: R2.05 SURVEY: RP & DC DATE: 4.1.94 NEGS: 6.25, 27</p>



HISTORY: The earliest buildings on this property were erected by Robert Morton following his purchase of the land in November 1863.¹ Morton farmed the land until his death in 1876, when the property, "Glencraig", was leased to Alexander Kyle.² The present farmhouse was erected in the 1920s for Tim Shea and his wife, Jenny (née Vallence).³ Mr Shea (1900-1993) operated a dairy farm here until his adopted son Bill Deveny succeeded him in c1915. He was three times Shire President and a Councillor for 38 years.⁴ It is now occupied by Bill and Lyn Shea.

VISUAL DESCRIPTION: A 1920s brick L-shaped house with a gabled roof. It is surrounded by a high hedge and garden and trees and sited near to the river at the end of Werribee-Vale Road. There are three old random rubble, sandstone outbuildings with single rectangular plans and gabled roofs.

COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS: Three farms have surviving stone outbuildings in the Shire: the others are 67 Lees Road, Balliang (ref: 3) and Muirs Lane (ref: 277). This is the only property with several.

SIGNIFICANCE: Three early stone farm outbuildings built around 1863 near a house built in the 1920s by Tim and Jenny Shea, well known local identities.

These are of local historical significance as a representative embodiment of a nearly way of life and early agricultural practice. Also they have local architectural significance in representing an early use of stone construction for farm buildings.

INTACTNESS: Outbuildings: reasonable.

CONDITIONS & THREATS: Outbuildings: reasonable.

¹ Department of Lands and Survey, Parish of Gorrockburghap G111 (5), (CPO).

² *Bacchus Marsh Express*, (date needed) January 1877.

³ Personal communication with Gwyn Moore, BMDHS.

⁴ *Herald Sun*, 1 November, 1993. Obituary.

