

**BACCHUS MARSH HERITAGE STUDY.**

Ref: 312

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<b>NAME:</b> Lerderderg Park	
<b>ADDRESS:</b> Lerderderg Park Road, Darley (SW cnr Bacchus Marsh- Gisborne Road).	
<b>TITLE DETAILS:</b>	
<b>USE:</b> Farmhouse	
<b>CONSTRUCTION DATE:</b> 1920s	<b>SOURCE:</b> 5
<b>DESIGNER:</b> Jack Wills	<b>SOURCE:</b> 5
<b>CRITERIA:</b> H1,3; Ar 1,3.	<b>HISTORIC THEME:</b> Agricultural
<b>DESCRIPTION:</b>	<b>STYLE:</b> Californian Bungalow <b>STORIES:</b> DETACHED.
<b>MATERIALS:</b>	<b>WALLS</b> Roughcast & brick <b>ROOF</b> Iron
<b>STRUCTURE</b>	
<b>CONDITION:</b> Very good	<b>INTACTNESS:</b> Very good <b>THREATS:</b> -
<b>SIGNIFICANT INTACT ELEMENTS:</b>	
MATERIALS. FORM. FACADE. VERANDAH. ROOF FORM. ROOF DECORATION. CHIMNEYS. WINDOWS. PLANTING FORMATION. AGRICULTURAL PLANTING/BUILDINGS.	
<b>SIGNIFICANCE:</b>	
<b>TYPE:</b> HISTORICAL. ARCHITECTURAL.	
<b>LEVEL:</b> LOCAL.	
<b>DESIGNATION EXISTING:</b> Nil	
<b>RECOMMENDED CONTROL:</b> PLANNING SCHEME.	
<b>MAP NO:</b> U5.04	<b>SURVEY:</b> RP <b>DATE:</b> 12.3.94 <b>NEGS:</b> 25.3, 4 & 8



**HISTORY:** In 1891, Thomas Cain sold this property on the Lerderderg River to D. Wallace. Cain built Green Lodge Villa in Grant Street;<sup>1</sup> Wallace farmed the property at Darley, which he named Lerderderg Park.<sup>2</sup> At the turn of the century, Wallace sold Lerderderg Park to C.W. Macarthur. During this period, the property was used for the agistment of racehorses.

Out at Darley where Lerderderg Park is on the corner, well, that used to be an agistment place. They would have up to a couple of hundred horses there, racehorses. You've heard of Carbine haven't you - he won the Melbourne Cup twice or something. He came up here spell, and used to kick like mad and kick all the loose boxes down there. They had to build a brick one for him which is still there.<sup>3</sup>

In 1909, C. W. Macarthur sold the property to John Mills, the owner of the famous Melbourne Cup Winner, Carbine.<sup>4</sup> Carbine has been described as a giant of the Australian turf. His career began in New Zealand, where he won several starts. In Australia he won the Sydney Cup in 1889. In 1890 he won 15 races in a row including both Sydney and Melbourne Cups. Known affectionately as Old Jack, Carbine won 33 races from 43 starts. He was put out to stud in England in 1895.<sup>5</sup> The present farmhouse was erected in the 1920s to the design of Jack Wills, a son.<sup>6</sup>

**VISUAL DESCRIPTION:** A complex, large brick Californian Bungalow farmhouse. The front, facing north, is unusually, almost symmetrical. There is a major gable-roof across. In front of this is a nest of gables, facing. One is a (lower) major gable, with twin minor gables beneath, on timber brackets, with a skillion roof between them. Rafters are exposed and there is a verandah, beneath these roof gables, on three sides. At right, is a minor gable. The upper gables jetty, with timber shingles and elaborate louvred rectangular vents on block-like brackets. There are tall, Voyseyan chimneys with flat tops. Walls are generally roughcast over dado height, with brickwork below. The verandah is supported on roughcast square section piers, splaying to brick pedestals. Windows are quadruple casements.

There are two concrete cylindrical towers; one appears to be a water tower and the other, a silo, with a conical roof. They are roughcast over corduroy grooved concrete, possibly lift form construction. Poplar windbreaks line the road and orchard.

**COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS:** There are nine 1920s Bungalow farmhouses in Bacchus Marsh identified in the Study. Other large and complex Bungalow examples are refs: 65 and 180.

<sup>1</sup> Ref: 125

<sup>2</sup> 'Kelvin Grove, Millbank Street', typescript, MBDHS; *BME*, 10 October 1891.

<sup>3</sup> Charlie Burbridge, cited in Camm, *Bacchus Marsh by Bacchus Marsh*, p.128.

<sup>4</sup> *BME*, 20 February 1909.

<sup>5</sup> N. Penton, *Racing Heart: The Story of the Australian Turf*, Sydney 1987.

<sup>6</sup> Personal communication, Gwyn Moore, BMDHS, 7 June 1994.

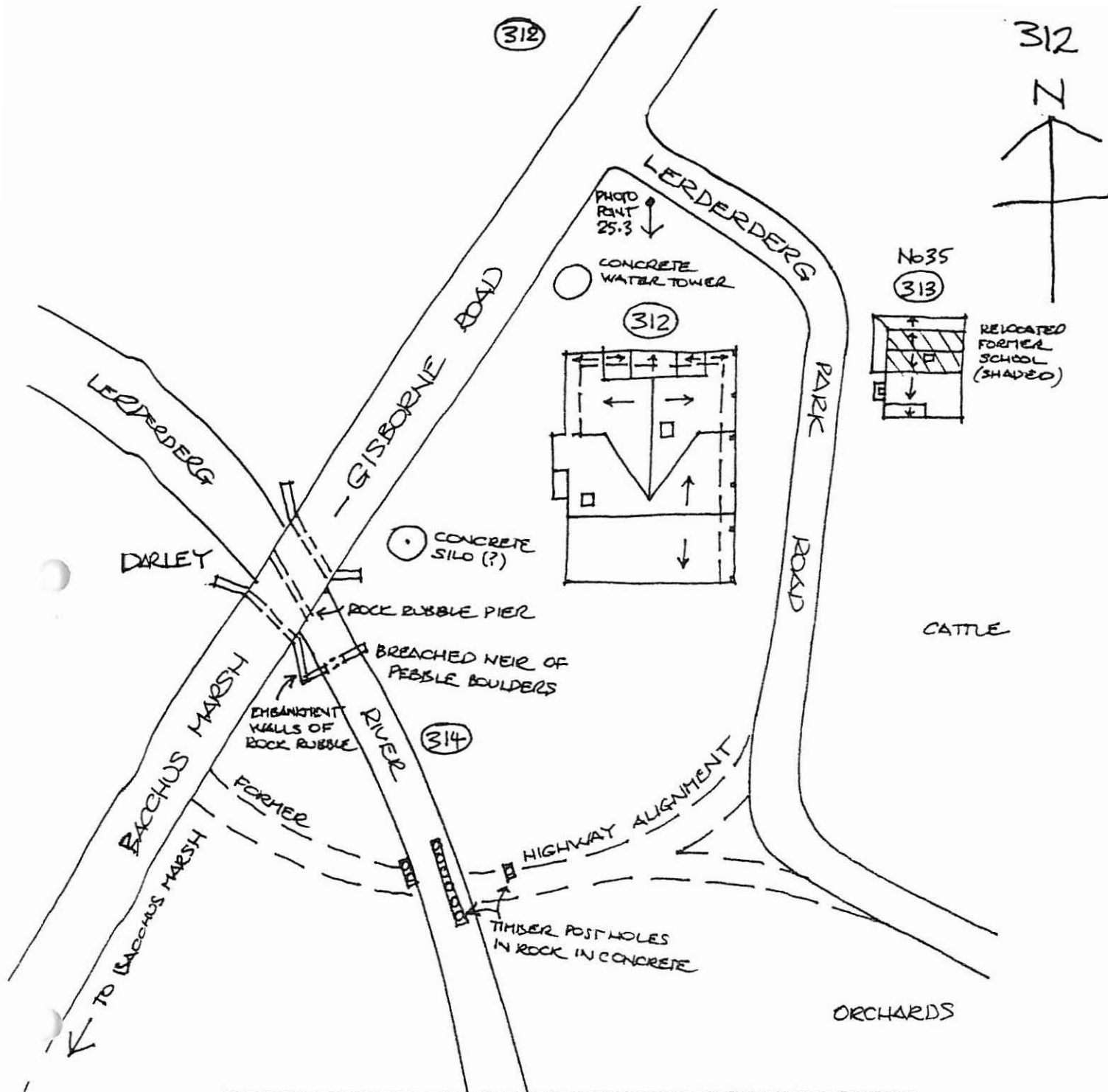
**SIGNIFICANCE:** A large complex Californian Bungalow farmhouse built in the 1920s, on a racehorse agistment property, home of Carbine, the famous Melbourne Cup winner.

It is of local historical significance as a representative embodiment of a way of life and an agricultural pursuit since about 1900. It demonstrates an association with an important event and one of its most celebrated participants.

It is also architecturally significant locally as a particularly large and complex, but representative and relatively intact Californian Bungalow, one of the two or three finest in the municipality. The undated slip-form concrete outbuildings are of interest.

**INTACTNESS:** Very good. The verandah floor has been replaced with concrete slab. All walls including the roughcast have been painted white.

**CONDITIONS & THREATS:** There are twenty-six 1920s Bungalow houses in Bacchus Marsh identified in the Study. Other large and complex examples are refs: 65 & 180.



DIERIWARREN SCHOOL NO 1635, 1916. (PROBABLY IN FRONT OF (NEW MEN?) SHELTER)  
 BILL GRIFFIN, CENTRE, FRONT ROW.  
 HERALD SUN, 12 JULY 1994.