

PLACE NAME: 'TOORANG'

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA SHIRE OF BELLARINE

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)

STYLE OR PERIOD: Victorian Italianate

ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN: Not recorded
Reference:BUILDER: Not recorded
Reference:PRINCIPAL ARTISANS/ARTISTS/TRADES
Reference:TENDER NOTICE:
Reference:DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION pre. 1865 possibly c 1855
Reference: Geelong Advertiser, 20 September 1865, 9 March,
1855.

ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE

SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS

The original villa with shingle roof has been extensively renovated, with an iron roof replacing the shingles. A detailed inventory has not been prepared.

ORIGINAL OWNER(S)/OCCUPANT(S)

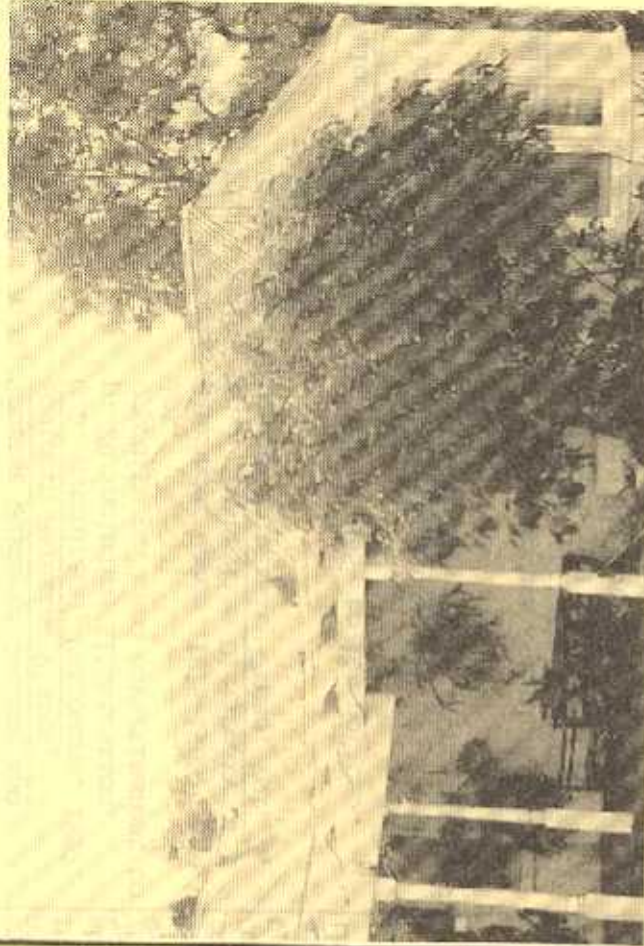
Mr. Ryland up till 1863.

SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS

Rev. Dr. A.J. Campbell up to c. 1893 first minister of St. Georges Church, Geelong, distinguished theologian and publisher.

OTHER NOTES

'Toorang' means the Wattle Tree



NEGATIVE FILE:

☐Australian Heritage Commission
Register of National Estate☐Historic Buildings Preservation Council
Register No. File No.☐National Trust of Aust. (Vic)
Classified/Recorded
File No.☒Geelong Regional Commission
Register No. 290

IDENTIFICATION DATA

PLACE NAME 'Toorang'

ADDRESS 401-4A
off Melaleuca Road,
LEOPOLDLOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA Shire of Bellarine
TITLE INFORMATION

MAP REFERENCE

PRESENT USE

PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE Gordon H. Hall

ADDRESS 103 Varra St, Geelong. TELEPHONE

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DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

Campbell, Rev. Dr. A.J., Tourist Guide to Geelong and Southern Watering Places, M.I. Hutchinson, Melbourne, 1892, p. 20 including illustration, opposite p.20 and advertisement to let.

Chambers, 'Don, Campbell, Alexander James (1815-1909)', in Pike Douglas (Ed.) Australian Dictionary of Biography, Melbourne University Press, Vol. 3, 1969, p.p. 342-343.

Geelong Advertiser, 20 September 1865- to let notice,

Geelong Historical Society, Investigator, Vol. 9, No.4., December 1974, pp. 107-116. 'Lake Connemare and Toorang'.

Geelong Advertiser 9 March 1855 'tenders for plastering, work of a brick cottage at Lake Connemare'. agents Messrs. F.Champion & Co. May be for 'Toorang' but not positively identified.

Geelong Advertiser 29 January 1870 reference to Toorang House on Lake Connemare, seven rooms, stone tank.

Balfour-Melville, Frances, 'Toorang Memories' in Geelong Historical Society, Investigator, Vol. 19 No 1. March 1984 pp. 10-19, including illustration.

CITATION

'Toorang', a single storey Italianate Style villa on the shores of Lake Connemare was probably erected for Laurence Ryland in the 1850s as a 7 room rubble stone structure with timber shingle roof and square observation tower. Dr. Alexander James Campbell, Presbyterian clergyman, theologian and writer of tourist guides lived at Toorang until 1893. Campbell was influential in establishing educational colleges for the Presbyterian Church including Geelong College and Ormond College. Toorang is an early villa on the Bellarine Peninsula with a picturesque setting on Lake Connemare with significant historical associations with the development of the regions.

SIGNIFICANCE OF PLACE

- ☒ Its creative and/or technical accomplishment
- ☒ Its demonstration of a way of life, custom, process or function no longer practised, in danger of being lost or of exceptional interest.
- ☒ Its strong association with an important figure or figures, development, or cultural phase.
- ☒ Its townscape and/or landscape value
- ☐ Its scarcity value.

SIGNIFICANCE

☐ LOCAL ☒ REGIONAL ☐ STATE ☐ NATIONAL ☐ WORLD

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT ☒ GOOD ☐ FAIR ☐ DETERIORATED ☐ RUINS

INTEGRITY

☐ HIGH ☐ LOW ☒ ALTERED ☐ DAMAGED

RECOMMENDATIONS: PROTECTIVE MEASURES

Geelong Regional Commission Register

DOCUMENTATION -

Allan Willingham, Architect, 161 McKean St., North Fitzroy. 3068. Tel: 03 489 8492.

SIGNATURE

DATE

BELLARINE HERITAGE STUDY RECORD SHEET

Site No.	Street/Site Name	Town / Suburb	Postcode	Record No.	122
Address	405 Melaluka Rd	Leopold	3224	Page No.	1
Site Name				Toorang	

Key Dates: Original Major Changes

Existing Use/Type
Residential

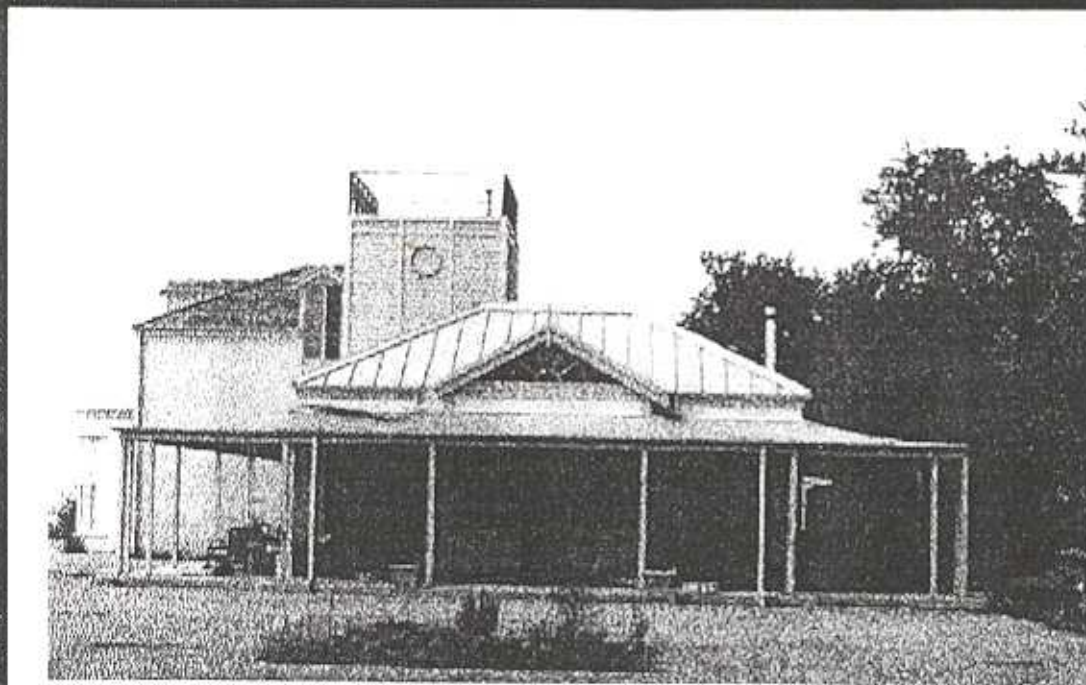
Precinct Name

Survey Date

Neg. No.

Video Track No.

Recorded By



Heritage Status:

CATEGORY REGISTRATION NUMBER

National Estate:

Nominated ☐
Registered ☐

Historic Buildings Register

Nominated ☐
Registered ☐

National Trust Register:
☐

Planning Scheme:

☐ 290

Historical Archaeological Register :

Other:

A Willingham vol.1, 96

BHS Degree of Significance

☐ A ☒ B ☐ C ☐ D

Condition of the fabric:

☐ Excellent ☐ Good
☐ Fair ☐ Poor
☐ Ruinous ☐ Unexposed

Integrity of the site:

☐ Excellent ☐ Good
☐ Fair ☐ Poor
☐ Partially excavated
☐ Fully excavated

Present Threats:

☐ Human; mining
☐ Human; visitor erosion
☐ Human; vandalism
☐ Human; development
☐ Human; conservation/maintenance
☐ Human; stock
☐ Natural Forces; erosion
☐ Natural Forces; vegetation
☐ Not threatened

Significant Architectural Features:

☐ Original Materials
☐ Original Chimneys
☐ Wall Decoration
☐ Verandah Structure
☐ Verandah Decoration
☐ Original Parapet
☐ other prominent elevations

Original Roof
Original Openings
Original Decoration
Original Finish
☐ Early Garden
☐ Early Fence