

‘Calder Park’, 20 Mount Duneed Road, Mount Duneed Statement of Significance

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Heritage Place: ‘Calder Park’, 20 Mount Duneed Road, Mount Duneed	PS ref no: HO2048
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What is significant?

Calder Park, at 20 Mount Duneed Road, Mount Duneed, is significant to the City of Greater Geelong. Significant elements are:

- The original c.1858 bluestone farmhouse.
- The Edwardian weatherboard extensions adjoined to the bluestone farmhouse.
- The bluestone outbuildings.
- The mature coniferous plantings located within the houseblock of the bluestone farmhouse.
- The bluestone gate post on the southern property boundary, and nineteenth century wrought gate.

Elements that are not significant are:

- The rear pool and paved hard landscaping around it.
- The paddocks.
- The tennis court.
- The dam.

How is it significant?

Calder Park is of historical and aesthetic significance to the City of Greater Geelong.

Why is it significant?

Calder Park is of historical significance to the City of Greater Geelong as a highly intact example of an c.1858 bluestone homestead in Mount Duneed. Calder Park has been a functioning farm for over 160 years, rearing cattle and horses. The house is one of the earliest in Mount Duneed. (Criterion A)

Calder Park is of aesthetic significance as a highly intact and expressive Victorian farmhouse. Constructed in c.1858, elements which contribute to the building's aesthetic significance include: its bluestone construction, paired with contrasting white quoining; its sash windows and arched fanlight over the main entrance; its hipped slate roof and wraparound verandah; and the sensitive late-19th century weatherboard extensions and intact Edwardian chimneys. The significance of the site also stems from it featuring a complex of structures built out of

rubble bluestone, which formerly would have provided accommodation to servants as well as dairy. Finally, the presence of multiple mature and substantial cypress plantings in the immediate vicinity of the residence contributes to the general landscaping and context of the farmhouse, further highlighting the aesthetic significance of the site. (Criterion E)

Primary sources

Calder Park, author: Benjamin Petkov, May 2025, peer reviewer: Mim Butcher, The Heritage Conservancy, May 2025.

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