Statement of Significance: Clover Cottage and Garden, 54-60 Manuka Road, Berwick, February 2021

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What is significant?

Clover Cottage and garden, at 54-60 Manuka Road, Berwick. The significant elements of the place are:

- The collection of Camellia species and varieties, many of which were bred, grown and planted by Frederick Tuckfield c.1955-1973.
- The front (or western) display garden, its design and layout, and planting, designed by landscape consultant John Stevens c.1955, incorporating earlier plantings and the pre-existing residential garden immediate to the dwelling.
- The specimen tree of Quercus macrocarpa Bur Oak in the front garden of the cottage (at the rear of the modern restaurant building).
- The red-brick based glasshouse, remnant paving, and timber shade house remains c.1960–65.
- The timber residence c.1900 with later additions, to the extent of its location on the lot, the form of the building and roof, and its immediate setting.
- The boundary plantings of Cypress and Pine.

The following structures and elements are not significant: all modern shelters, pergolas, carports, garages, rotundas, the 1980s restaurant, paving, garden beds and stone walls at the front of the modern restaurant, front entrance gates, carparking areas, the fountains imported from France and England c. 1980s (with the exception of the c.1802 hand-carved convict sandstone fountain imported from Tasmania), c.1850 gates and fence at the front of the restaurant.

How is it significant?

Clover Cottage and garden are of local historic, aesthetic, technical and scientific significance to the City of Casey.

Why is it significant?

Historically, the timber residence c.1900 and the early mature specimens of exotic trees (now part of the c.1955 front ‘display’ garden, are significant as fabric which represents the late nineteenth century development of small self-sufficient farms in the suburban areas immediate to township settlements such as Berwick. Although the timber cottage itself is altered, and the trees from this period have been incorporated into a later design, the cottage's form and materials, and its location and setting clearly denote it as a Victorian farmhouse. Its location on a large (if reduced from the original 21 acres) lot, and placement, set well back from Manuka Road, on a rise above Cardinia Creek clearly distinguish it from other similar building types from the same period in the township of Berwick. (Criterion A)

Of further historical significance is the remaining front ‘display’ garden designed by John Stevens, as a rare surviving example of this prominent landscape consultant’s early residential work, which survives with a high degree of integrity. There are no other known examples of a designed residential landscape...
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