

Street Address	35 Fernbourne Road, Wellington Point
GPS/RPD	Lot 139 RP14151
Place Type	Built



Red-e-map (RCC, 2016).



Casuarina Cottage, Wellington Point (AHS, 2016).

Condition	Good	Integrity	Good
Statutory Listings	Local Heritage Place		
Non-Statutory Listings	No current listing		
Inspection Date	02/12/2016		

Historical Context

The house at 35 Fernbourne Road, known today as Casuarina Cottage, was constructed as a residence in the historic Trafalgar Vale Estate area.[1] This area was established by Gilbert Burnett in the late 1870s and early 1880s, and was developed for the workers at Burnett’s nearby sawmill, including George Burnett (Gilbert’s brother), John Burnett (Gilbert’s father), Richard Dart (gardener), Richard Rogers (clerk), Joseph Clark (carpenter), and William Lovett (fireman).[2] There is conjecture about when this house was originally built, however records show the property was sold to William Lovett in 1887, who remained the fireman at Burnett’s saw mill for many years after, thus it was likely built by 1887.[3] There is currently speculation about the exact date of construction. Given its location an design, it is possible that the residence (or part of) predates the Trafalgar Vale Estate (potentially late-1860s).

The home remained in the Lovett family for five generations.[4] The owners of the cottage during the 1970s, Richard and Rosemary Jones, named the residence Casuarina Cottage after the tree variety, as they were landscape architects and keen gardeners.[5]

Physical Description

This is a low set timber workers’ cottage with a steep pitched gable roof, and decorative timber bargeboards. The roof includes attic accommodation with a window in the gable end. The roof is continuous over the front verandah. The exterior cladding is chamfer boards and the verandah wall is single skin with expressed framing. Much of the early fabric and decorative timber elements remain.

The house is set well back from Fernbourne Road and is concealed from view by the established garden and large trees. The house is at right angle to Fernbourne Road and looks to the north. A low, timber chain wire and picket fence is located on the northern boundary.

Statement of Significance

Casuarina Cottage holds local significance as it illustrates historical and aesthetic values which are important in the history of the Redlands. The cottage was the residence of workers at Burnett’s saw mill and was built on the Trafalgar Vale Estate, owned by George Burnett; thus, it is significant in demonstrating the evolution of the timber industry in Wellington Point during this time. The cottage is aesthetically significant as it has not been dramatically altered and is a strong example of this particular type of early residence. The cottage has a special association with the Burnett family due to the location on which it was constructed and the association with this prominent period of settlement.

Criteria A	The place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of the region’s history.
35 Fernbourne Road demonstrates the evolution of Redlands history. The residence was built for the purpose of housing workers at the mill, which explains its proximity to the mill site. The cottage was built during a time of rapid expansion at Wellington Point and thus highlights the extensive development in the area during the 1880s and the importance of the timber milling industry during this period.	

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Criteria E	The place is important to the region because of its aesthetic significance.
The early house, aligned away from the road, set in the established garden contributes to the cottage's aesthetic quality. The distinct exterior form and the timber construction offers a unique and unchanged example of this type of early residence.	
Criteria H	The place has a special association with the life or work of a particular person, group or organisation of importance in the region's history.
This cottage has an association with George Burnett who was significant in the development of Wellington Point. As the residence is located in the Trafalgar Vale Estate, and family and workers from the saw mill lived there, the cottage is linked with the Burnett family who contributed greatly to the expansion of the area.	

Primary Themes	
6.0 Buildings, Settlements, Towns, Cities and Dwellings	6.04 Dwellings

References
[1] Mary Howells, "Places of the Redlands, Wellington Point," Redland Shire Council. 2000, p. 2. [2] Ibid., p. 2. [3] RPS, Redland City Council – Heritage Citation, "35 Fernbourne Road, Wellington Point," 2012. [4] Barry Kidd, <i>Redlands Illustrated History</i> , (Jackson & O'Sullivan Pty. Ltd.: Brisbane, 1979), p. 60. [5] Bayside Bulletin, 19 December 2000, p. 7; Kidd, <i>Redlands Illustrated History</i> , p. 60.