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Name: House (Former Police Residence)
Status: Permanently Registered
Tier: State

THR ID Number: 10924
Municipality: Central Coast Council
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Location Addresses

22 MAIN RD, PENGUIN 7316 TAS

Title References

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Setting: The weatherboard house at 22 Main Road, Penguin is one of three modest early C20th cottages (22, 25, 28 Main Rd) clustered within close proximity within the western part of the township opposite Beecraft Point. The block is comparatively narrow, with the house occupying most of the width. The house is set back a short distance from the footpath, allowing for a small cottage garden behind the picket fence which marks the front boundary.

Description: The residence is a modest single storey Federation cottage of weatherboard construction. The key stylistic features of the place include the bay window and gable form facing the street, with a small open verandah and cottage garden enclosed by a picket fence. General stylistic features are demonstrated by the medium pitch hip roof with a minor gable form, the overall building form and layout of windows, door style and materials, layout form and detailing of external joinery including eaves brackets and gable panelling, and the brick chimneys with stucco detailing and pots. The exterior of the house appears predominantly intact to the original design.

History: The land parcel known as 22 Main Road Penguin was originally granted to P R & C A Sheppard. The larger section of 167 acres from which it was subdivided was originally granted to Edward Beecraft in 1862 and was purchased by Alexander Clerke in 1867. In 1902 part of 18 acres was subdivided from 158 acres and in 1919 the land was part of 13 acres owned by Law, Weston and Archer of Launceston. (HTG & PHG) Assessment Rolls list Arnold Augustine Hales as owner and occupier until 1938 when the property was leased to FJ Slatter and then to GC Higgs in 1940. The Federation cottage at 22 Main Rd was built in c1910 adjacent to Hales General Store located at 24 Main Rd Penguin. Mr Hales was a well known Penguin businessman and WW1 veteran. He was a Private in the 12th Battalion 13 to 23 reinforcements (January-December 1916). Of a population of 1124 in 1914 107 men enlisted and 26 were killed. (L Broinowski:1921 p.214. & Service record AWM). Whilst away on active service, the Miss Hales conducted the business in his absence. The General Store carried a full range of grocery goods, fancy goods, toys, stationary, books and seeds (PHG). The shop at 24 Main Rd was sold in 1948 and purchased by Cecil Rowsthorn (HTG), and has since been demolished. Later the house at 22 Main Rd was acquired by the Police Service and it became a home for the local policeman and his family for many years. As local rural police were on call 24 hours a day and were in solo practice the house would have been a place of reference for the community and a place where public and private merged. Currently it is a private residence.

Statement of Significance: (non-statutory summary)
No Statement is provided for places listed prior to 2007

Significance:

The Heritage Council may enter a place in the Heritage Register if it meets one or more of the following criteria from the Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995:

a) The place is important to the course or pattern of Tasmania's history.

22 Main Road, Penguin is of historic cultural heritage significance as it is important in demonstrating the evolutionary pattern of the Central Coast district. The cottage comprises one of three that occur in close proximity (22, 25, 28 Main Rd) and together demonstrate modest housing from the early settlement phase of Penguin c1900.

b) The place possesses uncommon or rare aspects of Tasmania's history.**c) The place has the potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of Tasmania's history.****d) The place is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of place in Tasmania's history.**

22 Main Rd Penguin is of historic cultural heritage significance because it is important as a representative house in demonstrating the characteristics of a broader class of cultural places. The house has the ability to demonstrate the principal and typical characteristics of modest Federation cottage as constructed in a rural and beachside town across Tasmania.

e) The place is important in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement.**f) The place has a strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social or spiritual reasons.**

22 Main Road, Penguin is expected to be of some local community value as the residence of a prominent early shopkeeper (Hale) and as the mid-late C0th residence of the local Police officer.

g) The place has a special association with the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance in Tasmania's history.**h) The place is important in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics.**

PLEASE NOTE This data sheet is intended to provide sufficient information and justification for listing the place on the Heritage Register. Under the legislation, only one of the criteria needs to be met. The data sheet is not intended to be a comprehensive inventory of the heritage values of the place, there may be other heritage values of interest to the Heritage Council not currently acknowledged.