

Item name: Carabene, Farmhouse**Location:** 11 Ewingsdale Road Ewingsdale 2481

Byron

Address: 11 Ewingsdale Road**Planning:** Northern**Suburb/nearest town:** Ewingsdale 2481**Local govt area:** Byron**Parish:****State:** NSW**County:****Other/former names:****Area/group/complex:****Group ID:****Aboriginal area:****Curtilage/boundary:** The area surrounding the homestead and original mature tree plantings, a reduced curtilage within the larger holding.**Item type:** Built**Group:** Farming and Grazing**Category:** Homestead Complex**Owner:** Private - Individual**Admin codes:****Code 2:****Code 3:****Current use:** Offices**Former uses:** Dwelling**Assessed significance:** Local**Endorsed significance:** Local

Statement of significance: 'Carabene' demonstrates historical, historical associative and aesthetic and social significance. It holds historical significance to the Byron Shire as a late Victorian homestead developed by pioneering settlers, the Flicks, who were also instrumental in the development of the nearby school, community hall and church at Ewingsdale. The land was originally part of the former holdings of Sir Thomas Ewing 1856-1920, a Department of Lands surveyor, and later a politician. The house demonstrates aesthetic significance for its historical form, scale and remaining original fabric including a 1920s concrete and tiled ornamental fence. It is a notable historic dwelling visible on the main road entry to Byron Bay with some mature plantings in its setting. The property is linked to the St Columbus group of church, hall and former school site which are of high significance to the Ewingsdale community. Carabene is rare locally in the Ewingsdale locality and is representative of a dwelling erected in the late 1880s with Federation era additions and can be compared to remaining early homesteads of this period in the Shire.

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Historical notes of provenance: Byron Shire Council recognises the Bundjalung of Byron Bay Arakwal people, the Minjungbal people and the Widjabul people as Traditional Owners and custodians for parts of the Byron Shire.

Ewingsdale

The area was inhabited by the Bunjalung people when European pioneer cedar cutters and a very small number of pioneer settlers became active in the area. Development by Europeans commenced in the 1880s, when towns and villages were surveyed and a wharf for seagoing vessels was built at Byron Bay. When the railway was pushed through from Lismore to Byron Bay in 1894 it provided a reliable means of export of local products. Timber and dairying industries were established. By 1972, when the Norco butter factory closed at Byron Bay the allied industries also failed and, when the Jetty and the shipping companies had gone (1945 and 1954 respectively), the local industries declined. Tourism is now the main local industry.

The area around Ewingsdale and Tyagarah to the west and north of Byron Bay was dominated by dairying, grazing and some sugar cane and banana growing. Ewingsdale was the social and cultural centre of the sub district and Tyagarah on the railway line was the commercial hub. The area is associated with Sir Thomas Ewing who was first a Department of Lands surveyor, and later a politician, and Member of the Legislative Assembly from 1885 to 1894 in the seat of Richmond and then, in the newly-created seat of Lismore from 1894 until 1901. Ewing moved into Federal politics in 1901. He held the seat of Richmond in the House of Representatives until ill health forced his retirement in 1910. It was Ewing who presented land for St Columba's Anglican Church and the Ewingsdale Hall in 1914.

This Item

Carabene

William Flick and Sarah Flick were pioneer settlers who came to the Ewingsdale area in the 1880s. The house 'Carabene' was constructed in the late 1880s when William Flick took up 860 acres of prime farming land at Ewingsdale. William Flick was instrumental in establishing the hall, church and school. He had the church and hall built and a school building relocated and sited there for his own and local farm workers children. He also planted the avenue of trees. The Flick family are fourth generation residents in the area who have been associated with farming for over 100 years.

The nearby St Columbus church group is an existing heritage listed group which includes the church, the community hall, the former schoolhouse site and the avenue of trees planted by the Flicks on the old Pacific Hwy, now William Flick Lane. Although the original acreage has been subdivided and the original farm reduced in size, the house, "Carabene", still stands as the original site of settlement and is inextricably connected to the church group.

An account of Doris Mildred Everitt, a daughter of William and Sarah Flick, born in 1906 at Carabene, Ewingsdale provides an insight to early days living at the house.

Themes: National theme

4. Settlement

3. Economy

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State theme

Accommodation

Pastoralism

Agriculture

Local theme

Designer:

Builder:

Year started: 1880

Year completed:

Circa: Yes

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Physical description: Carabene is a notable historic dwelling visible on the main road entry to Byron Bay with some mature plantings in its setting. It forms part of 'The Farm' commercial complex and is used as administrative offices. 'Carabene' is a traditional farmhouse dwelling of late 1800s with a steep pyramidal shaped hipped roof, skillion verandahs and a gabled wing to the north with projecting gables. It was named after the Carabene trees that grew in the area. Early photographs show the house with a metal roof with a striped bullnose verandah. The roof has been altered to a decramastic tile and the verandahs have been infilled. The original exterior weatherboard walls and original joinery are intact within the enclosure. Although it has been modified by some external alterations over the years it retains its overall form, scale, and the hipped and gabled roof extensions and is recognisable to its early origins. Internally it retains considerable amount of internal fabric worthy of conservation including original teak flooring, timber ceilings and timber wall linings. 1920s concrete pillars at the entry steps to the dwelling and a tiled ornamental fence is notable on the boundary which is now close to the main entry road into Byron Bay.

Physical condition level: Good

Physical condition: Appears to be in generally reasonable order although modified with non original roof material and enclosure of verandahs. The interior is in very good order.

Archaeological potential level:

Archaeological potential Detail:

Modification dates: 1920s ornate fence with tiling. Similar to other fences in Burns Street associated with Brickie Burns. C1970s alterations to roof and enclosure of verandahs.

Recommended management: The property is worthy of careful conservation, reinstatement of original external details, and retention of an appropriate setting including the historic concrete and tiled fence and mature plantings. A Conservation Management Plan and further research would assist in this process to guide future conservation and reconstruction works. Restoration and reconstruction works should be consistent with the articles of the Icomos Burra Charter 2013.

Management:	Management category	Management name
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Further comments: The verandahs could be opened up and the roof material reverted to a traditional corrugated galvanised roof as part of a future conservation project together with a scope of works to reinstate original details.

Criteria a): 'Carabene' holds historical significance to the Byron Shire as a late Victorian homestead developed by pioneering settlers, the Flicks, who were also instrumental in the development of the nearby school, community hall and church at Ewingsdale. It demonstrates an early homestead dwelling which has retained its overall scale, form and much original fabric.

Criteria b): Carabene demonstrates Historical Associative significance with William and Sarah Flick pioneer settlers of this property, who were also instrumental in the development of the nearby school, community hall and church at Ewingsdale, which has a strong association with the Ewingsdale community. The land was originally part of the former holdings of Sir Thomas Ewing 1856-1920, a Department of Lands surveyor, and later a politician.

Criteria c): The house demonstrates aesthetic significance for its historical form, scale and remaining original fabric including a 1920s concrete and tiled ornamental fence. It is a notable historic dwelling visible on the main road entry to Byron Bay with some mature plantings in its setting. Whilst it has been modified by some external alterations over the years it retains its overall form, scale, and the hipped and gabled roof extensions and is recognisable to its early origins. Internally it retains considerable amount of internal fabric worthy of conservation including original teak flooring, timber ceilings and timber wall linings.

Criteria d): The property is linked to the St Columbus group of church, hall and former school site which are of high significance to the Ewingsdale community.

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Criteria e): The property is not likely to yield information of a nature which would meet this criteria.
[Research
significance]

Criteria f): Carabene homestead meets this criterion as it is rare locally in the context of the Ewingsdale and is important element of the St Columbus Church Group which is assessed as having rarity locally.
[Rarity]

Criteria g): Carabene is representative of a dwelling erected in the late 1880s with Federation era additions and can be compared to remaining early homesteads of this period in the Shire.
[Representative]

Intactness/Integrity: Moderate.

References:	Author	Title	Year
	Doris Mildred Everitt	My Autobiography-Doris Mildred Everitt 1988	1988
		Pers Comm Jan Hackett Byron Shire Councillor	2020

Studies:	Author	Title	Number	Year
	Donald Ellsmore and Ian	Byron Shire Community Based Heritage Study		2005

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Potential Heritage Item

Data entry: Data first entered: 27/08/2021

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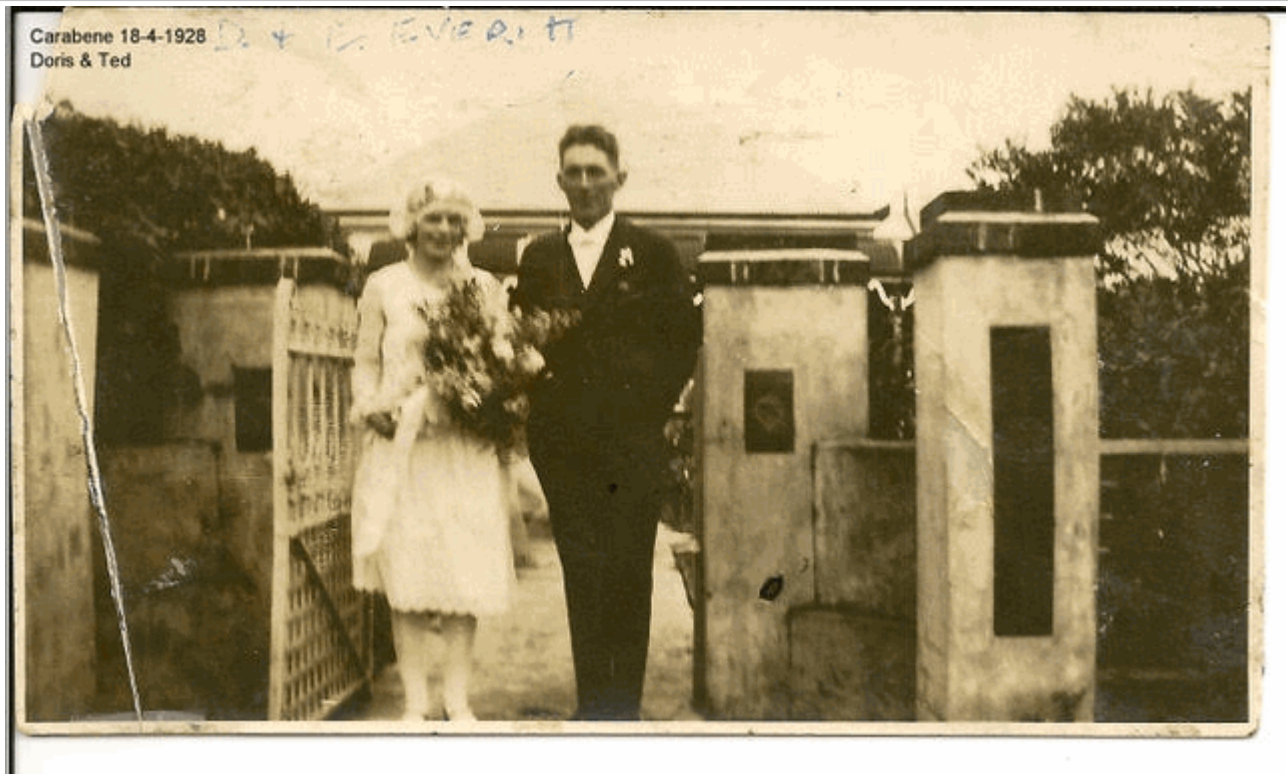
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Caption: Historical image 1928

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Caption: Current exterior

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Caption: Western elevation and gabled addition to northern end

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Caption: Fence

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Caption: Interior

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Caption: Historic Image 1925- side view

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