

## **Statement of Significance**

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### **What is Significant?**

McMorran's Oak Tree, located at 125 (part) South Gippsland Highway (opposite Brunt Avenue), is significant.

### **How is it Significant?**

McMorran's Oak Tree is of local historical significance to the City of Casey.

### **Why is it Significant?**

McMorran's Oak Tree is of historical significance as one of the earliest surviving Oak Trees within the municipality, dating from c1867, and as surviving evidence of the early residential history and use of Cranbourne town centre, which is now highly urbanised and developed. The tree is believed to have been part of 'The Willows', Alexander and Emily McMorran's residence and garden of seven acres, which was located on this site from 1863. McMorran was Cranbourne's first saddler, and later became a highly successful farmer, with small holdings on the outskirts of Cranbourne township. The tree is considered a local historical landmark within Cranbourne for its early date and associations with the early development of Cranbourne. (Criterion A)