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# MURWEH



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1 murweh liebigh street  
warrnambool front view  
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## Location

203 LIEBIG STREET WARRNAMBOOL, WARRNAMBOOL CITY

## Municipality

WARRNAMBOOL CITY

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0402

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO117

## VHR Registration

August 17, 1977

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - July 27, 1999

### What is significant?

Murweh, an eleven-roomed house, was built from locally quarried limestone in 1874 for J.W. Sheville, a local councillor and former Mayor. It is a fine example of a residence with surviving stables linked to the house by a series of high stone walls which form a rear walled courtyard and walled garden. The residence, which combines Classical and Gothic elements in a Picturesque composition dominated by the Classical portico and decorated barge boards, is set in spacious grounds.

### How is it significant?

Murweh is of architectural and historical significance to the State of Victoria.

### Why is it significant?

Murweh is of architectural significance as a well-crafted and detailed gentlemen's residence. The architectural details and proportions of the house were finely designed with both neo-classical and Gothic influences. The craftsmanship of the stucco work is of consistently high standard throughout. It provides an excellent and largely intact example of the kind of house built by successful businessmen in Victoria's regional centres during the 19th century.

Murweh is of historical significance as an example of a substantial residence built for a member of the western district elite. It is interesting as a town residence, given that much of the western district's wealth was in rural properties and their often imposing homesteads. As such, the house provides evidence of the lifestyle of a town-based middle class of merchants, speculators and local political identities which was growing as the western district developed into one of Victoria's most prosperous areas in the last decades of the 19th century.

## Permit Exemptions

### General Exemptions:

General exemptions apply to all places and objects included in the Victorian Heritage Register (VHR). General exemptions have been designed to allow everyday activities, maintenance and changes to your property, which don't harm its cultural heritage significance, to proceed without the need to obtain approvals under the Heritage Act 2017.

Places of worship: In some circumstances, you can alter a place of worship to accommodate religious practices without a permit, but you must **notify** the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria before you start the works or activities at least 20 business days before the works or activities are to commence.

Subdivision/consolidation: Permit exemptions exist for some subdivisions and consolidations. If the subdivision or consolidation is in accordance with a planning permit granted under Part 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the application for the planning permit was referred to the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria as a determining referral authority, a permit is not required.

Specific exemptions may also apply to your registered place or object. If applicable, these are listed below. Specific exemptions are tailored to the conservation and management needs of an individual registered place or object and set out works and activities that are exempt from the requirements of a permit. Specific exemptions prevail if they conflict with general exemptions.

Find out more about heritage permit exemptions [here](#).

Construction dates      1874,

Heritage Act Categories Registered place,

Hermes Number 1196

Property Number

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## **Extent of Registration**

No. 402 Murweh, 203 Liebig Street, Warrnambool to the extent of all that piece of land being Crown allotments 11 and 12 and part of Crown allotment 21 Section 41 Town of Warrnambool Parish of Wangoom County of Villiers and being the land described in Certificate of Title volume 3831 folio 078 excluding that area of land extending 25.0 metres south along Liebig Street from the north boundary of the property (adjacent to the water supply reserve) and 87.69 metres in depth, being the full depth of the northern boundary.

[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. 70 August 17, 1977 p.2680]

*This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.*

*For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>*