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H0125 Plan 001

Location

201 WERE STREET BRIGHTON, BAYSIDE CITY

Municipality

BAYSIDE CITY

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0125

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO385

VHR Registration

October 9, 1974

Amendment to Registration

November 28, 1979

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 11, 1999

SOURCE: REPORT TO MINISTER

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Chevy Chase and a sister residence Ratho (now the St John of God hospital) were erected by two business partners. Built in 1881 Chevy Chase now stands on an area of land much reduced from its original estate. The house is approached via a short drive-way entering from Were street. The original garden concept is much altered. Chevy Chase exhibits a large two storey cast-iron verandah which follows around the north-west and south faces of the building reflecting the form of the two bay windows located on the west facade. The house is otherwise dominated by a three storey tower with parapet balustrading and urns intact at each corner. Under the verandah the house is entered via a recessed entrance portico, and the wall treatment with the exception of the projecting wings at the termination points of the verandah is very austere. The windows are capped by segmental arches on the ground floor and flat lintels on the first floor. On the projecting wings at the termination of the verandah a moulding runs around the surface of the facade forming a mock entablature below the stilted segmental arches of the whole mouldings. The roof of the house is mainly slate although some repairs have been carried out using iron. The exterior has been painted white with charcoal coloured cast-iron. Internally the house has been repainted with the exception of the dining room and light well both of which are in original condition. There is a considerable body of information available on the building together with its sister house Ratho and some of this information is held by Mr & Mrs Strong The owners of Chevy Chase. However, These matters are not the subject of the present report. Chevy Chase sits in approximately one acre of land, a substantial amount of which is the remnants of the garden precinct in which the house once stood. Within this garden precinct and located on the eastern boundary of the site is a large hall like building constructed in the 1960s and designed by Mr Alistair Knox. Being a relatively intact example of one of the large mansion houses which once formed the basic character of the Brighton area and possessing a particularly fine verandah, Chevy Chase is a building of considerable architectural and historic importance set within its garden precinct. Although the owner has presented plans to sensitively subdivide the land to provide a new residential allotment on the west side of the house, it is considered the land involved is not essential to maintaining Chevy Chase within a satisfactory garden curtilage. The battle-axe type subdivision wraps around the verandah of the house without in any way reducing the distance between the title boundary and the house as it exists at present. The area to be excised from the designation is relatively distant from the house and does not significantly alter the planning context in which the building sits. The hall building located to the north-east of the house and forming the eastern boundary to the main treed lawn adjacent to the house is of insufficient architectural or historic importance for listing on the register of historic buildings. It is a two storey modern brick building of good

design and does not distract from the context of the main house.

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	1881,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	162
Property Number	

Extent of Registration

Historic Building No. 125 'Chevy Chase' 201-205 Were Street Brighton (to the extent of the land within the red perimeter delineated on the plan held in the offices of the Ministry for Planning, the house, but excluding the hall located to the north-east of the house).

[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. 97 - 28 November 1979 p.3729]

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/>