

## ZIEBELLS FARM



1 ziebell's farmhouse  
gardenia road thomastown  
front view



h00979 ziebells farm  
gardenia st thomastown barn  
outbuilding north end she  
project 2003



h00979 ziebells farm  
gardenia st thomastown  
drying shed east end she  
project 2003



h00979 ziebells farm  
gardenia st thomastown  
drying shed she project 2003



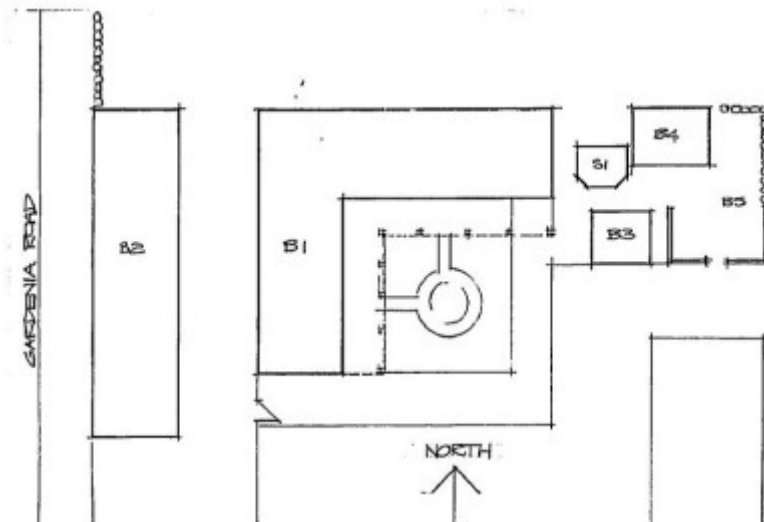
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gardenia st thomastown  
farmhouse north wall stone  
gutter she project 2003



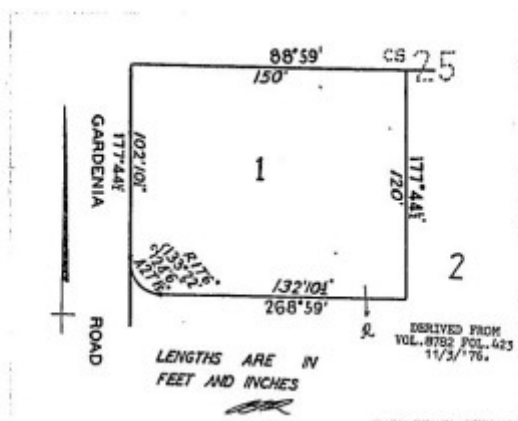
h00979 ziebells farm  
gardenia st thomastown  
smokehouse laundry  
outbuilding she project 2003



h00979 ziebells farm  
gardenia st thomastown view  
of farmhouse she project  
2003



h00979 Plan 604972Y (A)



h00979 Plan 604972Y B

**Location**

100-102 GARDENIA ROAD THOMASTOWN, WHITTLESEA CITY

**Municipality**

WHITTLESEA CITY

**Level of significance**

Registered

**Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number**

H0979

**Heritage Overlay Numbers**

## VHR Registration

August 19, 1993

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 7, 1997

Christian Ziebell and his family arrived in Victoria from Germany in 1850 under a migration scheme to assist German settlers initiated by William Westgarth.

Ziebell built the largest of the dwellings on the most extensive landholding at Westgarthtown in the early 1850s. Ziebell's Farm comprises an L-Shaped stone farmhouse, a stone barn, a wash-house and a bath-house.

Ziebell's Farm is of outstanding historical significance to the State of Victoria for its association with the State's promotion of German settlement. As a pivotal part of the Westgarthtown settlement, and probably its earliest surviving dwelling, it is a significant reminder of the way of life of these early German settlers in Victoria.

As part of the Westgarthtown settlement, Ziebell's Farm has an important association with William Westgarth, merchant, financier, politician, historian and notable pioneer who was directly responsible for the immigrant communities in Victoria.

Ziebell's farmhouse is constructed of rubble bluestone and other local stone with a steeply pitched hipped roof. The barn, also constructed of rubble bluestone and local stone, has a hipped roof of iron shingles. The two buildings, simple solid European Vernacular buildings derived from German tradition, represent a transposition of German building design and techniques to Victoria.

Ziebell's Farm forms a cohesive visual link with the cemetery and church, once the hub of the Westgarthtown community, and the whole area retains the open rural character of the original settlement.

## 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 1856,  
Heritage Act Categories Registered place,  
Hermes Number 3687  
Property Number

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## History

Associated People:

Owner CHRISTIAN ZIEBELL; Assoc.People WILLIAM WESTGARTH

## Extent of Registration

AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 979.

Ziebell's Farm, 100 Gardenia Road, Thomastown.

(To the extent of:

1. The buildings known as Ziebell's Farm, 100 Gardenia Road, Thomastown, comprising:

The House B1

The Barn B2

The Bath house B3

The Wash house B4

The Shed B5

The Well S1

(but excluding the brick veneer house)

and all drystone walling, paving and original timber fencing as shown on Plan 604972Y (A), endorsed by the Chairperson, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council.

2. The land marked L1 on Plan 604972Y (B) endorsed by the Chairperson, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council, being all of the land contained in Certificate of Title 9131 Folio 270.)

[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. G32 19 August 1993 pp.2325-2326]

*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/>*