
WENTWORTH HOUSE

Location

22 LE CATEAU STREET,, PASCOE VALE SOUTH VIC 3044 - Property No 29167

Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0138

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO103

Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 1, 2008

Wentworth House is included on the Victorian Heritage Register (H0138) as a place of State significance. Please refer to the VHR citation for the statement of significance for this place. The local statement of significance is as follows:

Wentworth House is of state historical and architectural importance. The original section of this structure, constructed only seven years after the foundation of the colony at Port Phillip, is one of the oldest surviving house in Victoria to remain on its original site. The property has strong associations with several pioneer agriculturists in the district, it is an important and rare illustration of early Victorian colonial traditions.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moreland - City of Moreland Heritage Review, Allen Lovell and Associates, 1999; Moreland - City of Coburg Heritage Conservation & Streetscape Study, Timothy Hubbard Pty Ltd, 1991;
Construction dates	1841, 1850,
Other Names	Individual, 1860,
Hermes Number	59056
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Physical Description 1

Wentworth House is a single storey residence of bluestone rubble built in two stages (c.1842, 1850s), with a later additions, the 1860s kitchen, pantry and bathroom of red brick. It has a hipped slate roof and a simple corrugated-iron clad concave-profile return verandah. It has timber-framed sash windows, with half-glazed French doors opening onto the south verandah.

The house has been sympathetically altered internally. The outbuildings-stables and servants' quarters-are in a dilapidated condition.

Landscape: The significant landscape associated with Wentworth House consists of mature trees.

A number of Monterey Cypress (*Cupressus macrocarpa*) are located to the west of the house and appear to be a long overgrown hedge. Two very large Pepper Trees (*Schinus molle* var. *areira*) dominate the front garden, south of the house. At the rear fence line (north) lies two mature Olive (*Olea europea*). One in particular is very large. Further identification of remnant species from the early history of the site would require the permission of the owners.

The trees at Wentworth House are of local interest as remnant plantings from the early history of the estate. They assist in providing an appropriate setting for a significant house and contribute to the amenity of the surrounding landscape.

Key Architectural Elements: bluestone rubble construction
hipped slate roof
concave-profile corrugated iron verandah

Conservation Guidelines: restore outbuildings

Principal Historic Themes: association with individuals or families
primary production/early agricultural/farming activity

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.

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