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Location

Government House Drive,, MELBOURNE VIC 3004 - Property No B0201

Municipality

MELBOURNE CITY

Level of significance

National

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1620

Heritage Listing

National Trust

Statement of Significance

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Government House was erected in 1871-76 by Martin and Peacock for the Public Works Department. The extensive rendered brick structure was designed and documented by W W Wardell, J J Clark and P Kerr. It is comprised of the State, Private, Ballroom and Kitchen wings which are carefully expressed in a grand composition and grouped around the belvedere tower. Since 1876 it has served as Victoria's and for a brief period, Australia's Vice-Regal Residence.

This is the grandest and largest residence in Australia and one of the finest examples of nineteenth century residential architecture in the world. Designed in the conservative classical style, the superb Italianate composition reflects Queen Victoria's Osborne House. The great variety of fine mouldings and motifs culminate in

the belvedere where the concentration of ornament gives an outstanding overall effect. The interiors are among the grandest in Melbourne. The tower is a prominent landmark.

Government House, Melbourne, is maintained in immaculate condition and is intact.

Classified: 22/05/1958

See also: G13004

Hermes Number 65118

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