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# Darra



B1545 Darra Meredith

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## Location

490 Slate Quarry Road, MEREDITH VIC 3333 - Property No B1545

## Municipality

GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

## Level of significance

State

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0268

## Heritage Listing

National Trust

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 9, 2005

### AHC CITATION

Darra homestead, originally known as Durdiwarrah pastoral station near Meredith was licensed to Charles Augustus Von Stieglitz in 1842 who built the first substantial homestead of brick and stone prior to 1854, and which at a sale at this time was in occupation as The Eclipse Hotel. WTN Champ, former Premier of Tasmania, acquired this Colonial Georgian style building in 1863.

Darra (formerly Durdiwarrah) near Meredith has important associations with the Von Stieglitz family, and particularly with Charles Von Stieglitz after whom the gold mining township is named. Darra is a building of the

first era of settlement in Victoria, and although progressively improved, survives with the essential Colonial Georgian character intact. WTN Champ was the first premier of Tasmania and later was Inspector-General of Penal Establishments in Victoria. He died at Darra in 1892.

Darra homestead near Meredith has been extended at various unknown dates. Elements of the original homestead, including the Georgian front door and fan light, survive intact. The homestead reflects a continuum of development.

Of State significance.

Classified: 20/10/1966

Hermes Number 67984

Property Number

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