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1 mccrae lighthouse nepean  
hwy mccrae front elevation  
november 1997



mccrae lighthouse nepean  
hwy mccrae entrance  
november 1997



mccrae lighthouse nepean  
hwy mccrae light detail  
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## Location

650 POINT NEPEAN ROAD MCCRAE, MORNINGTON PENINSULA SHIRE

## Municipality

MORNINGTON PENINSULA SHIRE

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1516

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO164

## VHR Registration

August 20, 1982

## Amendment to Registration

May 23, 1998

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - August 2, 2005

The Eastern Shore Light has served an integral part of the Port Phillip Bay navigation system since the 1850s. A timber light was built at McCrae in 1854. It was later transported to Arthur's Seat where it served for many years as a lookout until replaced by the present concrete structure apparently built for Victoria's centenary in 1934.

The present light was built by Chance Brothers & Co. of Birmingham in 1874 and transported to Australia by sea. It was erected in 1883, and is the highest light in Port Phillip Bay. The light was automated during World War One.

South Channel pile light was built in 1871-2, and the new McCrae light ordered, although shipping of the light from England meant it was erected far later.

The lighthouse keepers quarters were located at the foot of the light. These were demolished after the Second World War. The existence of the light keepers' families contributed to the number of children requiring a school closer than Dromana in the early 1870s.

The Eastern Shore Light is a riveted iron structure, with the light at a height of 30.79 metres. There is a small brick building at the base with a vaulted roof.

[Source: Register of the National Estate]

## 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	1883,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Other Names	MCCRAE LIGHTHOUSE, EASTERN SHORE LIGHT,
Hermes Number	694
Property Number	

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## Extent of Registration

Amendment of Register of Government Buildings  
Flinders Shire, Lighthouse, Nepean Highway, McCrae.  
[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. G39 12 October 1988 p3089]

Transferred to the Victorian Heritage Register 23 May 1998 (2 years after the proclamation of the Heritage Act 1995 pursuant to the transitional provisions of the Act)

*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/>*