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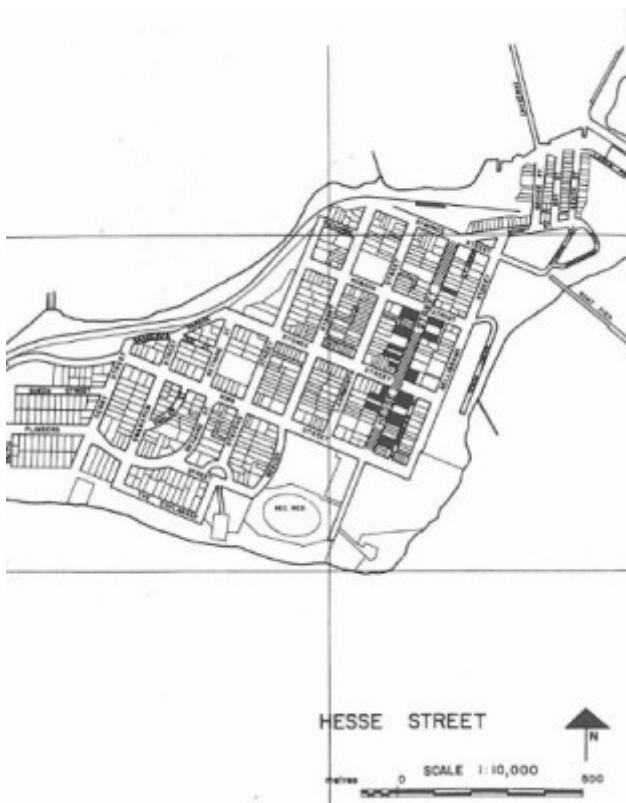
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## Location

62 Hesse Street QUEENSCLIFF, QUEENSCLIFFE BOROUGH

## Municipality

QUEENSCLIFFE BOROUGH

## Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO108

HO07

## Heritage Listing

Queenscliffe Borough

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## Statement of Significance

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## Statement of Significance as recorded under the Queenscliff Heritage Study 2009

*Doongara* at 62 Hesse Street is of local historical significance as a an early residence in Queenscliff, substantially altered and extended and converted to a guesthouse in the early twentieth century, a period during which guesthouses - as opposed to grand hotels - proliferated in Queenscliff.

It is also of local historical significance for its associations with the early stage coach service in Queenscliff (this is thought to have operated from stables at 37 Learmonth Street, qv) and for its associations with Thomas Stoneman, prominent in both Geelong and Queenscliff.

While not of particular aesthetic (architectural) significance, it is a prominent building in the Hesse Street streetscape. The phases of its history are reflected in the composite nature of its building form, dominated by the early twentieth century additions.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Queenscliffe - Queenscliffe Urban Conservation Study, Allom Lovell & Associates P/L, Architects, 1982; Queenscliffe - Queenscliffe Heritage Study, Lovell Chen, 2009;
Hermes Number	120601
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## Physical Description 1

During 1864, George Admans built for Stoneman a verandahed, M-hip roofed house of six rooms.<sup>(5)</sup> The sandstone in its walls was said to have been reclaimed from the first lighthouse, built at Shortland Bluff (1842-3) by contractor Beaver,<sup>(6)</sup> which was demolished after the lighting of the new upper and lower lights early in 1863.<sup>(7)</sup> The coursed, rubble stonework of this house is still visible in the front wall of *Doongara*. It gained a brick-piered verandah, an extra stuccoed-brick storey and became a boarding house early in the twentieth century (circa 1919).<sup>(8)</sup>

The importance of *Doongara* lies with its association with Thomas Stoneman, a prominent person in Geelong and Queenscliff, and the first Shortland Bluff lighthouse which it presumably shares with the stables at 37 Learmonth Street, being of the same material. These stables are relatively intact whereas *Doongara* has been much altered. *Doongara*, with its two-storeyed verandah at the building line, completes a streetscape of mid Victorian era, two storeyed shops and dwellings at S8-62 Hesse Street and hence, although in detail it does not comply, it possesses the correct scale and set-back for the earlier street elevation.

The original stables, (37 Learmonth Street) later used as a laundry, at the rear of *Doongara* are of major significance both architecturally in their use of local stone, and historically in their association with the Western Stage Company, and as the centre of land transport to and from Queenscliff prior to construction of the railway.

## Physical Description 2

Two storey stone and stuccoed brick house with wide brick and timber columned verandah.

Original single storey house built 1864, additions 1919.

## Physical Description 3

Extract from the 2009 study

*Doongara* is sited on the west side of Hesse Street, about mid-block between Stokes and Hobson streets. Originally a single-storey mid-Victorian residence, a second level and two-storey verandah with red brick piers were added in c.1918. It is thought to be of composite construction (stone and brick) and the main elevation is rendered. The upper level has a series of timber-framed door and window openings which appear to be original or early (post-1918). Ground floor openings have undergone some modification and the ground floor is now occupied by shops. The verandah appears basically intact to its c. 1918 construction, although a later balustrade element has been added at ground floor level.

Aerial photographs show a second hipped roofed building to the rear; this building has not been inspected and its origins are unknown.

## **Intactness**

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