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### Location

43 Mercer Street, QUEENSCLIFF, QUEENSCLIFFE BOROUGH

### Municipality

QUEENSCLIFFE BOROUGH

## Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO137

HO11

## Heritage Listing

Queenscliffe Borough

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - November 1, 2009

Statement of Significance as recorded under the Queenscliff Heritage Study 2009

No.43 Mercer Street is of historical and architectural significance to the Borough of Queenscliffe. It is historically significant as an early weatherboard dwelling dating to the 1850s-60s, and for its long association with the pilot service in Queenscliff, in particular with John Henry Barber who served as a pilot 34 years; he also served as a Borough Councillor. It is also significant as an example of a mid-nineteenth century house in Queenscliff which, although it has been altered, is still demonstrative of vernacular weatherboard construction of the period.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Queenscliffe - Queenscliffe Urban Conservation Study, Allom Lovell & Associates P/L, Architects, 1982; Queenscliffe - Queenscliffe Heritage Study, Lovell Chen, 2009;
Construction dates	1856,
Hermes Number	120735
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

Extract from the 1982 study

Today the house is a M-hipped roof timber building, with bracketted eaves and a bullnose- roof verandah. The verandah has panelled timber slatting beneath the bressumer and is supported on shallow timber brackets and posts; it has been partially closed in. 43 Mercer Street has little architectural importance, with the possible exception of the early construction date of one of its wings. It had a long association with the pilot service, in particular with John Barber who resigned from the service after 34 years in 1908 and also served as a Borough Councillor.(9)

## Physical Description 2

Extract from the 2009 study

The front section of no. 43 Mercer Street has a symmetrical form, is of weatherboard construction, and has a hipped roof clad in corrugated steel with bracketed timber eaves. The bullnose verandah is supported by simple timber posts (not original/early); it has been partially enclosed with timber and glazing. The front door with sidelights is centrally placed, flanked to one side by a single timber-framed double-hung sash window, and to the other side by the enclosed section of verandah.

A bay window on the south elevation overlooking the side drive may support the proposition that the house was rotated in the 1920s. The verandah addition to what then became the west elevation can be loosely dated to the same period by the Federation style of the recently removed frieze.

To the rear (east) is a double hipped roof section of building with a return verandah across the south and east elevations.

## **Intactness**

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