

# WHITBY HOUSE



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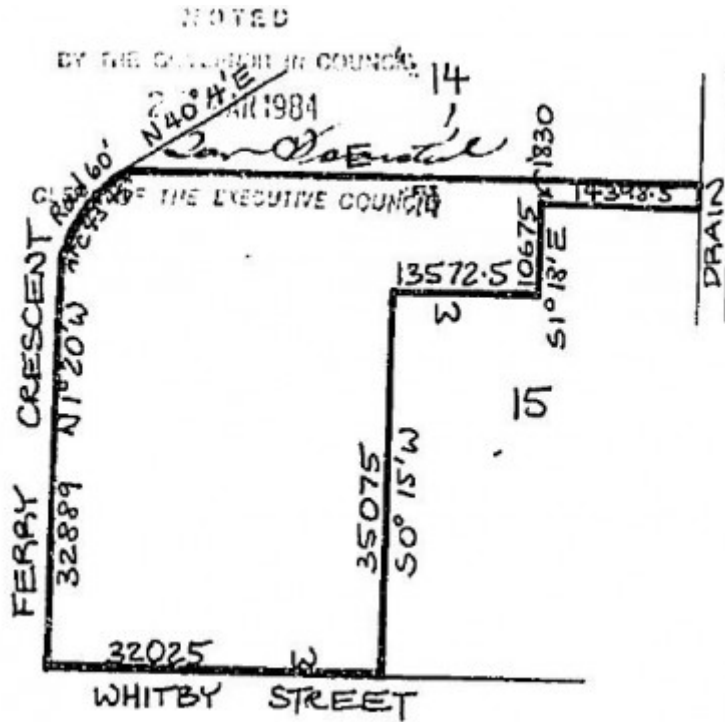
1 whitby house whitby street  
brunswick front view jul1979



whitby house whitby street  
brunswick front entrance  
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brunswick side view sep1979



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## Location

28 WHITBY STREET BRUNSWICK, MORELAND CITY

## Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0546

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO197

## VHR Registration

March 28, 1984

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 22, 1999

Whitby house (formerly "Whitbyfield") was constructed in the early 1850s for Edward Whitby, a Melbourne importer, on land he had acquired in 1849. The original house is of one and two storeys, with rendered walls and a slate roof. The architect is not known but the building is in a Gothic Revival style comparable to a number of other large houses of the period. In detailing it reflects an English Tudor influence with fretted barge and gutter boards and paired octagonal chimneys. The gable ends originally had heavily decorated half-timbering and squat timber finials (since removed). In 1907-1909 a single-storey music room was added by Graham R Ferry, the owner of Ferry's Pottery in Brunswick. The addition was constructed after the style of the original house and retains its half-timbering and carved brackets. It is of special interest for the carved chimera fixed to the bottom of the brackets.

The buildings were altered in the 1920s when the verandah was enclosed and partially demolished and new porch was added at the front. The home was later subdivided into flats.

Whitby house is one of the earliest surviving buildings in Brunswick and is associated with the earliest settlement on the northern fringe of the city of Melbourne. It is a rare survivor of the Gothic Revival houses constructed in Melbourne in the 1850s and is representative of a small but influential stream in early Victorian architecture. The building has suffered alterations to its detail internally and externally but retains its basic architectural form and concept.

[Historic Buildings Council]

## 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        1850,  
Heritage Act Categories    Registered place,  
Hermes Number            174  
Property Number

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## Extent of Registration

### AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 546, Whitby House, 28 Whitby Street, Brighton [sic] (to the extent of the exterior of all buildings and land entered in the Register Book as Volume 5222 Folio 1044253).

[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. 41 28 March 1984 pp. 966-967]

*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/>*