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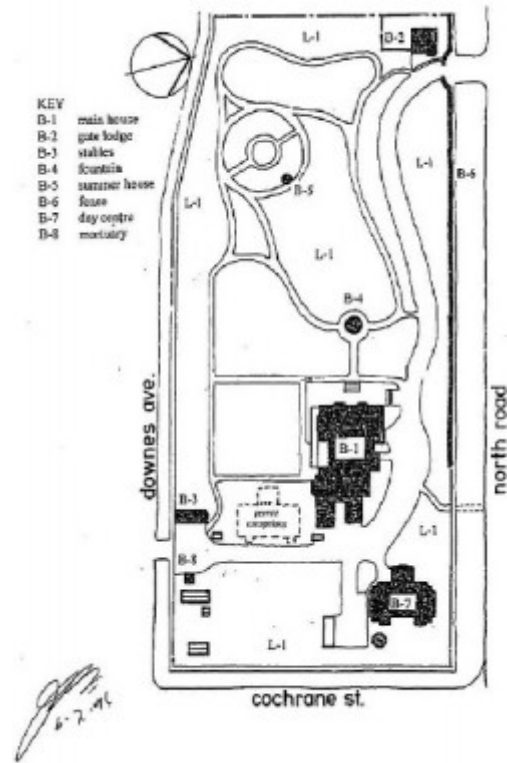
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Location

74-104 NORTH ROAD BRIGHTON, Bayside City

Municipality

BAYSIDE CITY

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1186

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO307

VHR Registration

April 11, 1996

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 28, 1999

What is significant?

Kamesburgh (Anzac Hostel) is a large two storey, rendered brick, Italianate mansion set in an extensive formal garden. The internal decorative scheme which is now almost totally covered by later layers of paint was the work of the Paterson brothers. There is a gate lodge beside the formal entrance gateway and a long wrought iron and bluestone fence on North Road. The original stables still exist. Kamesburgh was built in 1874 for businessman William Kerr Thomson by builder David Mitchell to the design of architect Lloyd Tayler. The property was bought by the Repatriation Department in 1919 with a gift of £25000 from the Baillieu brothers for the care of severely incapacitated soldiers. In this period the building was converted with the addition of a lift and an enlargement of the service wings. The Repatriation Department also constructed an occupational therapy building (the day centre) and a mortuary. Anzac Hostel has continued to provide care for disabled servicemen continuously since 1919.

How is it significant?

Kamesburgh (Anzac Hostel) is architecturally, historically and socially important to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

Kamesburgh (Anzac Hostel) is architecturally significant as a fine example of an Italianate mansion with Renaissance/Classical overtones set on an unusually large suburban block and in a finely designed formal garden. It is the most important extant residential work of the noted Victorian architect Lloyd Tayler. It is important for the probable existence under later layers of paint of a rare hand painted decorative scheme by the Paterson brothers, a small fragment of which remains visible in the boudoir. There is a remarkable disappearing wall in the library, as well as unusual vented cornices.

Kamesburgh (Anzac Hostel) is also of architectural interest for the sensitive manner in which it was adapted for use as a hostel for incapacitated soldiers without disturbing the significant fabric to any great degree.

Kamesburgh (Anzac Hostel) is historically and socially important for its associations with William Kerr Thomson, a partner in James McEwan and Sons and a prominent Brighton citizen. It is even more important for its early, long and continuing associations with the care of veterans incapacitated by war service. In this regard it is important also for its associations with the Baillieu brothers, principally William Lawrence Baillieu, whose donation of £25000 was the largest Australian philanthropic gift for veterans of the First World War.

Permit Exemptions

General Conditions:

1. All exempted alterations are to be planned and carried out in a manner which prevents damage to the fabric of the registered place or object.
2. Should it become apparent during further inspection or the carrying out of alterations that original or previously hidden or inaccessible details of the place or object are revealed which relate to the significance of the place or object, then the exemption covering such alteration shall cease and the Executive Director shall be notified as soon as possible.
3. If there is a conservation policy and plan approved by the Executive Director, all works shall be in accordance with it.
4. Nothing in this declaration prevents the Executive Director from amending or rescinding all or any of the

permit exemptions.

5. Nothing in this declaration exempts owners or their agents from the responsibility to seek relevant planning or building permits from the responsible authority where applicable.

* Relocation of the Day Centre building within the dotted area on plan 600845 and the construction of a veterans' hostel along the Cochrane Street frontage, provided that the design and works are carried out in consultation with, and to the satisfaction of the Director of the Historic Buildings Council.

* Any works which are carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Conservation Management Plan prepared by Australian Construction Services in August 1994.

Construction dates	1874,
Architect/Designer	Taylor, Lloyd,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Other Names	ANZAC HOSTEL,
Hermes Number	1766
Property Number	

History

Associated People: Owner WILLIAM K THOMSON;

Extent of Registration

AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 1186:

Kamesburgh (Anzac Hostel), 78 North Road, Brighton, City of Bayside.

Extent:

To the extent of:

1. All of the buildings known as Kamesburgh (Anzac Hostel) marked B-1 to B-8 on Plan 600845 endorsed by the Chair, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council.
2. All of the land as marked L-1 on Plan No. 600845 endorsed by the Chair, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council, being all the land described in Certificate of Title Volume 8075 Folio 664.

[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. G14 11 April 1996 pp.887-888]

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