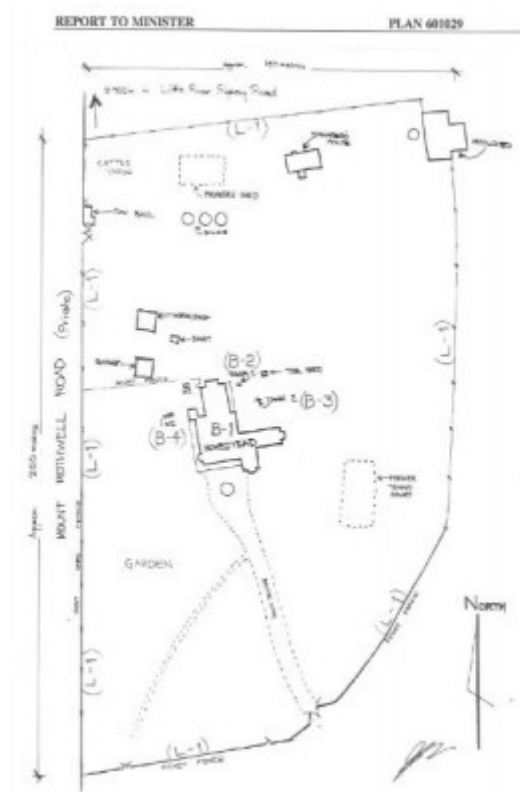


# MOUNT ROTHWELL HOMESTEAD



1 mt rothwell homestead little  
river ripley road little river  
front elevation apr1995



H1107 mt rothwell

## Location

985-995 LITTLE RIVER-RIPLEY ROAD LITTLE RIVER, GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Municipality

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1107

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO295

## VHR Registration

September 14, 1995

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - August 10, 2022

### What is significant?

Mount Rothwell Homestead, designed by P. Colquhoun, is a single storeyed bluestone simple Italianate style residence built in 1872 for Robert Chirnside, nephew of the famous Thomas and Andrew Chirnside from Werribee Park.

### How is it significant?

Mount Rothwell Homestead is of architectural and historic significance to Victoria.

### Why is it significant?

Mount Rothwell Homestead is important as a representative of successful pastoral activities during the nineteenth century that has continued to be the way of life for several generations of the Chirnside family. The building is historically significant for its associations with Robert Chirnside and other members of his family, who held extensive land holdings throughout the Colony during the nineteenth century and were considered one of the leading pastoral families.

The residence, which is of considerable size on a large land holding, is architecturally significant as an essentially intact example of a nineteenth century pastoral home. It displays rare decorative schemes in the form of elaborate plasterwork and painted and stencilled artwork on the ceilings and walls of several main areas.

## 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](#).

### Specific Exemptions:

\* Erection of small outbuildings, including sheds, aviaries, kennels, poultry sheds and the like, with the exception of "period" style gazebos, provided that the structures are no larger than 10m<sup>2</sup> in floor area and no higher than 2400mm high.

\*Alterations, extensions or replacement of all fencing and gates provided that the materials remain the same.

Construction dates	1872,
Architect/Designer	Colquhoun, P,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Other Names	MT ROTHWELL,
Hermes Number	1922
Property Number	

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### Extent of Registration

#### AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 1107:

Mount Rothwell Homestead, 985 Little River-Ripley Road, Little River, City of Greater Geelong.

Extent:

1. All of the building known as Mount Rothwell Homestead, Little River, including the main house (B-1), the two underground tanks (B-2 and B-3), and the external closet (B-4) all marked on Plan 601029 endorsed by the Chairperson, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council.

2. Part of Crown Allotment 26, Parish of Wurdi Youang, County of Grant (identified in Memorial No. 668 Book 653) marked L-1 on Plan 601029 endorsed by the Chairperson, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council..

[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. G36 14 September 1995 p.2537]

*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/>*