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# "Osborne House"

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## Location

51 Swinburne Street, NORTH GEELONG VIC 3215 - Property No 296475

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1101

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO207

## Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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## Statement of Significance

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### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

'Osborne House' stables and courtyard in Swinburne Street, North Geelong, were designed by leading Melbourne architect Webb & Taylor in 1857 for pastoralist Robert Muirhead, a former overseer with the Clyde Company. This mansion originally built as a two storey bluestone structure with Barrabool freestone fressing and single storey Doric colonnaded verandah in the Victorian Italianate style, was extended in 1910. 'Osborne House' with attendant stables and enclosed courtyard, is one of Geelong's finest early mansion houses. It was later occupied as a townhouse for powerful Western District pastoralist JL Currie and finally as the Shire of Corio Offices.

### RECOMMENDATIONS: PROTECTIVE MEASURES

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