

"Royd Grange"



27183 Royd Grange Court No
2 Photo



27183 Royd Grange Court No 2 Map

Location

2 Royd Grange Court, BELMONT vic 3216 - Property No 237609

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1883

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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The house known as "Royd Grange" at 2 Royd Grange Court is aesthetically significant at a REGIONAL level. It demonstrates original design qualities of a transitional Late Victorian/Queen Anne style. These qualities include the Flemish bond red brickwork, picturesque hipped slate roof forms, pyramidal tower and bay windows, and bullnosed corrugated iron verandah. Other intact qualities include the octagonal two storey tower, strapped brick chimneys with terra cotta pots, timber framed double hung windows, timber entrance doors with sidelights, bullnosed verandah supported by cast iron Ionic columns with a decorative iron valance and brackets, worked timber eaves brackets, iron ridge cresting of the tower, cream brick bands along the walls, and the cream brick arches in the tower.

The house known as "Royd Grange" at 2 Royd Grange Court is historically significant at a REGIONAL level. It is associated with the woollen textile magnate Godfrey Hirst, who was the managing director of the Excelsior Woollen Mills in South Geelong, and with the Geelong architects, Laird and Buchan.

Overall, the house known as "Royd Grange" at 2 Royd Grange Court is of REGIONAL significance.

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| Heritage Act Categories | Registered place, |
| Hermes Number | 27183 |

Property Number

Physical Description 1

DESCRIPTION

The house known as "Royd Grange" at 2 Royd Grange Court has substantial views to the Barwon River and Newtown. Although located on an unusual allotment, it has a large rear yard and narrow side setbacks.

The single storey Flemish bond red brick transitional Late Victorian/Queen Anne house is characterised by its picturesque hipped slate roof forms, pyramidal tower and bullnosed corrugated iron verandah that wraps around the north, east and west elevations. The form of the house is essentially of a late Victorian Italianate design, denoted by the asymmetrical arrangement of the projecting bay windows with pyramidal roofs and the octagonal two storey tower. Strapped brick chimneys with terra cotta pots adorn the roofline. Small overhangs are a feature of the eaves. The early timber framed double hung windows are arranged singularly and as bays. The timber entrance doors with sidelights are early.

A feature of the design is the bullnosed verandah. It is supported by early cast iron Ionic columns and a Flemish bond brick plinth.

Early decorative features provide the transitional nature of the design. While the iron lace verandah valances and brackets, worked timber eaves brackets and the iron ridge cresting of the tower are typically Victorian, the cream brick bands along the walls and the cream brick arches in the tower are more in accord with Queen Anne design. This house makes a significant architectural contribution to the local area.

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