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# BROUGHTON HALL



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## Location

2 BERWICK STREET CAMBERWELL, Boroondara City

## Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1176

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO17

## VHR Registration

April 18, 1996

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - July 14, 2000

What is significant?

Broughton Hall (formerly know as Tara) was constructed in c.1858 for Sir John O'Shanassy, one of the colony's early immigrants and three times Premier (1857; 1858-1859 and 1861-1863). The house was extended in 1883. Broughton Hall was occupied by the O'Shanassy family until the end of the nineteenth century. It was privately owned and occupied by various people until purchased by the Anglican Church in 1951. The two-storey building is an early Italian Renaissance Revival mansion with an open terrace to three sides which includes refined ornamentation. Internally, the building includes an entrance hall decorated with a cast-metal dado frieze based upon the Ghiberti Frieze on the doors of the baptistery of St John the Baptist in Florence.

How is it significant?

Broughton Hall is of historic and architectural significance to the State of Victoria

Why is it significant?

Broughton Hall is of historical importance through its association with John Sir John O'Shanassy, an Irish immigrant and one of Victoria's early settlers, who was also Premier of the Colony of Victoria on three occasions. Broughton Hall is of social and cultural importance through its ability to demonstrate the opportunities available to early settlers in the newly-established colony of Victoria. The building illustrates O'Shanassy's prominence of in society through is grand interior opulence and ornate exterior and demonstrates the need of some colonists' to establish status through grand residences. Broughton Hall is architecturally important as an unusual demonstration of the Italian Renaissance style, not popularised until the boom period of the 1870s and 1880s. It is important architecturally for its opulent interior in the Italian style which demonstrates good design, aesthetic characteristics and a richness, diversity and integration of features unusual for the period in which it was constructed.

Construction dates	1858,
Architect/Designer	Barry, JM,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Other Names	TARA,
Hermes Number	2801
Property Number	

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## History

<span class="c1">Associated People: Sir John O'Shannasy</span>

### Extent of Registration

#### AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 1176:

Broughton Hall (formerly Tara), 2 Berwick Street, Camberwell, City of Boroondara.

Extent:

To the extent of:

1. All of the building known as Broughton Hall (formerly Tara), marked B-1 on plan 603097 endorsed by the Chair, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council.
2. All of the land marked L-1 on Plan 603097 endorsed by the Chair, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council, being part of the land described in Certificate of Title Volume 10110 Folio 264.

[Victoria Government Gazette No. G15 18 April 1996 p.960]

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