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coburg turret jan1978



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avenue and wattle grove  
coburg front she project 2003

## Location

6 CRAIGROSSIE AVENUE COBURG, MORELAND CITY

## Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

## Level of significance

Registered

## **Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number**

H0375

## **Heritage Overlay Numbers**

HO53

## **VHR Registration**

May 12, 1976

## **Amendment to Registration**

August 18, 1976

## **Heritage Listing**

Victorian Heritage Register

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## **Statement of Significance**

Last updated on - June 7, 1999

What is significant?

Glencairn at 6 Craigrossie Avenue, Coburg was commenced in 1859-1861 as a 5-room stone house for Scottish-born merchant, Robert Mailer on agricultural land previously part of the Moreland pastoral run of pioneer Melbourne doctor Farquhar McCrae. The original building was one of the first in a chain of farmhouses along the Moonee Ponds Creek.

Substantial alterations in 1882 and 1911 have enhanced the originally unsophisticated early colonial style farmhouse. The 1911 alterations were carried out by Dr Melrose Mailer. The house, of unknown design, and originally of simple classic revival detail, has been embellished by the addition of a crude monumental porch, delicate timber verandah, roof top widow's walk and dodecagonal corner turret to create a picturesque, heavily eclectic composition.

How is it significant?

Glencairn is of historical, architectural and aesthetic significance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

Glencairn is of historical significance as an 1860s dwelling and one of the oldest surviving buildings in the early chain of settlements along the Moonee Valley Creek. It is significant for its long associations with the locally influential Mailer family who owned the property until 1953.

Glencairn is of historical significance as a rare surviving 1860s villa to the north of the city, filling a gap in the appreciation of the history of early properties in the area west of Sydney Road.

Glencairn is of historical and architectural significance as it demonstrates the changes implemented from its simple 1859-1861 origins as a 5-room dwelling to its 1911 gentrification, all the while in the occupation of the Mailer family. Its architectural significance also lies in the fact that it has been little altered externally since Dr Melrose Mailer's 1911 changes.

Glencairn is of aesthetic and architectural significance for its architectural composition and its formal garden setting.

## 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](#).

Construction dates        1859,  
Heritage Act Categories    Registered place,  
Hermes Number             304  
Property Number

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## History

Associated People:

## Extent of Registration

No.139A. Glencairn, 6 Craigrossie Avenue, Coburg.  
[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. 47 - May 12, 1976 p.1345]

Register Number 139A now becomes Register Number 375.  
[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. 77 - August 18, 1976 p.2573]

*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/>*