
House, Fmr Labassa Conservatory, 21 Manor Grove



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Location

21 Manor Grove CAULFIELD NORTH, Glen Eira City

Municipality

GLEN EIRA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H2005

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO44

Heritage Listing

Glen Eira City

Statement of Significance

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The former conservatory situated at no. 21 Manor Grove, North Caulfield in the former grounds of "Labassa", was built for Alexander Robertson to the design of architect John A.B. Koch presumably soon after its purchase in 1887. It is historically and aesthetically significant.

It is historically significant (Criterion A) for its associations with "Labassa" and its owner, Alexander Robertson, businessman and proprietor of the Cobb and Co. line of coaches. This significance is enhanced by the rarity of the structure (Criterion B) and its intact state. Given this aspect of its significance, it has importance also for its capacity to illustrate the former practice of estate owners during the nineteenth century of running garden conservatories. It is aesthetically significant (Criterion E) as a Boom period garden structure interpreting the stylistic extravagances of "Labassa" itself, the French Second Empire roof, symmetrical temple inspired form and intricate ornamentation being unique, today, and presumably rare amongst conservatories in Victoria at any time.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Glen Eira - City of Glen Eira Heritage Management Plan, Andrew Ward, Architectural Historian, 1996;
Other Names	Former "Labassa" conservatory (1890), now a house,
Hermes Number	35444
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

A richly decorated former conservatory with stamped zinc and cast iron enrichment, the cruciform plan being formed with projecting porches. The original glazed walls have been altered with opaque sheeting and smaller windows but the essence of the original temple form design remains clear with slender columns supporting an elaborate cornice and surmounting hipped roof with upper level cornice and crowning pedimented gable ends; the composition being elaborated with cast iron ridge cresting and a fan motif in the tympana.

Physical Description 2

Condition: sound

Physical Description 3

Integrity: high

Historical Australian Themes

Caulfield as a location for Melbourne's gentry.

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