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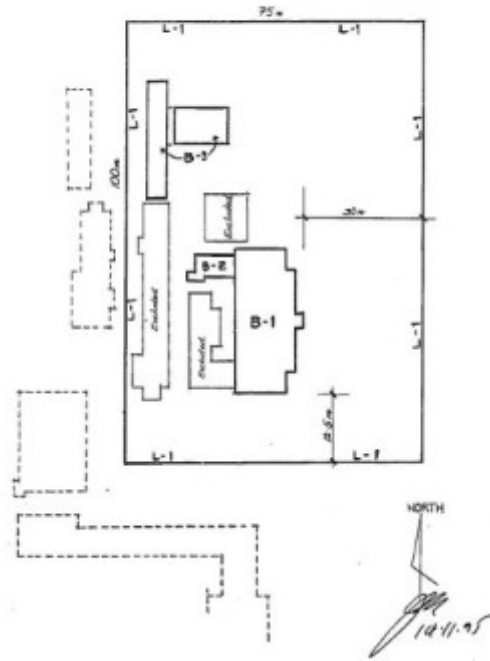
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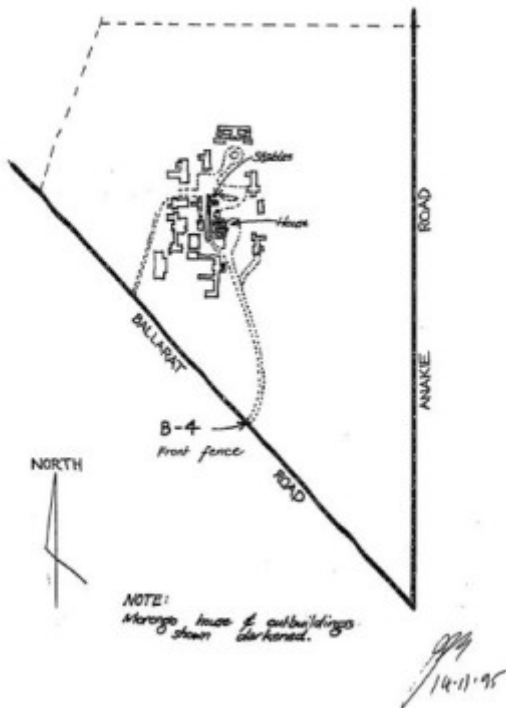
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1 morongo bell post hill  
additions to south side of  
house



H1138 morongo plan a



H1138 morongo plan b

205 BALLARAT ROAD AND 5-61 ANAKIE ROAD BELL POST HILL, GREATER GEELONG CITY

## **Municipality**

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## **Level of significance**

Registered

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

H1138

## **Heritage Overlay Numbers**

HO203

## **VHR Registration**

December 14, 1995

## **Heritage Listing**

Victorian Heritage Register

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## **Statement of Significance**

Last updated on - May 5, 1999

What is significant?

Morongo is a large two storeyed residence constructed of bluestone with Barrabool Sandstone dressings. It was designed by Geelong architect, Joseph Shaw for John Calvert, a gentleman, and built by Foyle & Co., contractors in 1859-60. Minor alterations to the interior were carried out in the 1920s, and from 1926 the original homestead buildings were altered and extended to incorporate them into an extensive girls' boarding school complex.

How is significant?

Morongo is of architectural significance to Victoria

Why is it significant?

Morongo, with its former laundry wing and stables, is architecturally significant as an example of a substantially constructed and finely detailed residential complex erected in the late 1850s. The main house is important as an unusually late and very strongly expressed example of the elegantly proportioned and minimally decorated manner usually associated with the Regency style of architecture. The very austerity of the architectural expression serves to emphasise the excellent craftsmanship of the masonry.

The main house also demonstrates outstanding craftsmanship in very clear, simple lines and excellently proportioned rock-faced bluestone and smooth faced ashlar sandstone dressings.

## **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,
Architect/Designer	Shaw, Joseph L,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Other Names	MORONGO, Morongo Girls College, Geelong Presbyterian Girls' College, Kardinia International College,
Hermes Number	4813
Property Number	

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## History

Associated People: Owner JOHN CALVERT; Assoc.People JAMES FRANCIS GUTHRIE  
Owner GUTHRIE, J F;

## Plaque Citation

Built in 1859-60 for John Calvert to a design by Joseph Shaw, this residence was used as a private girls' college from 1926. In 2007 this gateway and flanking walls were moved to widen the Midland Highway.

## Extent of Registration

AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 1138.

Morongo, Ballarat Road, Bell Post Hill, City of Greater Geelong.

Extent:

To the extent of:

1. All of the building known as Morongo including the main house (B-1), the former laundry wing (B-2), the former stables building (B-3) and the front fence (B-4) on Plans 605986A & B endorsed by the Chairperson, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council.
2. Part of the land described in Certificate of Title Volume 10236 Folio 201 marked L-1 on Plan 605986A endorsed by the Chairperson, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council. [Victoria Government Gazette No. G49 14 December 1995 p.3548]

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