
AMERICAN COTTAGE

Location

21 STATION STREET,, COBURG VIC 3058 - Property No 27622

Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0139

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO146

Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

Statement of Significance

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American Cottage is of state architectural significance. It is a rare example in Victoria of a timber attic-style cottage in the American tradition and is notable for its the finely executed timberwork, in particular the highly ornate barge boards and unusual balustrading.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moreland - City of Moreland Heritage Review, Allen Lovell and Associates, 1999; Moreland - City of Coburg Heritage Conservation & Streetscape Study, Timothy Hubbard Pty Ltd, 1991;
Construction dates	1885,
Other Names	Individual,
Hermes Number	59090

Physical Description 1

American Cottage is a single storey timber framed attic house. It is a symmetrical composition in the carpenter Gothic idiom of the late 19th century and is derivative in expression of American weatherboard house traditions. The house has walls of weatherboard and a very steeply pitched red-painted corrugated iron roof, cross-gabled in plan. The transverse gable is punctuated with bichrome brick chimneys. Cast iron verandah posts with Corinthian capitals support a small projecting balcony with decorative timber balustrading which forms the front entrance porch. The timber windows are topped with heavy timber pelmets, and the roof gables have ornate bargeboards of a highly unusual design and small finials.

American Cottage was originally painted in a light stone colour with contrasting trim. Its original ornate iron fence has been replaced with timber pickets.(3) Some original interior decoration survives. The house is well maintained, and with the exception of the redecoration, remains intact.

Plantings include a New Zealand Cabbage Tree (*Cordyline australis*) near the front door.

(3) Register of the National Estate, File No. C/05/06.

Key Architectural Elements: unusual carpenter Gothic style
timber details bargeboards, balcony balustrade, window pelmets
bichrome brick chimneys
sympathetic planting *Cordyline australis*

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