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Location

Cnr Birdwood Avenue & Dallas Brooks Drive,, MELBOURNE VIC 3000 - Property No B0196

Municipality

MELBOURNE CITY

Level of significance

State

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1076

Heritage Listing

National Trust

Statement of Significance

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La Trobe's Cottage was originally located on a large tract of land on the south side of Wellington Parade. The initial cottage was erected in 1839 by G Beaver and consisted of a prefabricated two room structure manufactured in London by H Manning. The dining room, erected soon afterwards in 1839, was the first of many additions made during La Trobe's tenure. In 1963 the surviving part of the cottage, consisting only of the dining room and about half of one room of the prefabricated house, was dismantled into a few large sections, then moved, re-erected and the rest of the original cottage reconstructed, along with outbuildings based on early sketches, in Birdwood Avenue. From 1839-1854 Jolimont, then set in a large garden estate, was the home of

Charles Joseph La Trobe, Superintendent of the Port Phillip District and the first Governor of Victoria. It epitomizes the domestic architecture of Melbourne's early years and in part is a rare example of prefabricated panelized timber construction. The locally built dining room is the oldest identified example of 'stud frame' construction in the world and is one of Melbourne's oldest buildings. The present complex of buildings was moved again in 1998 to its present site across Birdwood Avenue in wooded surroundings similar to the original setting of the cottage. It is furnished appropriate to the La Trobes' years of occupation, and contains many of La Trobe's personal effects.

Classified: 14/08/1958

Other Names Latrobe's Cottage,

Hermes Number 65501

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