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## Talara - Port Fairy Historic Area



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### Location

549 Prince's Highway,, PORT FAIRY VIC 3284 - Property No B0044

### Municipality

MOYNE SHIRE

### Level of significance

Local

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0255

### Heritage Listing

National Trust

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### Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 17, 2008

Diamond John Howes acquired land on which Talara stands from James Atkinson in May 1856. The first municipal rate book of 1856-57 shows a house and this is presumably the simple stone cottage at the rear of the main house. The front portion of the house was erected apparently in 1858, it being recorded in the 1858-59 rate book. D J Howes was the first Secretary and Surveyor to the Belfast and District Roads Board in 1853 and subsequently Secretary and Engineer of the Shire of Belfast.

Talara is a most distinctive and unusual building, both in the context of Port Fairy and in the State of Victoria. The

house has been constructed in a Gothic Revival style and is elaborately decorated, with its gables and eaves decorated with elaborate fret work, finials and pendentives. The house is constructed in bluestone and other features include the projecting bay windows, the symmetrical arrangement of the main facade and the patterned slate roofs. The stone cottage to the rear is also of interest. Classified 17/01/1965

2010 Note: Good condition

Historic Area Classified: 02/03/1981 .

Hermes Number 69391

Property Number

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