

## RESIDENCE



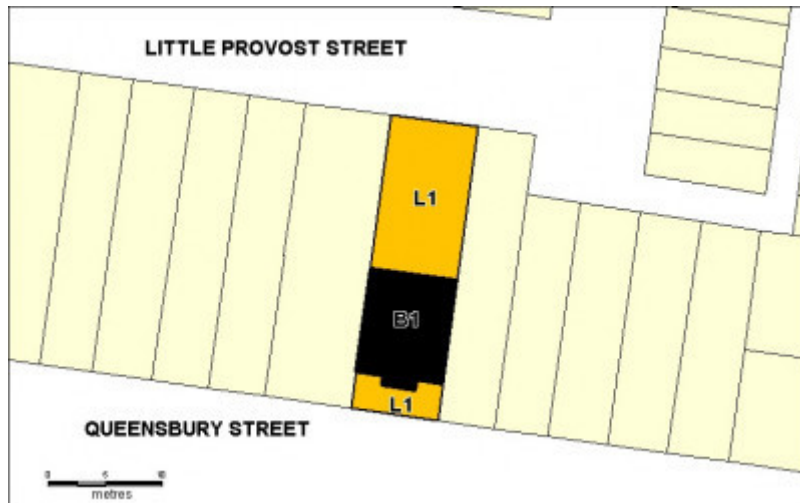
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### Location

596-598 QUEENSBERRY STREET NORTH MELBOURNE, MELBOURNE CITY

### Municipality

MELBOURNE CITY

### Level of significance

Registered

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0091

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO300

## VHR Registration

October 9, 1974

## Amendment to Registration

February 8, 2001

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - October 27, 1999

What is significant?

The first North Melbourne lots were auctioned in 1852 and the area quickly developed as one of the setting out points for those heading for the goldfields. The residence at 596 Queensberry Street, North Melbourne, was built in 1857. The house was constructed for Alexander McDonald, a coach builder, whose name appears on the parapet. McDonald owned and occupied the house until 1873 after which he leased it to tenants. He sold the house in 1884. McDonald also built 604-606 Queensberry Street.

The house was described in the rate book of 1858 as a brick house, with seven rooms and a cellar. The residence is a small one storey brick cottage with extensive cellar and attic. The gable roof contains attic accommodation. The house has a symmetrical facade to Queensbury Street, with a centrally placed front door flanked by a pair of plain, square headed sash windows. A small and steeply pitched transverse gable with finial and an attic window projects over the front door. The gable end has a plaque bearing the inscription ?1857, Alexdr Mcdonald?. The roof, with bracketed eaves, is covered with slates.

Internally the house retains little integrity as an 1850s cottage, most of the original layout and fabric being lost in the 1970s. A sympathetic arrow-head picket fence has been added to the small front garden.

How is it significant?

The residence at 596 Queensberry Street, North Melbourne, is of architectural and historical significance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

The residence at 596 Queensberry Street, North Melbourne is architecturally significant as a rare example of a picturesque Gothic cottage in metropolitan Melbourne. Despite being symmetrical, the use of the Gothic style incorporating picturesque elements such as face brickwork, a steeply pitched roof and a finial is representative of the pattern book style of picturesque architecture and was unusual for a town house of the period.

The residence at 596 Queensberry Street, North Melbourne, is of historical significance as one of the oldest extant houses in North Melbourne. This house survives in a row of varied commercial and residential buildings as a reminder of the early period of development in North Melbourne.

## Permit Exemptions

### General Conditions:

1. All alterations are to be planned and carried out in a manner that prevents damage to the fabric of the registered place or object.
2. Should it become apparent during further inspection or the carrying out of alterations that original or previously hidden or inaccessible details of the place or object are revealed which relate to the significance of the place or object, then the exemption covering such alteration shall cease and the Executive Director shall be notified as soon as possible.
3. If there is a conservation policy and plan approved by the Executive Director, all works shall be in accordance with it.
4. Nothing in this declaration prevents the Executive Director from amending or rescinding all or any of the permit exemptions.
5. Nothing in this declaration exempts owners or their agents from the responsibility to seek relevant planning or building permits from the responsible authority where applicable.

### Interior

All internal works that do not effect the external appearance of the house are permit exempt.

### Exterior

- \* Minor repairs and maintenance which replace like with like.
- \* Removal of extraneous items such as air conditioners, pipe work, ducting, wiring, signage, antennae, aerials etc, and making good.
- \* Installation or repair of damp-proofing by a method approved by Heritage Victoria.
- \* Removal of bagging and paintwork to the external brickwork by a method approved by Heritage Victoria

Construction dates            1857,  
Heritage Act Categories    Registered place,  
Hermes Number                887  
Property Number

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## History

### Contextual History:History of Place:

Alexander McDonald owned and occupied the house until 1873 when he leased it to various tenants, including William Slocombe and the wood merchants, Francis and Ellen Scully, from 1884. By 1888, the Scullys had purchased it, in turn selling to the Australian Deposit and Mortgage Bank in 1906. Nearby are two other buildings built by Alex McDonald, 604-606 Queensberry Street, suggesting that McDonald was a reasonably prosperous man.

## Extent of Registration

### NOTICE OF REGISTRATION

As Executive Director for the purpose of the Heritage Act, I give notice under section 46 that the Victorian Heritage Register is amended in that the Heritage Register Number 91 in the category described as a Heritage place is now described as :

Residence, 596 Queensberry Street, North Melbourne, Melbourne City Council

EXTENT:

1. All the land known as marked L1 shown on Diagram 91 held by the Executive Director, being part of the Crown Allotment 13 Section 22A at North Melbourne, Parish of Jika Jika, County of Bourke.

2. All the buildings and structures marked B1 on diagram 91 held by the Executive Director.

Dated 5 February, 2001

RAY TONKIN  
Executive Director

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*This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.*

*For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>*