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# FENAGH COTTAGE



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street st kilda front view  
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## Location

7 BURNETT STREET ST KILDA, PORT PHILLIP CITY

## Municipality

PORT PHILLIP CITY

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0629

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO69

## VHR Registration

October 1, 1986

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - September 7, 1999

Fenagh Cottage at 7 Burnett Street, St Kilda, was built circa 1855 for George John Watson (1829-1906), the pioneer racing entrepreneur and founder of the Melbourne hunt club. Watson and his family lived in the cottage from the 1850s until his death there in 1906. The building, a single storey timber-framed, weatherboard-clad building, is of historical and architectural significance as a rare survivor of the large number of 1850s prefabricated iron and timber cottages. These were a major feature of the suburb during the last century and, until recently, Fenagh Cottage retained some of its original Morewood and Rogers galvanised iron roof tiles.

Although the building has suffered substantial alteration internally, new roofing and new front casement windows, it retains much of its original plan form. What would appear to have been the original kitchen wing is located on the SE corner of the building. The coach house/stable building at the rear shows evidence of early and original materials i.e. planked and shingled roofing, packing case linings and early framing members. Fenagh cottage is important also for its location in the historic and prestigious St Kilda hill area in a street which contains a number of other buildings of both historical and architectural significance including Oberwyl (1856-1859) and Marion terrace at 14-34 Burnett Street built in 1882 for the merchant James Roberts.

## 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	1855,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	1097
Property Number	

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## **Extent of Registration**

### **AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS**

Historic Building No. 629 - Fenagh Cottage, 7 Burnett Street, St. Kilda, to the extent of the whole of the cottage and its outbuildings and the whole of the land in Volume 8995 Folio 643.

[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. 80 1 October 1986 p. 3785]

*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/>*