

## AIRLIE, ST KILDA ROAD



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1 airlie st kilda road south  
melbourne view from street



H0722 airlie extent plan

### Location

452 ST KILDA ROAD MELBOURNE, PORT PHILLIP CITY

### Municipality

PORT PHILLIP CITY

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0722

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO253

## VHR Registration

February 22, 1989

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

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This handsome two storey building at 452 St Kilda Road, known originally as "Airlie", was built for Frederick J Neave, solicitor, to the design of the architect Anketell Henderson.

The building is a good example of a late 1880s "boom" Italianate style building as to both its interior and exterior aspects. The architect has made novel use of renaissance and mannerist elements, including a symmetrical main front elevation with two storeys of loggia arcading through which a polygonal bay window breaks through on ground floor level. This is emphasised by the use of engaged roman ionic columns and a pediment. The interior, despite some alterations, retains mosaic hall flooring, much original joinery, an impressive staircase and a fine stained glass stair window.

Despite some alterations the building is in good condition. The first floor verandah arcade has been enclosed and a large extension added on the Arthur Street side to the rear. The building remains impressively sited. The original cast iron fence still exists at the front of the building and the side entrance from Arthur Street remains impressive with encaustic tiles and a flight of stairs to the front door.

Other important occupants include the merchant JM Bruce of the firm of Paterson, Laing and Bruce. In the 1890s Airlie was the boyhood home of Stanley Melbourne Bruce (later Lord Bruce), Prime Minister of Australia from 1923 to 1929.

Airlie is of architectural and historic importance for the following reasons:

As one of the last surviving Victorian period mansions of St Kilda rd which from the late 1870s became renowned for its large residences along a major entrance to the city.

- as a notable example of a late Victorian period mansion town house, the residence of a wealthy Melburnian family of the Victorian period and expressing their lifestyle.

- as a notable work of the architect Anketell Henderson.

- for important Victorian period interior and exterior detailing, including the cast iron fence, statuary, encaustic tiles, stained glass windows, mosaic tiles and other elements.

- as the sometime house of the prominent Melbourne merchant JM Bruce and for being the boyhood home of Stanley Melbourne Bruce, Prime Minister of Australia from 1923 to 1929.

Construction dates	1891,
Architect/Designer	Henderson, Anketell,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Other Names	BLACKMAN HOTEL,
Hermes Number	11122
Property Number	

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## Extent of Registration

### AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 722:

Airlie, 452 St. Kilda Road, Melbourne -

to the extent of the whole of the land shown hatched which is included in the Register Book Certificate of Title Volume 8242 Folio 462 and the building to the extent hatched and delineated in red on the plan (Appendix A) held by the Ministry for Planning and Environment.

[Victoria Government Gazette G8 22 February 1989 p.424]

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