

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

Statement of Significance

Last updated on -

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.

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](#).

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

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]

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/>