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# BARWON PARK



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National Trust of Australia  
(Vic)



1 barwon park inverleigh rd  
winchelsea front view  
homestead



barwon park inverleigh rd  
winchelsea rear view  
homestead



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## Location

105 INVERLEIGH-WINCHELSEA ROAD WINCHELSEA, SURF COAST SHIRE

## Municipality

SURF COAST SHIRE

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0365

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO22

## VHR Registration

October 9, 1974

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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### Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 7, 1999

The mansion house, Barwon Park, at Winchelsea, was built of basalt in 1869 - for prominent western district squatter Thomas Austin. Architects Davidson and Henderson of Geelong designed the 42 room Italianate mansion and supervised construction on a sub-contract basis at a cost of c. 10,000 pounds. The square and utilitarian two storey building is enhanced by a distinctive cast iron verandah, elaborate entry hallway, stair case and high quality crafted interior. Barwon Park at Winchelsea, when completed in 1869 was the finest and most celebrated mansion house in western Victoria and having established the reputation of architects Davidson and Henderson, survives as perhaps the most notable homestead designed by this prolific practice. At Barwon Park, Thomas Austin, royal host, public figure, eminent pastoralist and leader of the acclimatisation society, was the first to introduce rabbits to Australia, an achievement now universally condemned.

Barwon Park was bequeathed to the National Trust of Australia (Victoria) in 1975 and is being systematically restored. The mansion although in depressed condition, is preserved virtually intact but devoid of the original furniture and fittings.

Source: Register of the National Estate citation

### 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 1869,  
Architect/Designer Davidson & Henderson,  
Heritage Act Categories Registered place,  
Hermes Number 1234  
Property Number

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## **Extent of Registration**

*Shire .of Winchelsea. No. 365. Barwon Park, Inverleigh Road, Winchelsea.  
[Victoria Government Gazette No 100 Wednesday, October 9 1974 p.3650]*

*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/>*