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# OLD MARSH HOUSE

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## Location

7254 MIDLAND HIGHWAY GUILDFORD, MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE

## Municipality

MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0327

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO964

## VHR Registration

October 9, 1974

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 7, 1999

Old Marsh House, Yapeen, is a two storey, prefabricated house attributed to an English but unknown manufacturer and erected probably circa 1855 for William Mein. Rectangular in plan, the house is clad in five inch corrugated iron sheet laid vertically and there are cast iron angles at each corner and intermediate T-sections. The cavities are believed to be packed with brick. There are two front doors about a central column and cast iron door frames. Old Marsh House, Yapeen, is a rare surviving example of a two storey, prefabricated dwelling, a particularly rare building type on a world basis. The prefabricated house is an important illustration of nineteenth century technological advance and is closely associated with the world-wide gold-rushes circa 1850 and with the industrial technology of the time.

Old Marsh House is a building of considerable architectural importance, particularly as such a substantial pre-fabricated house. Old Marsh House has been variously altered over the years, both internally and externally. Intactness is however reasonable and condition is quite good.

[Source: Register of the National Estate]

## 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,
Other Names	OLD MARSH HOUSE,
Hermes Number	1251
Property Number	

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## Extent of Registration

*Shire of Newstead*. No.327. Old Marsh House, Yapeen.  
[*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/>*