

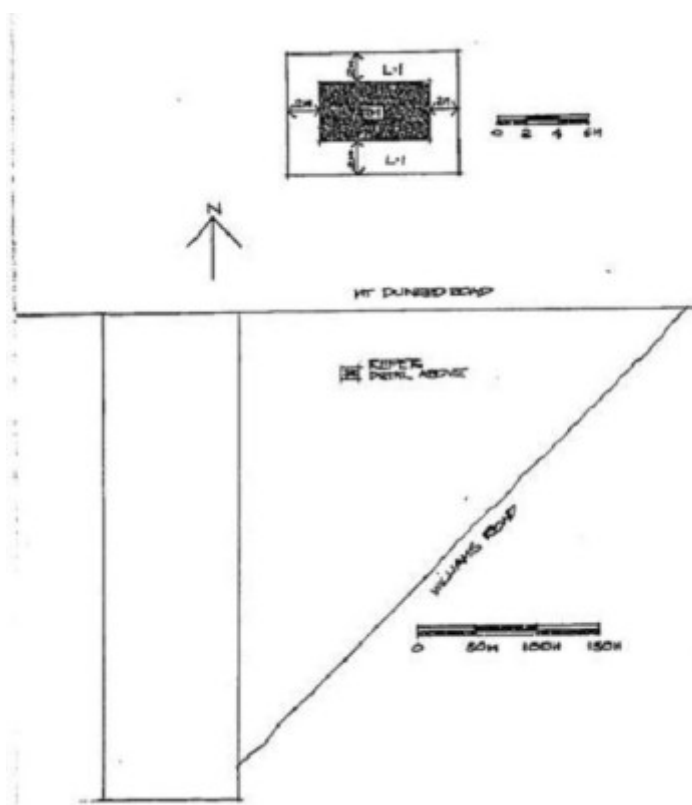
# PREFABRICATED IRON COTTAGE



1 prefabricated iron cottage  
mt duneed road mt duneed  
front view jun1995



h01131 prefabricated iron  
cottage mt duneed rd mount  
duneed front left aspect she  
project 2003



h01131 plan h1131

## Location

155 MT DUNEED ROAD MOUNT DUNEED, SURF COAST SHIRE

## Municipality

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1131

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO17

## VHR Registration

November 30, 1995

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 5, 1999

What is significant?

The two room prefabricated iron cottage on the Summerhill farm at Mt Duneed is believed to have been brought to Australia by Mr James Williams with his family from England c1855. It measures 24'x12' in plan and is 9.5 ' high to the top of the segmental arched roof. The roof and walls are of 5" corrugated iron, with no supporting frame.

How is it significant?

The prefabricated iron cottage at Summerhill, Mt Duneed is of scientific, historic, social and architectural significance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

The prefabricated iron cottage at Summerhill, Mt Duneed is important because it demonstrates British technical accomplishment in the history of prefabricated building construction. The development of a galvanising process in the 1840s, the fabrication of rolled sections of wrought iron from about 1850, and the use of grooved or fluted rollers to improve the production of corrugated iron in 1844 enabled construction of this prefabricated iron building. The cottage at Mt Duneed incorporates all these developments which had all occurred within the 15 years prior to its importation and erection in Geelong.

The prefabricated iron cottage at Summerhill, Mt Duneed is important for demonstrating the innovative solutions provided by the use of imported prefabricated buildings to cope with housing shortages caused by the gold rushes in Australia and California in the early 1850's. It is a rare example of a two room prefabricated iron cottage and one of only a small number of prefabricated iron buildings remaining which date from the early 1850's. It is the only known curved roof single storey cottage extant in Victoria. The prefabricated iron cottage at Summerhill, Mt Duneed provides an extraordinary example of the simple living conditions of some of the early emigrants to Victoria.

## 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	SUMMERHILL,
Hermes Number	2044
Property Number	

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## History

Associated People: E T Bellhouse (?)

## Extent of Registration

### AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 1131.

Prefabricated Iron Cottage, Summerhill, 155 Mt Duneed Road, Mt Duneed, City of Greater Geelong.

Extent:

1. All of the building known as the prefabricated iron cottage marked B-1 on Plan 601176 endorsed by the Chair, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council.

2. An area of land to a distance of two metres from each side of the building marked L-1 on Plan 601176 being part of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 7160 Folio 906.

[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. G47 30 November 1995 p.3352]

*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/>*