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# "Coryule", homestead including interior

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## Location

1 McDermott Road, DRYSDALE VIC 3222 - Property No 256375

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0272

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO3

## Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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## Statement of Significance

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### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

'Coryule' at Drysdale, erected in 1849 for pioneer squatting partners, Anne Drysdale and Caroline Newcomb, is one of the finest and earliest of the picturesque Gothic Revival style homesteads in Victoria. It is undoubtedly the most distinctive work of the celebrated colonial architect, Charles Laing, prior to 1851. This asymmetrical plan mansion with unusual entry hall and staircases has a few counterparts in Australia. The partnership of zealous women squatters, Drysdale and Newcomb, is of paramount significance to the history of pastoral enterprise in Australia. The mansion is constructed of locally quarried sandstone with patent metal roofing and decorated loopy timber barges.

### RECOMMENDATIONS: PROTECTIVE MEASURES

Geelong Regional Commission Register.

Historic Buildings Council register

Australian Heritage Commission Register of the National Estate

## REFERENCES

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(MaryOlou Horne is undertaking a Master of Arts theses at Deakin University concerning Drysdale and Newcomb).

The original architectural drawings by Charles Laing are held at the La Trobe Library, Melbourne.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - Geelong Region Historic Buildings and Objects Study, Allan Willingham, 1986;
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	21489
Property Number	

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