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# "Pirra", homestead including interior

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## Location

110 Windermere Road, LARA VIC 3212 - Property No 284796

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1723

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO279

## Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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## Statement of Significance

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### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The extensive brick and stone homestead "Pirra" (formerly "Serendip" and "Windermere") was constructed firstly as a modest colonial vernacular style house of unknown date for pastoralist Geo. Fairbair. In 1880 Alexander Davidson & Co. architects, designed the two storey brick mansion house addition in an eclectic Victorian style. "Pirra" is one of the most distinctive of Alexander Davidson's many Western District homestead designs executed in the years 1865-90. The homestead was the seat of noted pastoralists Geo. Fairbairn for more than 50 years and a centre of social activity in the district in the late nineteenth century.

### RECOMMENDATIONS: PROTECTIVE MEASURES

Geelong Regional Commission Register

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Hermes Number	21721
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