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# Mt. Rothwell Station, homestead including interior - (See also Mt Rothwell Station)

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## Location

985 Little River - Ripley Road -(See also Mt Rothwell Station), LITTLE RIVER VIC 3211 - Property No 312698

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1107

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO295

## Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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## Statement of Significance

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### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE - HOMESTEAD

Mt. Rothwell Homestead, a single storey Victorian Italianate residence, built of regular coursed squared basalt with a slate roof and cast iron verandah for Robert Chirnside, pastoralist, and brother of the famous Chirnside partners, Andrew and Thomas of "Werribee Park". The homestead, magnificently sited on the north slopes of Station park (You Yangs ranges) was designed by P Colquhoun, architect, and erected in 1872-73. The property is an important link in the Chirnside pastoral empire and a splendid example of the Italianate mode in Victoria. The homestead is virtually intact with notable interiors and decorated plasterwork.

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In 1879-81, Robert and Margaret Chirnside visited England and returned with furniture, etc., for Mt. Rothwell.  
Much of the interior of Mt. Rothwell is intact in almost original condition, including hand painted ceiling decoration, furnishings and floor coverings.

#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE - ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE

#### **HISTORIC PLACES DOCUMENT SHEET - GRC SHEET NO 139**

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An ovate plan of approximately 150m in circumference of basalt rocks, some very large and standing 75cm above the ground. An adjacent headland contains considerable evidence of aboriginal occupation.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS: PROTECTIVE MEASURES

Geelong Regional Commission Register

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Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	21998
Property Number	

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