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# MT. EIRENE GUEST HOUSE



Mt Eirene Guest House

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## Location

lot 28 Mt Eirene Road GEMBROOK, Cardinia Shire

## Municipality

CARDINIA SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO82

## Heritage Listing

Cardinia Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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Mt. Eirene Guest House, which was owned by W.G. Stephens, draper, in c1913, is of significance to the Cardinia Shire as one of the few remaining examples of the many guest houses that were built in Victorian holiday resorts in the post-First World War period. The property has significance for its associations in the 1930s with Mrs Laura Farrell, who advertised Mt. Eirene in Railway Department Tourist Guides of the period.

*Regional Significance*

Heritage Study/Consultant	Cardinia - Cardinia Shire Heritage Study 1996, Graeme Butler & Associates, 1996;
Construction dates	1915,
Other Names	lot 28 Mt. Eirene Road, Gembrook,
Hermes Number	30075
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

This Federation Bungalow style timber former guest house is sited on the south side of the road in a section which has been alienated by a road deviation. The house has a return verandah with a slatted frieze, plain posts set on cement bases and fretted brackets shaped after an Indian form. The main roof form is hipped with gabled roof and room bays used as ornament, in a trussed form with finials. The roof is clad with corrugated iron and the chimney is red brick, with a corbelled top.

To the south/east of the house is what is thought to have been a packing shed in a gabled form with corrugated iron roof, a loft window in the boarded gable end and otherwise, vertically set corrugated iron wall cladding.

Two large oaks are at the frontage.

## Physical Conditions

The house has been altered (window openings) and added to with a gabled timber wing at one end of the verandah. The reputed packing shed is in only fair condition.

## Historical Australian Themes

Historical Themes

7.2 Popular holiday resorts. Guest house era and later

8.5 Tourist centres, e.g. Upper Beaconsfield, Gembrook

## Physical Description 2

Associations - Stephens, W.G. Question

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