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Location

80 MERCER STREET QUEENSCLIFF, QUEENSCLIFFE BOROUGH

Municipality

QUEENSCLIFFE BOROUGH

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1177

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO49

VHR Registration

April 18, 1996

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 7, 1999

Warringah (formerly El Tambo) was constructed c1860 for Thomas Howard Fellows, who had purchased the land in 1857. It is a single storey house of stuccoed sandstone with hipped slate roof extending over the timber framed and balustraded verandah which encircles the house. The stables are of face brickwork with a gabled loft.

Warringah is of architectural and historic significance to the State of Victoria.

Warringah is important as an early and essentially intact example of a summer house complex, complete with stable and kitchen block. It is also an extraordinary example of the classic colonial bungalow form, incorporating verandahs on three sides set under the main roof. The form appears to derive from the Indian colonial bungalow, derivation it shares with early 19th century domestic architecture in NSW and Tasmania. This form is most unusual in Victoria.

Warringah (formerly El Tambo) is important for its association with Thomas Howard Fellows, politician and judge, who was active in law reform in Victoria in the nineteenth century. Warringah (formerly El Tambo) was constructed by Fellows as his summer house. Among the posts he held were attorney general and solicitor general, postmaster general (1863-64), Leader of the Opposition in Council (1864-68), Minister of Justice and Leader of the Government in Assembly (1868-), fifth judge of the Supreme Court, (1872-), Prahran Councillor (1861-64), Borough of Queenscliffe Councillor (1863-73), Mayor of Queenscliffe (1865).

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 <u>notify</u> 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.

History

Associated People: Owner T H FELLOWS;

Extent of Registration

AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS Historic Building No. 1177: Warringah, 80 Mercer Street, Queenscliff, Borough of Queenscliffe. Extent: To the extent of:

1. All the buildings known as Warringah comprising the main house marked B-1, the former stables marked B-2, and the toilet block marked B-3 on Plan 600680 endorsed by the Chair, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council.

2. All of the land being shown as Lot 1 in Certificate of Title Volume 9606 Folio 800, marked L-1 on Plan 600680 endorsed by the Chair, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council. [*Victoria Government Gazette* No. G15 18 April 1996 pp.962-963]

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/