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## Location

63-65 GOWRIE STREET GLENROY, MORELAND CITY

## Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0128

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO88

## VHR Registration

October 9, 1974

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 12, 1999

Gowrie at 63-65 Gowrie Street, Glenroy, was erected in 1855 for James Robertson on part of a crown pre-emptive right acquired in 1848 by Scottish immigrant pastoralists, James Robertson and cousin Alexander Gibb, and subsequently divided c.1850 into two homestead runs.

The one and half storey basalt house is constructed with slate roof, prominent gable dormers and dressed stonework quoins and copings in the style of Scottish farmhouse vernacular.

Gowrie is one of the oldest surviving houses in the Broadmeadows district and is of architectural importance as a relatively rare and externally intact example of a traditional Scottish laird's house translated into the Australian context.

The building is an early homestead of noted pastoralist James Robertson and is closely related to the earlier constructed and similarly styled 'Meadowbank' (now 'the Manor', Campbellfield) located on the northern section of the divided pre-emptive right.

Gowrie has been extensively renovated internally and the original outbuildings and stables demolished to facilitate the erection of flats adjoining the rear of the house. The exterior is essentially in original condition, complete with '1855' foundation stone.

Of state significance.

[Source: Register of the National Estate]

## 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 [notify](#) 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](#).

Construction dates      1855,

Heritage Act Categories   Registered place,

Hermes Number 554

Property Number

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## **Extent of Registration**

*City of Broadmeadows. No. 128. Gowrie, 63-65 Gowrie Street, Glenroy.  
[Victoria Government Gazette No 100 Wednesday, October 9 1974 p.3648]*

*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/>*