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# OXFORD



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oxford isabella grove  
hawthorn front view



oxford isabella grove  
hawthorn arches along  
verandah



oxford isabella grove  
hawthorn verandah

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## Location

21 ISABELLA GROVE HAWTHORN, BOROONDARA CITY

## Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0196

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO74

## VHR Registration

October 9, 1974

## Amendment to Registration

April 23, 1976

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 31, 1999

What is significant?

Oxford, formerly known as Friesia, was constructed in 1888 to the design of J A B Koch for Melbourne's first German consul William A Brahe. The house was built in German Renaissance style and incorporates a return stucco Corinthian colonnade. The property also retains an iron palisade fence and stables.

How is it significant?

Oxford is of historic and architectural significance to the State of Victoria

Why is it significant?

Oxford is historically important for its association with Brahe and the establishment of a German diplomatic presence in the relatively new Colony of Victoria. It is also historically important through its association with the early development of social stratification in suburban Melbourne by its location in middle class Hawthorn, contrasting with workingclass Collingwood to the west. Oxford is architecturally important in exhibiting the characteristics of Koch's style. It is architecturally important in exhibiting good design and aesthetic characteristics of the German Revival style externally and internally, and through the retention of the iron palisade fence and stables.

## 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](#).

### **Specific Exemptions:**

\*All internal works to the rear two level addition, comprising a basement and one upper level that was approved by Heritage permit P19110 (22 March 2013), that do not alter the external appearance.

Construction dates	1888,
Architect/Designer	Koch, JAB,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Other Names	FRIESIA,
Hermes Number	579
Property Number	

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### **Extent of Registration**

Oxford, (excluding the stables) 21 Isabella Grove, Hawthorn.  
[*Victoria Government Gazette* No 44, April 23, 1976. p.1203]

*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/>*