
THE GRANGE

Location

39 BELGRAVE STREET,, COBURG VIC 3058 - Property No 23494

Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1297

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO20

Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

Statement of Significance

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The Grange is of state architectural and historical Significance. It is one of the earliest surviving buildings in the Pentridge district and was the residence of Peter Virtue, a prominent figure in the early history of the Baptist Church in Victoria. The building has been extensively altered, but retains its basic configuration and structure. Its bluestone construction reinforces its contemporaneity with the early development of the Pentridge and the surrounding core of bluestone buildings.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moreland - City of Coburg Heritage Conservation & Streetscape Study, Timothy Hubbard Pty Ltd, 1991; Moreland - City of Moreland Heritage Review, Allen Lovell and Associates, 1999;
Other Names	House, Individual, Bluestone, 1860,
Hermes Number	58990

Physical Description 1

The Grange has a facade of ashlar bluestone, and side and rear walls of coursed random bluestone rubble with granite sills to timber windows (some from c.1930s), and a steep hipped roof with two small weatherboard-clad dormers. The roofing material is green pressed steel imitation tiles (1974), and the facade has been painted, possibly with a lime wash. The original iron lace verandah remains; the turned timber verandah posts are not original.

Part of the rear of the house is constructed of red brick, and there is a small side pavilion with a weatherboard and timber lattice-enclosed lean-to roofed in red-painted corrugated iron. The clinker brick front fence, and possibly the concrete front and side paths, date from the 1940s. There are some mature trees in the front garden, but none of the original garden layout is evident.

Key Architectural Elements: random coursed bluestone construction

Conservation Guidelines: remove paint from bluestone
reinstate windows to original design
reinstate original roofing material
preferably remove later intrusive additions

Comparative Examples: Gowrie, 63-65 Gowrie Street, Glenroy.

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