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# GLENCAIRN

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## Location

6 CRAIGROSSIE AVENUE,, COBURG VIC 3058 - Property No 27330

## Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0375

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO53

## Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

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## Statement of Significance

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Glencairn is of state historical and architectural Significance. It is important as one of the oldest surviving buildings in the Coburg district and for its long association with the Mailer family. Its architectural Significance derives from its early date, high degree of integrity and sequence of sympathetic alterations, which have resulted in a highly unusual, somewhat picturesque composition.

The mature front garden, now restored, is also of Significance. The manner of its present form probably dates from the first period of alterations. The form is typical for a larger suburban house of the 1880s and is one of the few surviving in metropolitan Melbourne.

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, 1860,  
Hermes Number        59014  
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## Physical Description 1

The original c.1860 section of Glencairn, of quarry-faced bluestone construction, has been extensively altered and extended. A projecting entrance porch has an arched opening. The 1911 alterations include the replacement of some of the original double-hung sash windows with casements and leadlit highlights, the addition of a large circular corner turret with a candle snuffer metal roof to the south-east corner, and a timber verandah with bracketed eaves supported on turned timber posts on the south-west corner. The hipped roof is clad in slate, while the verandah, which abuts a central quarry faced bluestone entrance portico, has been recently reclad in corrugated galvanised steel. Elsewhere windows are double hung sashes. The large widow's walk appears to be relatively recent.

Landscape: The significant landscape associated with Glencairn consists of mature trees.

A number of trees are visible and include Canary Island Date Palm (*Phoenix canariensis*) and Pepper Tree (*Schinus molle* var. *areira*) towards the rear of the property, Elm (*Ulmus procera*) in the front garden, and a Kurrajong (*Brachychiton populneus*) near the street frontage.

The trees at Glencairn are of local interest as remnant plantings from the early history of the area. They assist in providing an appropriate setting for a significant house and contribute to the amenity of the surrounding landscape.

Key Architectural Elements: freestanding on large block  
eclectic design combining 19th and early 20th century elements  
sympathetic garden

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