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## ROSS HOUSE (KEW)



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1 ross house kew view of  
arched verandah front



ross house kew rear view



ross house kew front steps  
detail

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### Location

292 COTHAM ROAD KEW, BOROONDARA CITY

### Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

### Level of significance

Registered

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0202

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO38

### VHR Registration

October 9, 1974

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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### Statement of Significance

Last updated on - November 29, 2023

#### What is significant?

Ross House, formerly called Charleville, was built as a two-storey mansion in 1889 for Charles Donaldson. It was designed in the Italianate style by the architect H Shillers and built by G Gingham. Dr Tom King, surgeon purchased Charleville from Donaldson in 1939 and renamed it Ross House.

#### How is it significant?

Ross House is of historic and architectural significance to the State of Victoria

#### Why is it significant?

Ross House is of historical importance to the State of Victoria for its association with Melbourne's urban development. The house is historically important in illustrating late nineteenth century social values and the importance of establishing status through the construction of an imposing residence. Ross House, a substantially intact mansion of the nineteenth century 'boom period, is architecturally important in exhibiting good design and the aesthetic characteristics in a domestic application of the Italianate style.

### 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 1889,  
Heritage Act Categories Registered place,  
Other Names CHARLEVILLE,  
Hermes Number 618  
Property Number

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## **Extent of Registration**

*City of Kew. No. 202. Ross House, 292 Cotham Road, Kew.  
[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/>*