

## MT MITCHELL HOMESTEAD AND STABLES



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& stables sunraysia hwy  
lexton front view homestead  
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front entrance nov84



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stables outbuildings jul83



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verandah jul83

### Location

3056 SUNRAYSIA HIGHWAY LEXTON, PYRENEES SHIRE

### Municipality

PYRENEES SHIRE

### Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0312

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO24

## VHR Registration

October 9, 1974

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 23, 2013

Mount Mitchell Homestead at Lexton was designed by the prominent architect Charles Webb and built in 1860-61 for the Robertson family to replace an earlier homestead. Webb (1821-98) was one of the most prominent architects in the early colony of Victoria and designed some of Melbourne's most important buildings. In July 1860 he called for tenders to build a 14-room bluestone residence at Mount Mitchell, and in March 1861 called tenders for the stables and outbuildings. In 1910-12 the homestead was altered and extended to designs by the Ballarat architect Percy Richards for the then owner Thomas Gordon Robertson.

The homestead at Mount Mitchell is a large, single-storey bluestone house. The long main wing has a pedimented portico on raised Tuscan columns and pilasters. At one end is a projecting wing with arcaded verandah and clerestory above. The stables are in rusticated masonry and are essentially intact and in good condition. The roofs of all the buildings are slate.

Mount Mitchell is an unusual and distinctive homestead, of consequence architecturally and for its historical associations with the settlement of the district and with the Robertson family. The Italianate conservative classical design is given particular importance by the porch, which is particularly distinctive. The elaborate arcaded verandahs are also unusual and of note, as are the later round-headed windows. It is in good condition.

## 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](#).

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| Construction dates      | 1860,             |
| Architect/Designer      | Webb, Charles,    |
| Heritage Act Categories | Registered place, |
| Other Names             | MOUNT MITCHELL,   |
| Hermes Number           | 652               |
| Property Number         |                   |

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## Extent of Registration

*Shire of Lexton*. No.312.Mt MitchellHomestead and Stables, Sunraysia Highway, Lexton.  
[*Victoria Government Gazette* No 100 Wednesday, October 9 1974 p.3650]

*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/>*