

PLACE NAME: OSBORNE HOUSE, STABLES AND COURTYARD
 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA SHIRE OF CORIO

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)

STYLE OR PERIOD: Victorian Italianate
 ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN: Webb and Taylor, Architects,
 Reference: Melbourne,
 Geelong Advertiser, 30th May, 1857.

BUILDER:
 Reference:

PRINCIPAL ARTISANS/ARTISTS/TRADES
 Reference:

TENDER NOTICE: Geelong Advertiser, 30th May, 1857
 Reference:

DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION 1857/58
 Reference:

ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE

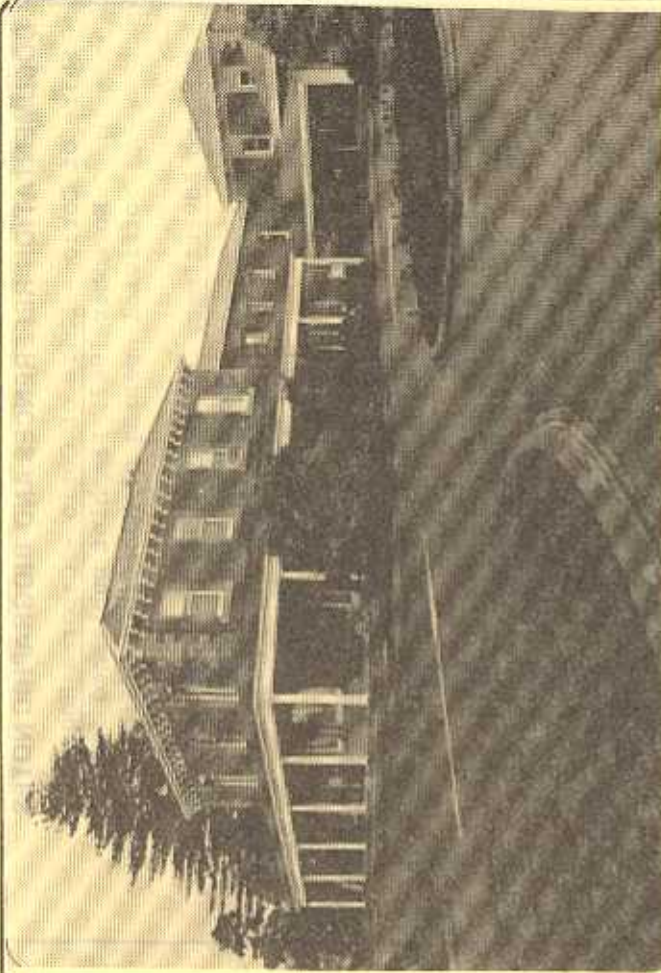
SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS

© 1910 a dining room and seven additional bedrooms were added.

ORIGINAL OWNER(S)/OCCUPANT(S) Robert Muirhead

SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS

John Lang Currie - Western District Pastoralist 1865-1873
 1913 - Naval College for Australian Navy
 1888 - Philip Russell purchased the property. Russell died
 1892.
OTHER NOTES



NEGATIVE FILE:

Australian Heritage Commission
 Register of National Estates
 Historic Buildings Preservation Council
 Register No.
 File No.
 National Trust of Aust. (Vic)
 Classified Buildings
 File No. 335...&...1880.
 Geelong Regional Commission
 Register No. ...200.....

IDENTIFICATION DATA

PLACE NAME Osborne House, including Stables and Courtyard,
 ADDRESS 51 Swinburne Street,
 North Geelong, 3215.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA Shire of Corio
 TITLE INFORMATION

MAP REFERENCE

PRESENT USE Municipal Headquarters
 PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE Shire of Corio
 ADDRESS Swinburne Street,
 North Geelong, 3215. **TELEPHONE** (052)

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DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

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CITATION

'Osborne House' stables and courtyard in Swinburne Street, North Geelong, were designed by leading Melbourne architects Webb and Taylor in 1857 for pastoralist Robert Muirhead, a former overseer with the Clyde Company. This mansion, originally built as a two storey bluestone structure with Barrabool freestone dressings and single storey doric colonnaded verandah in the Victorian Italianate style, was extended in 1910. 'Osborne House' with attendant stables and enclosed courtyard, is one of Geelong's finest early mansion houses. It was later occupied as a townhouse for powerful Western District pastoralist J.L. Currie and finally as the Shire of Corio Offices.

SIGNIFICANCE OF PLACE

- Its creative and/or technical accomplishment.
- Its demonstration of a way of life, custom, process or function no longer practised, in danger of being lost or of exceptional interest.
- Its strong association with an important figure or figures, development, or cultural phase.
- Its townscape and/or landscape value.
- Its scarcity value.

SIGNIFICANCE

LOCAL REGIONAL STATE NATIONAL WORLD

CONDITION

EXCELLENT GOOD FAIR DETERIORATED RUINS

INTEGRITY

HIGH LOW ALTERED DAMAGED

RECOMMENDATIONS: PROTECTIVE MEASURES

Geelong Regional Commission Register
 Historic Buildings Council Register

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