

# GLENFERN

Place No. 146

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**ADDRESS** 10 Amberley Court  
Bulleen

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**DESCRIPTION** -

**Condition** Excellent **Integrity** Not known  
**Threats** **Key elements**  
**Designer**

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**HISTORY** This symmetrical Italianate house was built in around 1958 for Alfred M. Caldecott on his newly-acquired farmland (the land has since been much subdivided). It is rendered, with a slate roof. The verandah extends along three sides of the building; the verandah posts are in pairs with a valance over a timber rail. The frieze has timber bracket pairs.

It was built shortly after the land on which it stands was purchased from the Carlton Estate by Alfred M. Caldecott. Caldecott arrived in Australia from Birmingham, England in 1849 and paid 864 pounds for the 74 acres he originally purchased along the Koonung Creek, later supplementing it with another 49 acres. The property was entered as 'Glenfern Farm' Kennedy's Creek in the Shire of Bulleen rate books[65]. Caldecott left Australia to become a cotton planter in Fiji in 1870, although his wife remained at the property for a further three years. an advertisement for the property in 1873 includes an inventory of the farm, stock, dairy utensils, agricultural implements etc. to be sold. In addition to dairy farming, some grain crops must have been grown, as a thrashing machine and a winnowing machine are included in the list.

In 1957, John and Ruth Campbell bought "Glenfern" and undertook extensive and faithful restoration of the property[66].

**Creation Date** c1858

**Change Dates**

**Associations**

**Local Themes**

Alfred M. Caldecott; John & Ruth Camp

5.01 - Squatters, selectors & small farmer

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**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE** Of regional historical significance as an early farm house, externally largely intact (although on a much reduced allotment) associated with the settlement of the Bulleen district.

## LEVEL

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### RECOMMENDATIONS

**Heritage Register Listings**

Register	Reference	Zoning	Status
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None Specified

**Extent**

**Heritage Schedule**

External Paint Controls: On VHR: VHR Ref No:

Internal Alteration Controls: Prohibited Uses:

Tree Controls: Aboriginal Heritage Place:

Outbuildings or Fences: Incorporated Plan: Incorporated Plan Details

Description:

**Conservation Management**

## Extra Research

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[66] Dr. Ruth Campbell, pers. comm. and correspondence.