

# SCHRAMM'S COTTAGE

Place No. 170

**ADDRESS** 62-78 Victoria Street  
Doncaster

**Last Update** 10/03/2005

**DESCRIPTION** It is an asymmetrical cottage, built of local sandstone, with hip slate roof and twelve pane windows. The openings have rendered quoins (but not the corners).

**Condition** Excellent **Integrity** Altered - moved from origi

**Threats** **Key elements**

**Designer**

**HISTORY** Schramms Cottage dates from c.1875. It was built for Max von Schramm, a German immigrant, for use as a house and a Lutheran (denominational) school. Von Schramm had formerly been school master at the Lutheran School, built in 1864 on Doncaster Hill. [1] Following the Education Act in 1872, it became a Common School. Von Schramm, wanting to continue providing education in the Lutheran tradition, decided to build and run his own school. In 1876 von Schramm was appointed the first Lutheran Pastor in Doncaster, and he continued to teach at his school until 1884. [2]

The cottage was originally located in Doncaster Road, near the present Council offices, and was moved to this site following the decision to widen Doncaster Road. The former site of the church and cemetery was donated by Trinity Lutheran Church for the re-erection of the cottage, (it was in the former Waldau Church on this land that von Schramm had held his very first classes). The process of dismantling and re-erecting the building took place between 1971 and 1975, using largely voluntary labour, with funding provided by the State Government. Schramm's Cottage was opened as an historical centre on 14 February 1976. [3]

## SOURCES

[1] Keogh, p.46

[2] National Trust of Australia (Victoria) file

[3] National Trust of Australia (Victoria) file; Doncaster Templestowe Historical Society Newsletter, March 1986

**Creation Date** c.1875

**Change Dates**

**Associations**

**Local Themes**

Max von Schramm

7.03 - Victorian houses

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE** Of considerable local significance for its historical associations with the early Lutheran settlement. Its significance has been reduced by the relocation of the building.

## LEVEL

### RECOMMENDATIONS

#### Heritage Register Listings

Register	Reference	Zoning	Status
None Specified			

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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**BIBLIOGRAPHY**