

# FRIEDENSRUH

Place No. 162

**ADDRESS** 10 Waldau Court  
Doncaster

**Last Update**

**DESCRIPTION** -

<b>Condition</b>	Excellent	<b>Integrity</b>	Intact
<b>Threats</b>		<b>Key elements</b>	
<b>Designer</b>			

**HISTORY** One of the earliest houses in the study area, it is an intact Picturesque Gothic house and was built for the pioneering orchardist J. G. Thiele.[101]

Thiele arrived in Australia from Germany in 1849 and at Doncaster in 1853. He had started orcharding by the late 1850s, with the same orchards being run by his descendants on the land surrounding 'Friedensruh' up until 1966. The property has remained in the original family to the present time, except for a brief period of Council ownership.

The house was built over two periods. The earlier Gothic section is constructed of rendered masonry with a gable roof. On the right of this early section is a timber, Italianate, hip-roofed addition and a hip-roofed addition and a hip-roofed verandah in the angle.

The earlier section built c1853, has fretwork decorated bargeboards, a wrought iron finial, a round headed attic window, and at least one 12 pane double-hung sash window. There is also a chimney decorated with toothed brickwork.

The Italianate wing, dating from c1865 (at the time of the split in the Lutheran church), has a frieze with brackets and a cornice mould, tripartite windows and Tuscan timber verandah posts. A rear kitchen wing and cellar were added c1895 and c1898. Presumably the earlier house faced north and the later wing covered most of its front.

The garden is appropriately geometric with mature trees, including a large maple. Several of these trees have been identified as individually significant in this study (see Theme 1.05 "Landmark Trees").

The house has a cellar for storage of fruit.[102] There is an early packing shed, a stable and a cow shed on the same property.

Architecturally, this building can be compared to (for example) Banyule, The Hawthorns, Ballam Park, Auburn House, Invergowrie gate lodge, Whitby House, Black Rock House, etc.

**Creation Date** c1853, additions 1860s, 19 **Change Dates**

**Associations** **Local Themes**

J. G. Thiele

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE** Of State significance as a fine early Picturesque Gothic pioneering homestead, one of perhaps only a dozen suburban houses of this date within a day's journey of Melbourne.

**LEVEL**

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Heritage Register Listings**

<b>Register</b>	<b>Reference</b>	<b>Zoning</b>	<b>Status</b>
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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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- BIBLIOGRAPHY** [100] Historic Buildings register File 376; National Trust of Australia (Victoria) file.  
[101] It is described in the listing citation in the Register of the National Estate as "the birthplace of the orchard industry of Doncaster"  
[102] Doncaster Templestowe Historical Society Newsletter, November 1981; Paul Collyer, owner, pers. comm.