

**BELMONT HERITAGE REPORT (INDIVIDUAL CITATIONS)
(FORMERLY PART OF THE GREATER GEELONG OUTER AREAS HERITAGE STUDY STAGE 2)**

ADMINISTRATIVE SHEET

<p>Existing Use/Type Suburban Residential</p> <p>Survey Date 17/04/1998</p> <p>Cons Man Plan </p> <p>Recorded By David Rowe</p>	<p>Key Dates Original 1897-98</p> <p>Major Changes </p> <p>Precinct Name </p>	<p>Site Address Street/Site Name No. 2 Royd Grange Court</p> <p>Town/Suburb Belmont</p> <p>Postcode 3216</p> <p>Current Site Name Royd Grange</p>
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Heritage Status

Register of the National Estate
Database No. [] File No. []

Victorian Heritage Register
[]

Planning Scheme:
C.G.G. []

Heritage Inventory (Archaeological)
[]

National Trust Register:
[] []

Other:
[]

Recommended Heritage Listings

Victorian Heritage Register
 Victorian Heritage Inventory
 Register of the National Estate
 HO City of Greater Geelong

Heritage Study Degrees of Significance

A H C Assessment Criteria	Significance Level	
Aesthetic value	D.2	Regional
Historic value	A.4, H.1	Regional
Scientific value	[]	[]
Social value	[]	[]
Overall Significance Level	Regional	

Condition of the fabric

Excellent
 Good
 Fair
 Poor
 Ruinous
 Unexposed

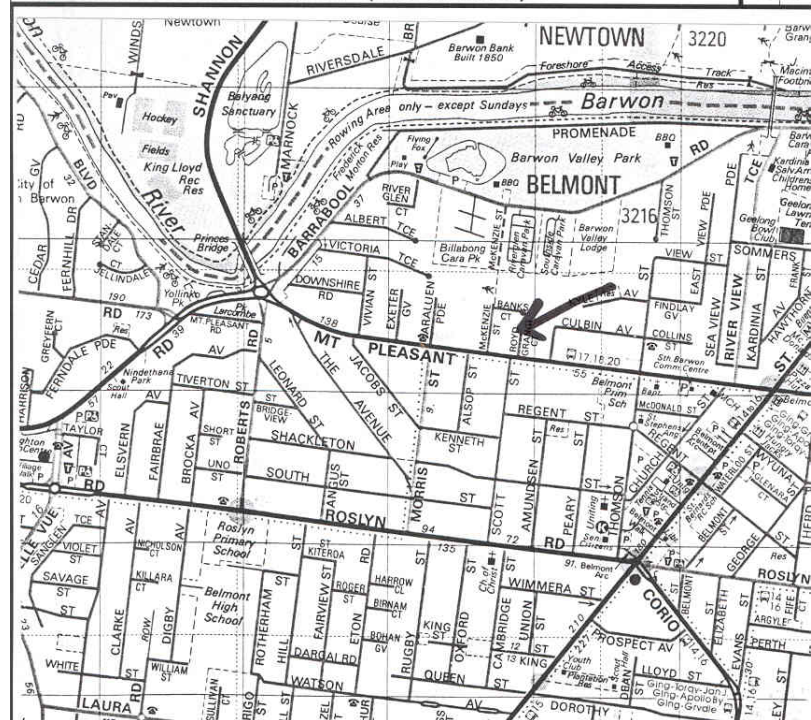
Integrity of the site

Excellent
 Good
 Fair
 Poor
 Partially excavated
 Fully excavated

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TECHNICAL SHEET

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Types of Sites

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| <input type="checkbox"/> agricultural | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> maritime | <input type="checkbox"/> fence | <input type="checkbox"/> garden | <input type="checkbox"/> machinery | <input type="checkbox"/> miscellaneous |

Historical Themes

Heritage Study Theme	AHC Theme No.	Heritage Study Theme	AHC Theme No.
Early settlement	<input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/>	Industry	inManufacturing <input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/>
Maritime	<input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/>	Community Life	clHomes <input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/>
Tourism	<input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/>	Urbanization	<input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/>
Transport	<input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/>	Landscapes	<input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/>
Townships	<input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/>	Miscellaneous	<input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/>

Significant Architectural Features

- Original Materials
 - Original Chimneys
 - Wall Decoration
 - Verandah Structure
 - Verandah Decoration
 - Original Parapet
 - Other Prominent Elevations
 - Appropriate Fence
 - Early Garden
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| Roof | Form & Finish |
| Openings | Doors & Windows |
| Decoration | Eaves, Ver., Ridge, twr |
| Finish | Unpainted |
| Stylistic Character | Transitional Late Victorian/
Queen Anne |

Present Threats

- Human; mining
- Human; visitor erosion
- Human; vandalism
- Human; development
- Human; conservation/maintenance
- Human; stock
- Natural Forces; erosion
- Natural Forces; vegetation
- Not threatened

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	2	Royd Grange Court	Belmont	3216
			Site Name	Royd Grange

Description

The house known as “Royd Grange” at 2 Royd Grange Court has substantial views to the Barwon River and Newtown. Although located on an unusual allotment, it has a large rear yard and narrow side setbacks.

The single storey Flemish bond red brick transitional Late Victorian/Queen Anne house is characterised by is picturesque hipped slate roof forms, pyramidal tower and bullnosed corrugated iron verandah that wraps around the north, east and west elevations. The form the house is essentially of a late Victorian Italianate design, denoted by the asymmetrical arrangement of the projecting bay windows with pyramidal roofs and the octagonal two storey tower. Strapped brick chimneys with terra cotta pots adorn the roofline. Small overhangs are a feature of the eaves. The early timber framed double hung windows are arranged singularly and as bays. The timber entrance doors with sidelights are early.

A feature of the design is the bullnosed verandah. It is supported by early cast iron Ionic columns and a Flemish bond brick plinth.

Early decorative features provide the transitional nature of the design. While the iron lace verandah valances and brackets, worked timber eaves brackets and the iron ridge cresting of the tower are typically Victorian, the cream brick bands along the walls and the cream brick arches in the tower are more in accord with Queen Anne design. This house makes a significant architectural contribution to the local area.

History

The Geelong architectural firm of Laird and Barlow designed this house on a substantial allotment in 1897 for the textile magnate, Godfrey Hirst.^{3,4} “Royd Grange” was built in 1898 by William Sadler at a cost of £1429/13/16,⁴ the name of the house being derived after Hirst’s birth place.⁶ The house was certainly of considerable size and opulence for the area. Hirst lived there for nineteen years until his death in 1917.⁵ His wife, Sarah, continued living at this address until 1927-28, when she sold it to Henry T. Walter.¹ By the 1950s the house had been converted into the Royd Grange Rest Home, owned by S. and B. Burgess.² In later years the house was divided into flats,⁶ and the surrounding land was subdivided. In the 1980s the house was owned by Clive and Trish Nottely.⁶

Godfrey Hirst, under the name Godfrey Hirst and Company, Pty. Ltd., purchased the Barwon Mill in 1892 and then the Victorian Woollen Mill in 1899,⁷ both of which are located by the banks of the Barwon River in South Geelong. They became known as the Excelsior Woollen Mills, and still operate today.⁷ The former Valley Worsted Mills in Swanston Street are now also part of the Godfrey Hirst Company.

Heritage Precinct: Significant Urban Character Features visually connected to this place
(this section is only applicable to places in precincts)

Precinct Name

Neighbouring Buildings	<input type="checkbox"/> Similar Types	<input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Bulk/Form
	<input type="checkbox"/> Similar Styles	<input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Architectural Detailing
	<input type="checkbox"/> Similar Construction Dates	<input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Materials & Finishes
	<input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Set Backs	<input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Fence Designs & Locations

Urban Design	<input type="checkbox"/> Significant Historical Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Paving
	<input type="checkbox"/> Significant Urban Focii	<input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Allotment Sizes
	<input type="checkbox"/> Significant Views	<input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Street Furniture
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Landscaping Treelines Public Gardens Median Strips Nature Strips

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Comparative Listings

Statement of Cultural Significance

The house known as “Royd Grange” at 2 Royd Grange Court is *aesthetically* significant at a **REGIONAL** level. It demonstrates original design qualities of a transitional Late Victorian/Queen Anne style. These qualities include the Flemish bond red brickwork, picturesque hipped slate roof forms, pyramidal tower and bay windows, and bullnosed corrugated iron verandah. Other intact qualities include the octagonal two storey tower, strapped brick chimneys with terra cotta pots, timber framed double hung windows, timber entrance doors with sidelights, bullnosed verandah supported by cast iron Ionic columns with a decorative iron valance and brackets, worked timber eaves brackets, iron ridge cresting of the tower, cream brick bands along the walls, and the cream brick arches in the tower.

The house known as “Royd Grange” at 2 Royd Grange Court is *historically* significant at a **REGIONAL** level. It is associated with the woollen textile magnate Godfrey Hirst, who was the managing director of the Excelsior Woollen Mills in South Geelong, and with the Geelong architects, Laird and Buchan.

Overall, the house known as “Royd Grange” at 2 Royd Grange Court is of **REGIONAL** significance.

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