

HERITAGE PLACE

NAME OF PLACE: 'ST CLAIRE'

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE: 161 Church Street COWES

STUDY NUMBER: 51

HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER: HO40

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Bass Coast Shire

PARISH: PARISH OF PHILLIP ISLAND

SIGNIFICANCE RATING: Local



St Claire, Cowes

Image Date: December 2003

EXTENT OF LISTING:

Whole allotment.

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Location **161 Church Street COWES**

PARISH OF PHILLIP ISLAND

COUNTY OF MORNINGTON

COWES (T)

Planning Authority

Ward Thompson

Access Description

Map Number

0Map Scale **1:100000**

Latitude

Longitude

UMG Zone

Easting

Northing

Location Validity

Spatial Accuracy

Extent of Listing

Whole allotment.

Published Extent of Listing

Significance **Local**

Statement of Significance

'St Claire', Church Street Cowes, is of local historic and aesthetic significance. Aesthetically it is a fine example of a villa combining Victorian and Edwardian characteristics.

Gazettal Details

Permit Exemptions

Exemptions Policy

Assessment Against Criteria

AHC A4: Importance for association with events, developments or cultural phases which have had a significant role in the human occupation and evolution of the nation, State, region or community.

Date Assessed **03/08/2004** Assessed By **F Woodhouse**

Comparisons

Rare Assessment

Intact Assessment

Good

Include in VHR Include in RNE Include in Local Planning Scheme No Recommendations for Inclusions

Recommended Management

Investigate original external paint colours when due for a repaint.

Heritage Act Categories

Heritage Item Groups

Heritage Item Categories

Title Details

Architectural Style

Pre-separation Primitive Settlement 1788-1835

Architect/Designers

Unknown

Builders/Makers

Unknown

Construction Started

1905

Circa

Yes

Completed

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Physical Description

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Physical Condition and/or Archaeological Potential

Good

Usage Residence

Associated People

Historical Notes

Originally known as Mussel Rock, Cowes was renamed in 1869 by Henry Fox, the Government Surveyor in 1865 when surveying Western Port, he named the township after the holiday resort, Cowes, on the Isle of Wight.

'St Claire' is located on land originally part of Allotment 75 in the Township of Cowes, which was sold to J Apperly in the first land sales of 12 February 1869. Apperly was a significant early landholder in the area, buying a series of allotments at the first sales. 'St Claire' is believed to have been built for a Mr Reynolds, and dates from c.1905.

Historic Themes

Thematic Environmental History

13.1 Building Towns: The township of Cowes has historically been a holiday destination, which up until 1940 was reached by boat. Between the First World War and the 1960s, it was popular for its guest-house accommodation.

Listings

References

Author	Title	Year	Shelf	Location
David Williams	Memories, Moonahs & Marine Marvels	1999		
Department of Land and Survey	Parish plan of Phillip Island			
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Conservation Plans

Owner Type

Section 32 Recommendation

Owners/Occupants/Managers

Other Notes

Application Detail

Adviser Comments

Planning Scheme Amendments

Overlay Controls

Planning Scheme Schedule

External Paint Controls?	No	Included in Vic Heritage Register?	No
Internal Alteration Controls?	No	Prohibited uses may be permitted?	Yes
Tree Controls?	No	Name of incorporated plan	No
Outbuildings/fences not exempt?	No	Aboriginal Heritage Place?	No

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