

Victorian Heritage Database Report  
**Kenloch**

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**Location:**

487 Mt Dandenong Tourist Road, Olinda VIC 3788 - Property No 57639

**Heritage Status / Level of Significance:**

Included in Heritage Overlay

**Heritage Inventory (HI) Number:**

**Listing Authority: HI**

**Heritage Overlay Number: HO14**

**Statement of Significance:**

What is Significant?

The original house Kenloch, at 487 Mt Dandenong Tourist Road, Olinda, built in c1919 and its gardens.

How is it Significant?

Kenloch, 487 Mt Dandenong Tourist Road, Olinda, is of historic, aesthetic and scientific significance.

Why is it significant?

The house is of historical significance because of its association with the development of private homes to guest house use during the 1920s. RNE Criterion A.4

Of scientific (horticultural) significance as a fine collection of mature trees, which are notable for their age.

Of state significance because the garden is associated with Ferdinand Von Mueller, director of Melbourne's Botanic Gardens in 1867 who was a friend of the first owner C.H. Kauper. It also has associations with Mr Guilfoyle, Curator of the Botanic Gardens from 1873 who helped Thomas Kennon design the house and gardens. RNE Criterion H1

Of local aesthetic significance because of the carefully designed and colour displays and garden layout. RNE Criterion B.1

**Description**

A substantial late Edwardian dwelling with a gabled terracotta tiled roof and half-timbering to much of the structure. The house has a prominent corner tower with a pyramidal roof and a timber shingle balustrade above curved timber brackets. The main roof has exposed rafters at the eaves and tall brick chimneys with concrete capping and twin terracotta pots. The original house remains at the core of building but is largely obscured by extensive later additions and the enclosed verandahs.

The house is set in extensive landscaped grounds planted with a number of impressive exotic trees including sequoias, cedars, pines and spruces.

Heritage Study / Consultant	Yarra Ranges - Shire of Yarra Ranges Heritage Study, Context Pty Ltd, 2000
Construction Date Range	1919 - 1919
Architect / Designer	Guilfoyle, William
Municipality	YARRA RANGES SHIRE

Other names	
Hermes number	115431
Property number	57639

*This place/object may also be State heritage listed. Check the Victorian Heritage Database. For further details, contact the local Council or go to Planning Schemes Online*