

Victorian Heritage Database Report  
**Mernda Heights**

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**Location:**

10 Old (Coonara) Road, Olinda VIC 3788 - Property No 57980

**Heritage Status / Level of Significance:**

Included in Heritage Overlay

**Heritage Inventory (HI) Number:**

**Listing Authority: HI**

**Heritage Overlay Number: HO15**

**Statement of Significance:**

What is significant?

Mernda Heights house and garden at 10 Old (Coonara) Road, Olinda.

How is it significant?

Mernda Heights is of local historical and aesthetic significance.

Why is it significant?

Of historical significance as the holiday home of Frederick Coles, of the Coles stores family.

Of aesthetic significance because of the extensive gardens laid out from the mid-1930s. Also due to its connections with the architectural firm of Harry Norris, if this link can be documented.

**Description**

A single-storey weatherboard house with a hipped terracotta tiled roof. It is built on an obtuse-angled plan form and has two rendered chimneys of solid proportions framing the main entrance. It is otherwise architecturally unremarkable.

A verandah has been enclosed and widow openings altered. The house is set in a large, attractively landscaped garden planted with a variety of native and exotic species.

Heritage Study / Consultant	Yarra Ranges - Shire of Yarra Ranges Heritage Study, Context Pty Ltd, 2000
Construction Date Range	1938 - 1938
Architect / Designer	
Municipality	YARRA RANGES SHIRE
Other names	
Hermes number	115543
Property number	57980

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