

Victorian Heritage Database Report  
**Monreale**

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**Location:**

81 The Crescent, Sassafras VIC 3787

**Heritage Status / Level of Significance:**

Included in Heritage Overlay

**Heritage Inventory (HI) Number:**

**Listing Authority: HI**

**Heritage Overlay Number: HO40**

**Statement of Significance:**

What is significant?

Monreale guest house and site, at 81 The Crescent, Sassafras.

How is it significant?

Monreale guest house and site, at 81 The Crescent, Sassafras is of local historical and aesthetic significance.

Why is it significant?

Of historical significance because it was built and run by Sydney Storrie, whose family played a large role in early Sassafras, and as reflective of the guest house boom era and the increasing importance of the motor car to the tourism industry. RNE criteria H.1, A.4

Of aesthetic significance as a representative rambling weatherboard building of the 1920s which takes full advantage of its steep site. RNE criterion E.1

**Description**

Monreale is a two-storey weatherboard bungalow situated on a steeply sloping site. Part is single-storey and part double-story. The rear and upper part of the building has a half-timbered gable with a louvered vent and exposed rafter ends. There is a battered stone chimney at the side. A smaller gabled section one storey below it projects forward. It also has a half-timbered gable and a verandah beneath it with a separate balustraded terrace projecting out front flanked by projecting bay windows with a bank of three timber-framed double hung sash windows. The roof has a series of corrugated iron clad gables, with hipped sections at the rear. The verandah at the front of the building has a balustrade of vertical timber slats.

There is an early gable roofed addition to rear (perhaps from 1941) with a simple red-brick chimney. The front verandah has been partially enclosed. The interior has been extensive remodelled.

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| Heritage Study / Consultant | Yarra Ranges - Shire of Yarra Ranges Heritage Study, Context Pty Ltd, 2000 |
| Construction Date Range     | 1922 - 1923                                                                |
| Architect / Designer        |                                                                            |
| Municipality                | YARRA RANGES SHIRE                                                         |
| Other names                 |                                                                            |
| Hermes number               | 115574                                                                     |

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