

Victorian Heritage Database Report  
**Marybrooke**

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**Location:**

10 Sherbrooke Road, Sherbrooke VIC 3789 - Property No 58698

**Heritage Status / Level of Significance:**

Included in Heritage Overlay

**Heritage Inventory (HI) Number:**

**Listing Authority: HI**

**Heritage Overlay Number: HO19**

**Statement of Significance:**

What is significant?

Marybrooke guest house, 10 Sherbrooke Road, Sherbrooke.

How is it significant?

Marybrooke guest house is of local historical and aesthetic significance.

Why is it significant?

Of historical significance as the grandest in a chain of six guest houses all using the prefix 'Mary' designed and built by Eric Dowdle between 1927 and 1940. It is indicative of the extensive development of the Dandenongs as a holiday destination in the first half of the twentieth century and illustrates the level of comfort and facilities available to guests by 1940. RNE criterion A.4

Of aesthetic significance as a 4-storey timber framed building with external rough render on corrugated asbestos cements panels. Staff quarters at the back are a reminder of the number of staff needed to successfully run such a large establishment. RNE criterion E.1

## Description

Marybrook is a substantial four-storey mock-Tudor style building with gently curving plan form and half-timbered walls. The ground floor has random rubble stone facing and walls to upper levels are timber-framed with infill of textured render on a corrugated asbestos sheet substrate. The roof has dormer windows and half-timbered gable ends (original roof tiles replaced with corrugated iron). A projecting double-storey bay near entry with random rubble stone facing and recent return verandah.

The construction is unusual in that the external rough render is applied direct to the corrugated asbestos panels with the corrugations running horizontally. The two storey stone wing near the main entrance looks to be a later addition but Alan Dowdle states that it as all built at the same time.

The original staff quarters at rear is in very poor condition.

Heritage Study / Consultant	Yarra Ranges - Shire of Yarra Ranges Heritage Study, Context Pty Ltd, 2000
Construction Date Range	1940 - 1940
Architect / Designer	
Municipality	YARRA RANGES SHIRE
Other names	
Hermes number	115854
Property number	58698

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