

Victorian Heritage Database Report  
**The Briars**

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**Location:**

5-8 The Briars, MOOROOLBARK VIC 3138 - Property No 66580

**Heritage Status / Level of Significance:**

Included in Heritage Overlay

**Heritage Inventory (HI) Number:**

**Listing Authority: HI**

**Heritage Overlay Number: HO73**

**Statement of Significance:**

A beautiful old homestead built in the region's boom period for a recognised Australian explorer, with minimal alterations. (Tansley, 1978)

The Briars, a late example of the Italianate style is of State significance for its historical associations with William Carr Boyd, notable explorer; the McCracken family, well-known brewers, and Paul De Castella, prominent landowner and vigneron. The garden is of regional significance and contains some individually fine mature tree specimens and is of contributory significance to the homestead. The prominent hilltop setting makes the mature garden a significant landmark of the area. (NT, 4935)

**Description**

A large single-storey solid-brick homestead of the Victorian-Italianate style. It has a two-storey tower with a balustraded cornice, a corrugated iron roof and a wide verandah on two sides. (Tansley, 1978)

Excellent

Heritage Study / Consultant	Yarra Ranges - Shire of Yarra Ranges Heritage Study, Context Pty Ltd, 2000
Construction Date Range	
Architect / Designer	
Municipality	YARRA RANGES SHIRE
Other names	
Hermes number	115858
Property number	66580

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