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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Greater Geelong Planning Scheme Amendment C341

The National Trust is supportive of the amendment prepared by the Greater Geelong City Council to apply the Heritage Overlay to the Vietnam Veterans Avenue of Honour and Memorial, including a memorial wall, flagpoles and memorial seat, and the Osborne House gates, located near the memorial.

The National Trust (Vic) maintains a Heritage Register of Significant Places, including buildings, landscapes and trees. The following complex included in Amendment C341 is also listed by the National Trust (see classification report attached):

HO Schedule	Place Name	NTAV File No.	NTAV File Name
HO1989	Osborne House Gates	B935	Osborne House

The National Trust supports the decision to apply the Heritage Overlay to the Osborne House Gates, and to turn on paint controls for the bluestone pillars.

In addition, the National Trust acknowledges the significance of the Vietnam Veterans Avenue of Honour, opened in October 1995 and comprised of over 130 mature ironbark trees, as the only Avenue of Honour in Victoria specifically commemorating the Vietnam War. While this Avenue of Honour is not classified by the National Trust, we support the decision to turn on tree controls on both sides of Melbourne Road.

The Explanatory Report for Amendment C341 makes a clear distinction between the heritage significance of the Vietnam War Memorial and Avenue of Honour, and the heritage significance of the Osborne House gates. To clearly articulate the statement of significance for each element, it may be helpful to separate HO1989 into two individual places on the heritage overlay schedule; that is, a) the Vietnam Memorial and Avenue, and b) the Osborne House Gates.

The National Trust acknowledges that the Amendment C341 is consistent with the objectives of planning for Victoria, as identified by the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, in particular:

- To conserve and enhance those buildings, areas or other places which are of scientific, aesthetic, architectural or historical interest, or otherwise of special cultural value.

Overall, the National Trust supports the City of Greater Geelong in strengthening the heritage controls for this place.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Foley'.

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Attachment 1: National Trust Classification Report— B935 Osborne House

CC National Trust Geelong and Region Branch

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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Osborne House



B935 Osborne House

Location

51 Swinburne Street, NORTH GEELONG, GREATER GEELONG CITY

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

State

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1101

Heritage Listing

National Trust

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - July 26, 2005

Osborne House, stables and courtyard were designed by leading Melbourne architects Webb and Taylor in 1857 for pastoralist Robert Muirhead, a former overseer with the Clyde Company. This mansion, originally built as a two storey bluestone structure with Barrabool freestone dressings and single storey doric colonnaded verandah in the conservative classical style, was extended in 1910.

Osborne House, with attendant stables and enclosed courtyard is one of Geelong's finest early mansion houses

and was built at a time of great prosperity. The design is characteristic of the work of Webb and Taylor and a notable example of this partnership's conservative classical architecture. The mansion has many notable historical associations, being occupied firstly by distinguished pioneer squatter Robert Muirhead, later as a townhouse for powerful Western District pastoralist J C Currie and finally as the Shire of Corio offices. Osborne House was extended in 1910 prior to being occupied by the Australian Navy. In 1937 the Shire of Corio transferred its municipal headquarters to the mansion. The total complement of buildings is maintained intact.
Classified: 'Regional' 21/5/59
Revised: 03/08/1998

Hermes Number 68448

Property Number

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 1995. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place data owner.

For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>