

‘Glen Moidart’, 525-615 Robbs Road, Moorabool Statement of Significance

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Heritage Place: ‘Glen Moidart’, 525-615 Robbs Road, Moorabool	PS ref no: HO2062
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What is significant?

Glen Moidart at 525-615 Robbs Road, Moorabool, is locally significant to the City of Greater Geelong. Significant elements include:

- The 1855 weatherboard cottage.
- All drystone walls across the property.
- Sightlines from the cottage to Sutherlands Creek.

Non-significant elements include:

- The new Harkaway Homes residence.
- All outbuildings.
- All plantings.
- All other farm infrastructure.

How is it significant?

Glen Moidart is of historical and representative significance to the City of Greater Geelong.

Why is it significant?

Glen Moidart is of historical significance as a highly intact 1855 weatherboard cottage, constructed by Angus and Mary McDonald following their assisted migration to Geelong from Scotland by the Highland and Island Emigration Society during the Highland Potato Famine of 1846-1856. Angus and Mary were among a large number of McDonalds who emigrated from Moidart in Scotland and established new lives at Sutherlands Creek, named after migrants from Sutherlandshire in Scotland. Glen Moidart is of historical significance as it represents one of the earliest waves of Scottish migration to the City in the mid-19th century, while also being a highly intact and rare example of a mid-Victorian Gold Rush era weatherboard cottage. (Criterion A)

Glen Moidart is of representative significance to the City of Greater Geelong as a highly intact example of a vernacular 1855 mid-Victorian weatherboard cottage. Key features include its rectilinear form and main gabled roof, oriented running north-south with a façade facing West overlooking Sutherlands Creek. The house retains

two original chimneys constructed of early soft bricks, the primary also accommodating space for an oven. External to the cottage, Glen Moidart is contextualised by a vast complex of highly intact and technically advanced drystone walls which cross the entirety of the property, demarcating early paddocks and yarding. The combination of these early drystone walls and the weatherboard cottage make for a highly intact representation of early Scottish pastoral practice in the municipality. (Criterion D)

Primary sources

Glen Moidart, author: Benjamin Petkov, 2025, peer reviewer: Mim Butcher, The Heritage Conservancy, May 2025.

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