

Section 32 Statement



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Vendor Statement

The vendor makes this statement in respect of the land in accordance with section 32 of the *Sale of Land Act 1962*.

This statement must be signed by the vendor and given to the purchaser before the purchaser signs the contract.

The vendor may sign by electronic signature.

The purchaser acknowledges being given this statement signed by the vendor with the attached documents before the purchaser signed any contract.

Land

3 Ransom Court, Mildura 3500 being Lot 60 on Plan of Subdivision 082902 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 08752 Folio 139.

Vendor's name

John Clayton Ablett

Date

/ /

**Vendor's
signature**

Vendor's name

Loria Anne Ablett

Date

/ /

**Vendor's
signature**

**Purchaser's
name**

Date

/ /

**Purchaser's
signature**

**Purchaser's
name**

Date

/ /

**Purchaser's
signature**

1. FINANCIAL MATTERS

1.1 Particulars of any Rates, Taxes, Charges or Other Similar Outgoings (and any interest on them)

(a) Their amounts are:

Authority	Amount	Interest (if any)
(1) Mildura Rural City Council 2020/2021	(1) \$1,248.92 per annum	(1)
(2) Lower Murray Water	(2) \$175.05 per quarter	(2)
(3)	(3)	(3)

1.2 Particulars of any Charge (whether registered or not) imposed by or under any Act to secure an amount due under that Act, including the amount owing under the charge

	To	
Other particulars (including dates and times of payments):		

1.3 Terms Contract

This section 1.3 only applies if this vendor statement is in respect of a terms contract where the purchaser is obliged to make 2 or more payments (other than a deposit or final payment) to the vendor after the execution of the contract and before the purchaser is entitled to a conveyance or transfer of the land.

Not Applicable.

1.4 Sale Subject to Mortgage

This section 1.4 only applies if this vendor statement is in respect of a contract which provides that any mortgage (whether registered or unregistered), is NOT to be discharged before the purchaser becomes entitled to possession or receipts of rents and profits.

Not Applicable.

2. INSURANCE

2.1 Damage and Destruction

This section 2.1 only applies if this vendor statement is in respect of a contract which does NOT provide for the land to remain at the risk of the vendor until the purchaser becomes entitled to possession or receipt of rents and profits.

Not Applicable.

2.2 Owner Builder

This section 2.2 only applies where there is a residence on the land that was constructed by an owner-builder within the preceding 6 years and section 137B of the *Building Act* 1993 applies to the residence.

Not Applicable.

3. LAND USE

3.1 Easements, Covenants or Other Similar Restrictions

(a) A description of any easement, covenant or other similar restriction affecting the land (whether registered or unregistered): -

Is in the attached copies of title documents.

(b) Particulars of any existing failure to comply with that easement, covenant or other similar restriction are:

To the best of the vendors knowledge there is no existing failure to comply with the terms of any easement, covenant or other similar restriction.

3.2 Road Access

There is NO access to the property by road if the square box is marked with an 'X'

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3.3 Designated Bushfire Prone Area

The land is in a designated bushfire prone area under section 192A of the *Building Act* 1993 if the square box is marked with an 'X'

☐

3.4 Planning Scheme

The required specified information is as follows:

Name of planning scheme	Mildura
Name of responsible authority	Mildura Rural City Council
Zoning of the land	General Residential Zone
Name of planning overlay	Specific Controls Overlay

4. NOTICES

4.1 Notice, Order, Declaration, Report or Recommendation

Particulars of any notice, order, declaration, report or recommendation of a public authority or government department or approved proposal directly and currently affecting the land, being a notice, order, declaration, report, recommendation or approved proposal of which the vendor might reasonably be expected to have knowledge:

Are as follows:

None to the vendors knowledge.

4.2 Agricultural Chemicals

There are NO notices, property management plans, reports or orders in respect of the land issued by a government department or public authority in relation to livestock disease or contamination by agricultural chemicals affecting the ongoing use of the land for agricultural purposes. However, if this is not the case, the details of any such notices, property management plans, reports or orders, are as follows:

Nil.

4.3 Compulsory Acquisition

The particulars of any notices of intention to acquire that have been served under section 6 of the *Land Acquisition and Compensation Act* 1986 are as follows:

Nil.

5. BUILDING PERMITS

Particulars of any building permit issued under the *Building Act* 1993 in the preceding 7 years (required only where there is a residence on the land):

Not Applicable.

6. OWNERS CORPORATION

This section 6 only applies if the land is affected by an owners corporation within the meaning of the *Owners Corporations Act* 2006.

Not Applicable.

7. GROWTH AREAS INFRASTRUCTURE CONTRIBUTION ("GAIC")

Not applicable.

8. SERVICES

The services which are marked with an 'X' in the accompanying square box are NOT connected to the land:

Electricity supply <input type="checkbox"/>	Gas supply <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Water supply <input type="checkbox"/>	Sewerage <input type="checkbox"/>	Telephone services <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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9. TITLE

Attached are copies of the following documents:

9.1 (a) **Registered Title**

9.2 A Register Search Statement and the document, or part of a document, referred to as the 'diagram location' in that statement which identifies the land and its location.

10. SUBDIVISION

10.1 Unregistered Subdivision

This section 10.1 only applies if the land is subject to a subdivision which is not registered.

Not Applicable.

10.2 Staged Subdivision

This section 10.2 only applies if the land is part of a staged subdivision within the meaning of section 37 of the *Subdivision Act 1988*.

Not Applicable.

10.3 Further Plan of Subdivision

This section 10.3 only applies if the land is subject to a subdivision in respect of which a further plan within the meaning of the *Subdivision Act 1988* is proposed.

Not Applicable.

11. DISCLOSURE OF ENERGY INFORMATION

(Disclosure of this information is not required under section 32 of the Sale of Land Act 1962 but may be included in this vendor statement for convenience.)

Details of any energy efficiency information required to be disclosed regarding a disclosure affected building or disclosure area affected area of a building as defined by the *Building Energy Efficiency Disclosure Act 2010* (Cth)

- (a) to be a building or part of a building used or capable of being used as an office for administrative, clerical, professional or similar based activities including any support facilities; and
- (b) which has a net lettable area of at least 1000m²; (but does not include a building under a strata title system or if an occupancy permit was issued less than 2 years before the relevant date):

Not Applicable.

12. DUE DILIGENCE CHECKLIST

(The Sale of Land Act 1962 provides that the vendor or the vendor's licensed estate agent must make a prescribed due diligence checklist available to purchasers before offering land for sale that is vacant residential land or land on which there is a residence. The due diligence checklist is NOT required to be provided with, or attached to, this vendor statement but the checklist may be attached as a matter of convenience.)

- ☐ Vacant Residential Land or Land with a Residence
- ☒ Attach Due Diligence Checklist (this will be attached if ticked)

13. ATTACHMENTS

(Any certificates, documents and other attachments may be annexed to this section 13)

(Additional information may be added to this section 13 where there is insufficient space in any of the earlier sections)

(Attached is an "Additional Vendor Statement" if section 1.3 (Terms Contract) or section 1.4 (Sale Subject to Mortgage) applies)

Register Search Statement (Title Search) Copy of Plan
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Building Approval 326(1)

Property Report

Planning Property Report

Mildura Rural City Council Rate and Valuation Notice

Due Diligence Checklist

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REGISTER SEARCH STATEMENT (Title Search) Transfer of Land Act 1958

VOLUME 08752 FOLIO 139

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LAND DESCRIPTION

Lot 60 on Plan of Subdivision 082902.

PARENT TITLES :

Volume 02394 Folio 664 Volume 03506 Folio 113 Volume 08688 Folio 489

Created by instrument LP082902 04/12/1968

REGISTERED PROPRIETOR

Estate Fee Simple

Joint Proprietors

JOHN CLAYTON ABLETT

LORIA ANNE ABLETT both of 40 WILKIE DRIVE IRYMPLE VIC 3948

AJ551156S 16/03/2012

ENCUMBRANCES, CAVEATS AND NOTICES

MORTGAGE AJ551157Q 16/03/2012

BANK OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA LTD

Any encumbrances created by Section 98 Transfer of Land Act 1958 or Section 24 Subdivision Act 1988 and any other encumbrances shown or entered on the plan or imaged folio set out under DIAGRAM LOCATION below.

DIAGRAM LOCATION

SEE LP082902 FOR FURTHER DETAILS AND BOUNDARIES

ACTIVITY IN THE LAST 125 DAYS

NIL

-----END OF REGISTER SEARCH STATEMENT-----

Additional information: (not part of the Register Search Statement)

Street Address: 3 RANSOM COURT MILDURA VIC 3500

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTICES

NIL

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LP 82902

EDITION 3

APPROVED 1/11/68

2 SHEETS
SHEET 1.

COLOUR CONVERSION
BLUE = E-2 & R1
BROWN = E-2 & R1



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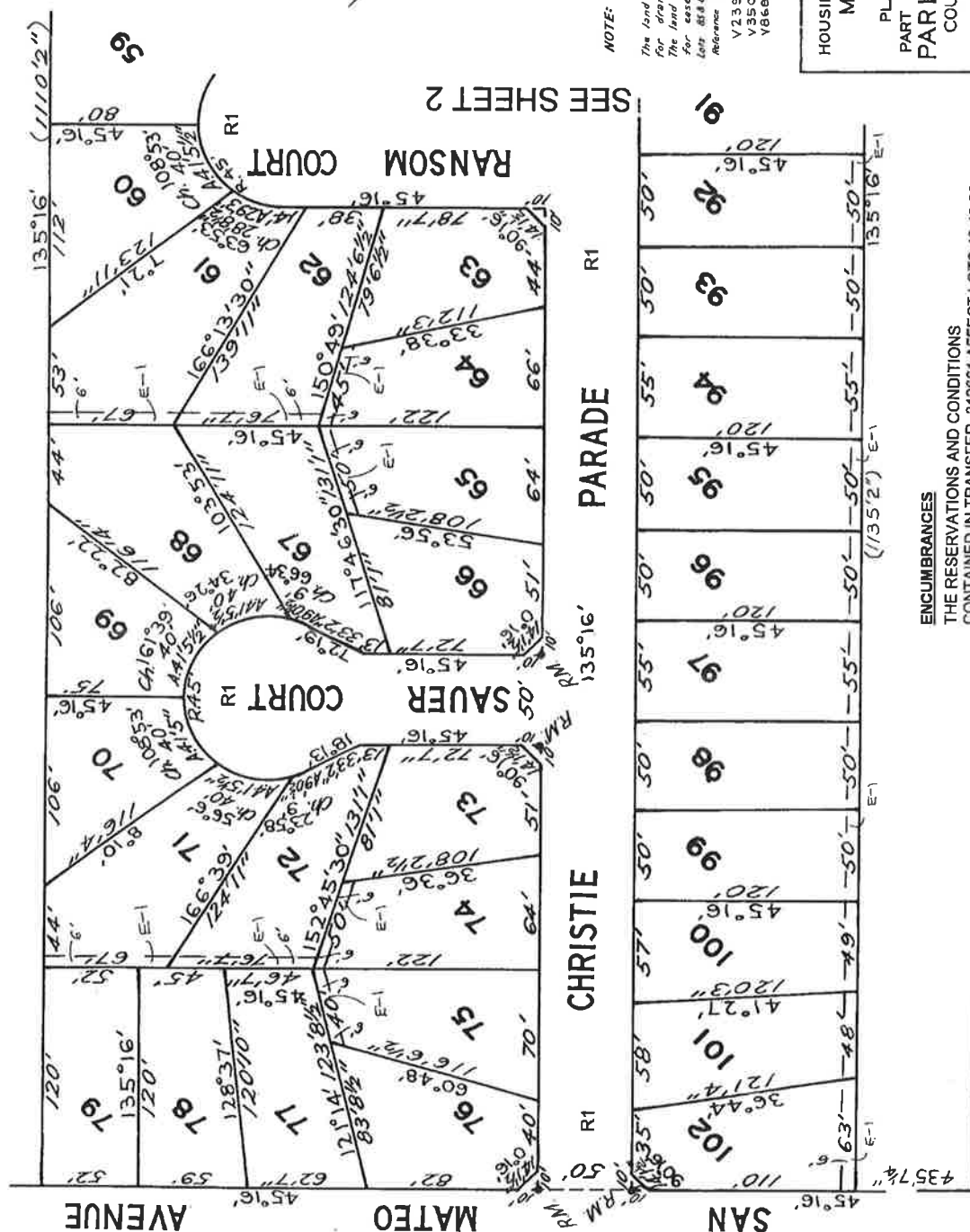
The land coloured blue is appropriated for drainage and sewerage purposes. The land coloured brown is appropriated for easements of way and drainage.

Reference Marks are 61 Ppm 12.1 3.

V2394 F664
V3506 F113
V6608 F489

HOUSING COMMISSION VICTORIA
MILDURA ESTATE
PLAN OF SUBDIVISION OF
PART OF CROWN PORTION 1
PARISH OF MILDURA
COUNTY OF KARKAROO

Measurements are in Feet & Inches
Conversion Factor
FEET X 0.3048 = METRES

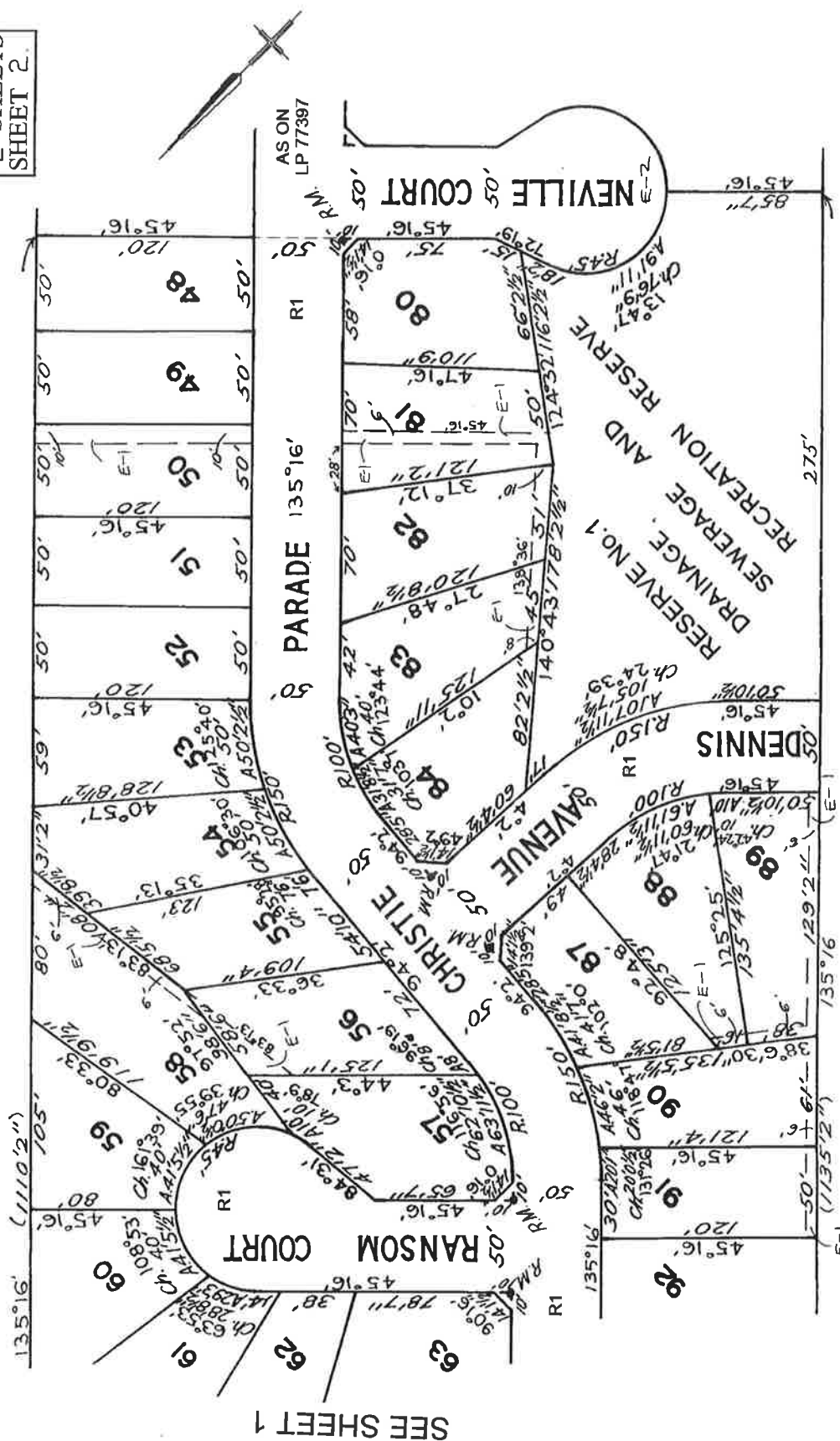


ENCUMBRANCES

THE RESERVATIONS AND CONDITIONS CONTAINED IN TRANSFER 312861 AFFECT LOTS 48, 49, 80 AND PART OF LOTS 50, 81, RESERVE No. 1 & ROADS THE RESERVATIONS AND CONDITIONS CONTAINED IN TRANSFER 313549 AFFECT LOTS 51-80(INC) 82, 83, 84, 87-102(INC) AND PART OF LOTS 50, 81, RESERVE No. 1 & ROADS

FOURTEENTH STREET

2 SHEETS
SHEET 2



MODIFICATION TABLE

RECORD OF ALL ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO THE PLAN

WARNING: THE IMAGE OF THIS DOCUMENT OF THE REGISTER HAS BEEN DIGITALLY AMENDED. NO FURTHER AMENDMENTS ARE TO BE MADE TO THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT OF THE REGISTER.

PLAN NUMBER

L.P82902

[illegible]

Request For Building Information
Pursuant to regulation 51 Building Regulation 2018

Applicant's Name and Address:

Landata
Landata.online@victorianlrs.com.au

File:	PA5511
Your Ref:	441151241-018-6
Date Issued:	2 October 2020

Property Address:	3 Ransom Court – MILDURA Lot 60 on Plan of Subdivision 082902 Volume:8752 Folio:139
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N.B. Please see page 2 for Salinity Statement

Regulation 51 (1)

(A) Details of any permit or certificate of final inspection issued in the preceding 10 years

Nil

(B) Details of any current statement issued under regulation 64(1) or 231(2) of these regulations

Nil

(C) Details of any current notice or order issued by the relevant building surveyor under the Act.

Nil



Signed:
MARK YANTSES
MUNICIPAL BUILDING SURVEYOR

N.B. Please note that information on this form is taken from Council records and is **NOT** evidence that illegal building works do not exist in relation to this property.

**ATTACHMENT TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
BUILDING REGULATION 51
SALINITY AFFECTING THE MUNICIPALITY**

Some land within the municipality of the Mildura Rural City Council contains high levels of salt resulting in a condition commonly referred to as 'salinity'. Salinity can result in 'salt damp' or 'rising damp and salt attack' which can cause damage to certain building materials such as concrete and masonry.

Council recommends that you make your own inquiries regarding the presence of high salinity on land which you own or are considering to purchase.

If you are proposing to construct buildings on land in the municipality, you should ascertain whether or not special measures should be taken during the construction of these buildings to minimise any effects that salinity may have.

Council provides this information to assist you to make informed decisions about existing buildings or the construction of new buildings in high salinity areas.

Yours sincerely



Mark Yantses

MUNICIPAL BUILDING SURVEYOR

MY/cm

Property Report from www.land.vic.gov.au on 05 October 2020 12:05 PM

Address: 3 RANSOM COURT MILDURA 3500

Lot and Plan Number: Lot 60 LP82902

Standard Parcel Identifier (SPI): 60\LP82902

Local Government (Council): MILDURA **Council Property Number:** 5511

Directory Reference: VicRoads 535 09

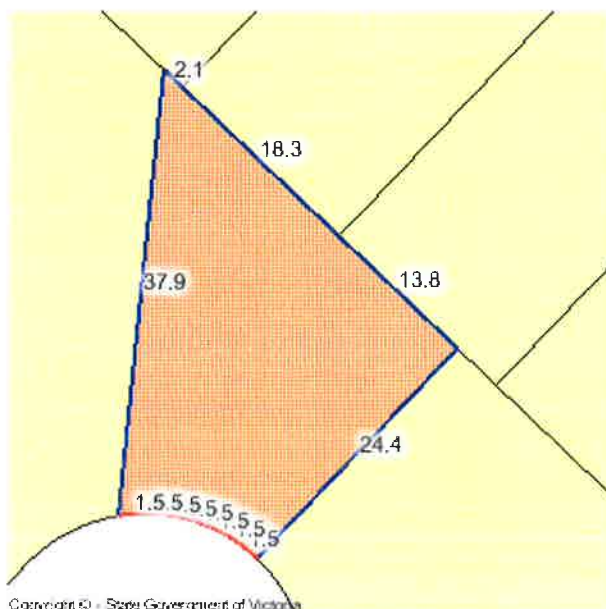
This property is not in a designated bushfire prone area.

No special bushfire construction requirements apply. Planning provisions may apply.

Further information about the building control system and building in bushfire prone areas can be found in the Building Commission section of the Victorian Building Authority website www.vba.vic.gov.au

Site Dimensions

All dimensions and areas are approximate. They may not agree with the values shown on a title or plan.



Area: 630 sq. m

Perimeter: 109 m

For this property:

— Site boundaries

— Road frontages

Dimensions for individual parcels require a separate search, but dimensions for individual units are generally not available.

2 dimensions shorter than 1m not displayed

Calculating the area from the dimensions shown may give a different value to the area shown above - which has been calculated using all the dimensions.

For more accurate dimensions get copy of plan at

Title and Property Certificates

State Electorates

Legislative Council: NORTHERN VICTORIA

Legislative Assembly: MILDURA

Utilities

Rural Water Corporation: Lower Murray Water

Urban Water Corporation: Lower Murray Water

Melbourne Water: outside drainage boundary

Power Distributor: POWERCOR (Information about [choosing an electricity retailer](#))

Planning information continued on next page

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Planning Zone Summary

Planning Zone: GENERAL RESIDENTIAL ZONE (GRZ)
GENERAL RESIDENTIAL ZONE - SCHEDULE 1 (GRZ1)

Planning Overlay: SPECIFIC CONTROLS OVERLAY (SCO)
SPECIFIC CONTROLS OVERLAY - SCHEDULE 1 (SCO1)

Planning scheme data last updated on 30 September 2020.

A **planning scheme** sets out policies and requirements for the use, development and protection of land.

This report provides information about the zone and overlay provisions that apply to the selected land.

Information about the State and local policy, particular, general and operational provisions of the local planning scheme that may affect the use of this land can be obtained by contacting the local council or by visiting [Planning Schemes Online](#)

This report is NOT a **Planning Certificate** issued pursuant to Section 199 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

It does not include information about exhibited planning scheme amendments, or zonings that may affect the land.

To obtain a Planning Certificate go to [Titles and Property Certificates](#)

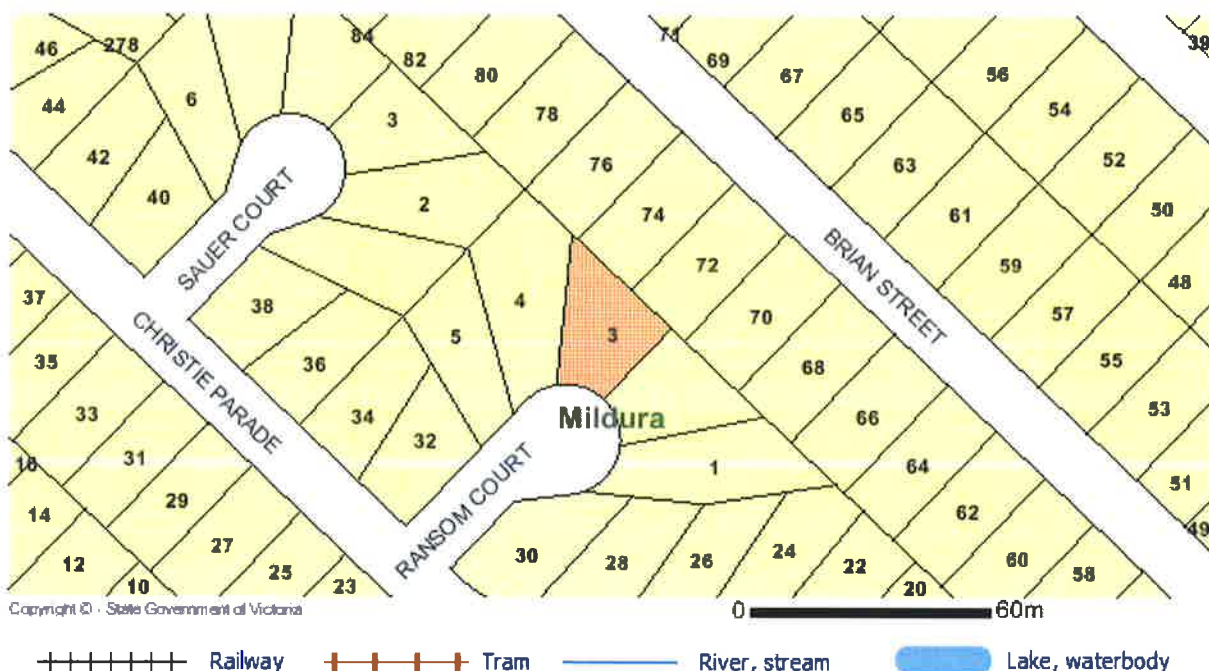
The Planning Property Report includes separate maps of zones and overlays

For details of surrounding properties, use this service to get the Reports for properties of interest

To view planning zones, overlay and heritage information in an interactive format visit [Planning Maps Online](#)

For other information about planning in Victoria visit www.planning.vic.gov.au

Area Map



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PLANNING PROPERTY REPORT

From www.planning.vic.gov.au on 05 October 2020 12:05 PM

PROPERTY DETAILS

Address: **3 RANSOM COURT MILDURA 3500**
Lot and Plan Number: **Lot 60 LP82902**
Standard Parcel Identifier (SPI): **60\LP82902**
Local Government Area (Council): **MILDURA**
Council Property Number: **5511**
Planning Scheme: **Mildura**
Directory Reference: **VicRoads 535 09**

www.mildura.vic.gov.au

planning-schemes.delwp.vic.gov.au/schemes/mildura

UTILITIES

Rural Water Corporation: **Lower Murray Water**
Urban Water Corporation: **Lower Murray Water**
Melbourne Water: **outside drainage boundary**
Power Distributor: **POWERCOR**

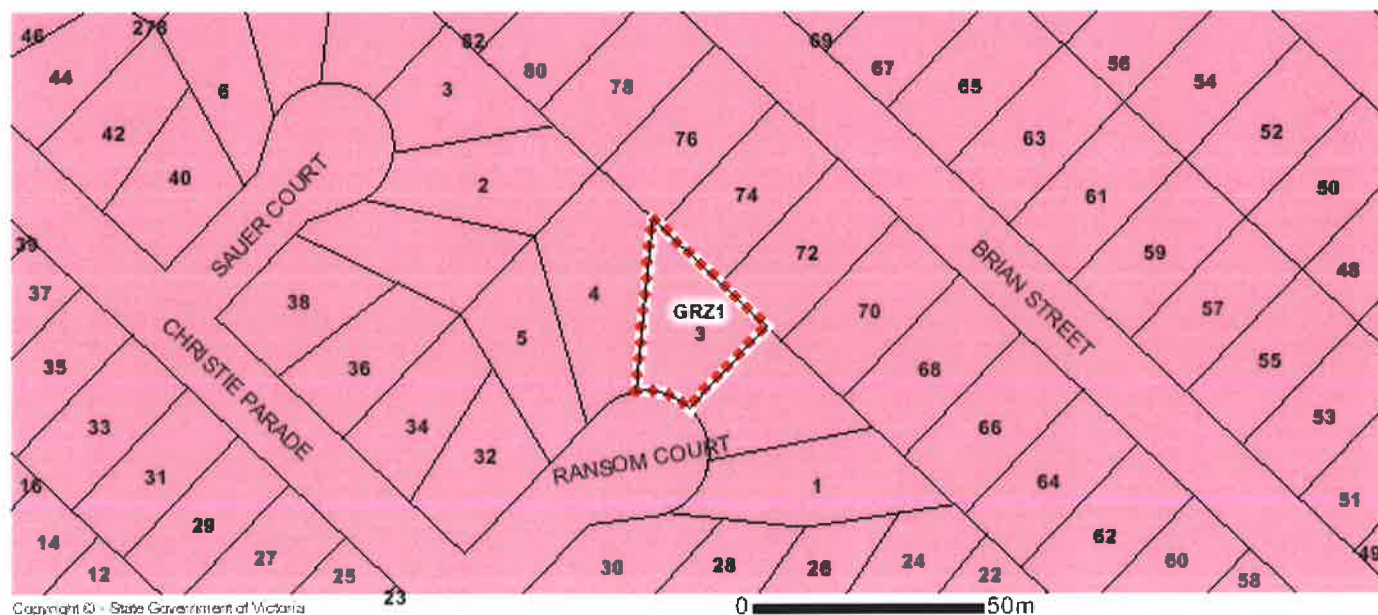
STATE ELECTORATES

Legislative Council: **NORTHERN VICTORIA**
Legislative Assembly: **MILDURA**

Planning Zones

[GENERAL RESIDENTIAL ZONE \(GRZ\)](#)

[GENERAL RESIDENTIAL ZONE - SCHEDULE 1 \(GRZ1\)](#)



 GRZ - General Residential

Note: labels for zones may appear outside the actual zone - please compare the labels with the legend.

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Notwithstanding this disclaimer, a vendor may rely on the information in this report for the purpose of a statement that land is in a bushfire prone area as required by section 32C (b) of the Sale of Land 1962 (Vic).

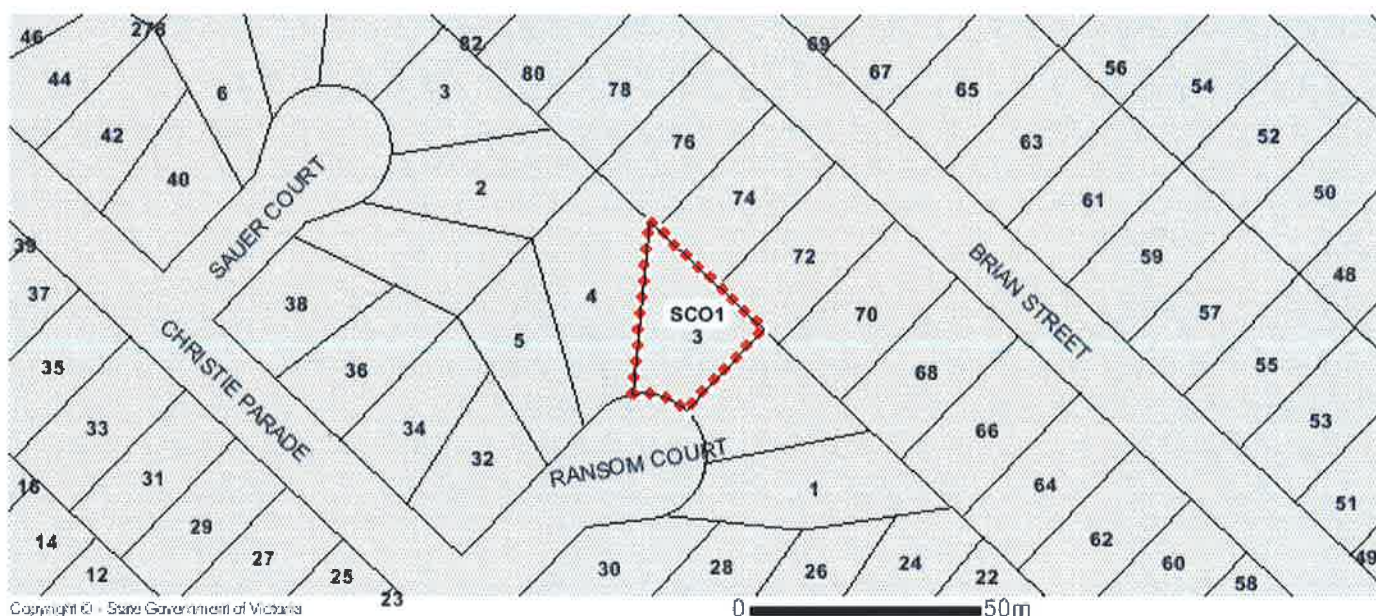
PLANNING PROPERTY REPORT: 3 RANSOM COURT MILDURA 3500

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Planning Overlay

SPECIFIC CONTROLS OVERLAY (SCO)

SPECIFIC CONTROLS OVERLAY - SCHEDULE 1 (SCO1)



SCO - Specific Controls

Note: due to overlaps, some overlays may not be visible, and some colours may not match those in the legend.

Further Planning Information

Planning scheme data last updated on 30 September 2020.

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or by visiting <https://www.planning.vic.gov.au>

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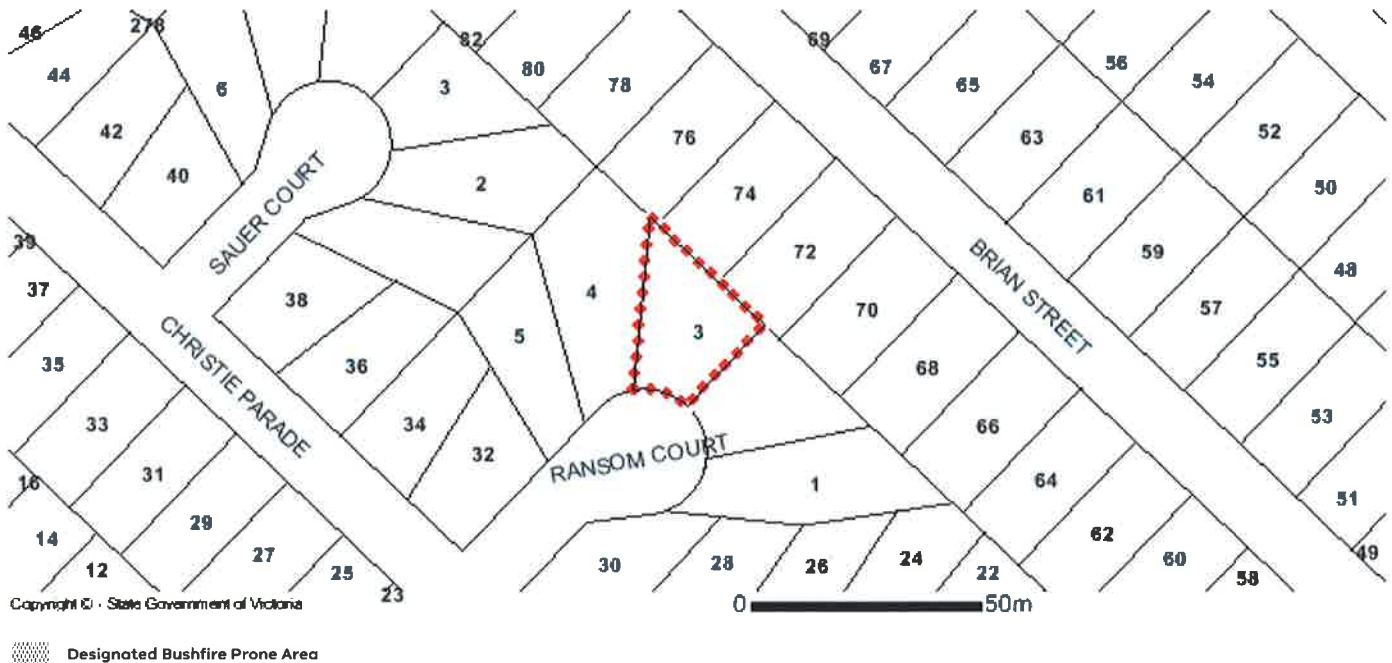
For details of surrounding properties, use this service to get the Reports for properties of interest.

To view planning zones, overlay and heritage information in an interactive format visit <http://mapshare.maps.vic.gov.au/vicplan>

For other information about planning in Victoria visit <https://www.planning.vic.gov.au>

Designated Bushfire Prone Area

This property is not in a designated bushfire prone area.
No special bushfire construction requirements apply. Planning provisions may apply.



Designated bushfire prone areas as determined by the Minister for Planning are in effect from 8 September 2011 and amended from time to time.

The Building Regulations 2018 through application of the Building Code of Australia, apply bushfire protection standards for building works in designated bushfire prone areas.

Designated bushfire prone areas maps can be viewed on VicPlan at <http://mapshare.maps.vic.gov.au/vicplan> or at the relevant local council.

Note: prior to 8 September 2011, the whole of Victoria was designated as bushfire prone area for the purposes of the building control system.

Further information about the building control system and building in bushfire prone areas can be found on the Victorian Building Authority website www.vba.vic.gov.au

Copies of the Building Act and Building Regulations are available from www.legislation.vic.gov.au

For Planning Scheme Provisions in bushfire areas visit <https://www.planning.vic.gov.au>



Mildura Rural City Council

Internal Use Only



TAX INVOICE

ABN 42 128 937 037



Mr J C & Mrs L A Ablett
PO Box 565
IRYMPLE VIC 3498

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R1_11881

Total Rates & Charges For this Year

\$1,248.92

Refer below for payment options

Rate and Valuation Notice

1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021

Property Location & Description

3 Ransom Court MILDURA VIC 3500
Lot 60 PS 82902 Sec 30 Blk F

AVPCC: 110 - Detached Home

RATING DETAILS

Residential Rate
Waste Management

0.00620605	112000	\$695.08
434.79	1	\$434.79

VICTORIAN STATE GOVERNMENT FIRE SERVICES PROPERTY LEVY

Residential Fire Levy (Fixed)
Residential Fire Levy (Variable)

113.00	1	\$113.00
0.000054	112000	\$6.05

PAYMENT DEADLINES EXTENDED

First instalment due by 14 October 2020.
Second instalment due by 14 December 2020.

COVID-19 SUPPORT

Relief options are available to assist ratepayers experiencing financial hardship.
Visit mildura.vic.gov.au/coronavirus or call us for details.

TOTAL AMOUNT

\$1,248.92

Payment In full Due 15 Feb 2021 \$1,248.92	Or	1st Instalment Due 14 Oct 2020 \$312.23	2nd Instalment Due 14 Dec 2020 \$312.23	3rd Instalment Due 28 Feb 2021 \$312.23	4th Instalment Due 31 May 2021 \$312.23
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Note: If full payment of the 1st Instalment isn't received by the due date, this account will automatically default to the Payment in Full option and you will not receive reminder instalment notices.
Please refer to the reverse side of this notice for information relating to penalties for late payment.

Payment Slip

Mr J C & Mrs L A Ablett
3 Ransom Court MILDURA VIC 3500
Assessment No: 5511

Payment In Full: \$1,248.92

Or 1st Instalment: \$312.23



Biller code: 93922
Ref: 55111

POST billpay



Full Payment *41 55111



Post Billpay
Biller code: 0041
Ref: 55111

Pay in person at any post office, phone 13 18 16 or go to postbillpay.com.au

Centrepay Ref:
555 054 730B

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BPAY this payment via Internet or phone banking
BPAY View View and pay this bill using Internet banking
BPAY View Registration No.: 55111

Due diligence checklist

What you need to know before buying a residential property

Before you buy a home, you should be aware of a range of issues that may affect that property and impose restrictions or obligations on you, if you buy it. This checklist aims to help you identify whether any of these issues will affect you. The questions are a starting point only and you may need to seek professional advice to answer some of them. You can find links to organisations and web pages that can help you learn more, by visiting the [Due diligence checklist page on the Consumer Affairs Victoria website](http://consumer.vic.gov.au/duediligencechecklist) (consumer.vic.gov.au/duediligencechecklist).

Urban living

Moving to the inner city?

High density areas are attractive for their entertainment and service areas, but these activities create increased traffic as well as noise and odours from businesses and people. Familiarising yourself with the character of the area will give you a balanced understanding of what to expect.

Is the property subject to an owners corporation?

If the property is part of a subdivision with common property such as driveways or grounds, it may be subject to an owners corporation. You may be required to pay fees and follow rules that restrict what you can do on your property, such as a ban on pet ownership.

Growth areas

Are you moving to a growth area?

You should investigate whether you will be required to pay a growth areas infrastructure contribution.

Flood and fire risk

Does this property experience flooding or bushfire?

Properties are sometimes subject to the risk of fire and flooding due to their location. You should properly investigate these risks and consider their implications for land management, buildings and insurance premiums.

Rural properties

Moving to the country?

If you are looking at property in a rural zone, consider:

- Is the surrounding land use compatible with your lifestyle expectations? Farming can create noise or odour that may be at odds with your expectations of a rural lifestyle.
- Are you considering removing native vegetation? There are regulations which affect your ability to remove native vegetation on private property.
- Do you understand your obligations to manage weeds and pest animals?

Can you build new dwellings?

Does the property adjoin crown land, have a water frontage, contain a disused government road, or are there any crown licences associated with the land?

Is there any earth resource activity such as mining in the area?

You may wish to find out more about exploration, mining and quarrying activity on or near the property and consider the issue of petroleum, geothermal and greenhouse gas sequestration permits, leases and licences, extractive industry authorisations and mineral licences.

Soil and groundwater contamination

Has previous land use affected the soil or groundwater?

You should consider whether past activities, including the use of adjacent land, may have caused contamination at the site and whether this may prevent you from doing certain things to or on the land in the future.

Land boundaries

Do you know the exact boundary of the property?

You should compare the measurements shown on the title document with actual fences and buildings on the property, to make sure the boundaries match. If you have concerns about this, you can speak to your lawyer or conveyancer, or commission a site survey to establish property boundaries.

Planning controls

Can you change how the property is used, or the buildings on it?

All land is subject to a planning scheme, run by the local council. How the property is zoned and any overlays that may apply, will determine how the land can be used. This may restrict such things as whether you can build on vacant land or how you can alter or develop the land and its buildings over time.

The local council can give you advice about the planning scheme, as well as details of any other restrictions that may apply, such as design guidelines or bushfire safety design. There may also be restrictions – known as encumbrances – on the property's title, which prevent you from developing the property. You can find out about encumbrances by looking at the section 32 statement.

Are there any proposed or granted planning permits?

The local council can advise you if there are any proposed or issued planning permits for any properties close by. Significant developments in your area may change the local 'character' (predominant style of the area) and may increase noise or traffic near the property.

Safety

Is the building safe to live in?

Building laws are in place to ensure building safety. Professional building inspections can help you assess the property for electrical safety, possible illegal building work, adequate pool or spa fencing and the presence of asbestos, termites, or other potential hazards.

Building permits

Have any buildings or retaining walls on the property been altered, or do you plan to alter them?

There are laws and regulations about how buildings and retaining walls are constructed, which you may wish to investigate to ensure any completed or proposed building work is approved. The local council may be able to give you information about any building permits issued for recent building works done to the property, and what you must do to plan new work. You can also commission a private building surveyor's assessment.

Are any recent building or renovation works covered by insurance?

Ask the vendor if there is any owner-builder insurance or builder's warranty to cover defects in the work done to the property.

Utilities and essential services

Does the property have working connections for water, sewerage, electricity, gas, telephone and internet?

Unconnected services may not be available, or may incur a fee to connect. You may also need to choose from a range of suppliers for these services. This may be particularly important in rural areas where some services are not available.

Buyers' rights

Do you know your rights when buying a property?

The contract of sale and section 32 statement contain important information about the property, so you should request to see these and read them thoroughly. Many people engage a lawyer or conveyancer to help them understand the contracts and ensure the sale goes through correctly. If you intend to hire a professional, you should consider speaking to them before you commit to the sale. There are also important rules about the way private sales and auctions are conducted. These may include a cooling-off period and specific rights associated with 'off the plan' sales. The important thing to remember is that, as the buyer, you have rights.

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