

## FORMER YORKSHIRE BREWERY



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Former Yorkshire Brewery  
site



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former yorkshire brewery  
wellington street collingwood  
south west corner



former yorkshire brewery  
wellington street collingwood  
entrance to stables



former yorkshire brewery  
wellington street collingwood  
rear view



1 former yorkshire brewery  
wellington street collingwood  
detail of tower

### Location

88 WELLINGTON STREET AND 1-21 ROBERT STREET COLLINGWOOD, YARRA CITY

### Municipality

YARRA CITY

### Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0807

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO141

## VHR Registration

August 8, 1990

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - July 1, 1999

The Yorkshire Brewery was established in 1858 by John Wood who commenced operations in a timber building on a two acre site. Wood, a former builder, lived on site and also owned the Yorkshire Hotel. In 1875 a son, the engineer and architect James Wood, prepared drawings for the present complex, the foundation stone being laid in 1876. The most prominent feature of the complex was a multi-level polychrome brick tower with a large mansard roof and a viewing platform. This still survives. A smoke stack has since been demolished. The Yorkshire Brewery became a major Melbourne brewing enterprise which obtained prizes for ale and porter at the Melbourne Centennial Exhibition of 1888. Significantly, it was located in Collingwood, the centre of the brewing industry, the complex experienced numerous changes of ownership but maintained its identity in the early twentieth century period. This period saw amalgamations and an overall reduction of breweries in Melbourne. The Yorkshire Brewery was purchased by the dominant Carlton and United group in 1909 and used as a standby plant, then a cooperage. In 1954 it became a malt house. The complex survives as a substantially intact large mid-Victorian brewing complex consisting of a brewing tower, brewery cellars and former stables, with additions. Its significance is summarised as follows:

- \* for comprising remnant elements of a large nineteenth century brewing complex, including a brewing tower, adjacent buildings and stables.
- \* as a complex expressive of the first generation of industrial development in the Collingwood area which was noted for its manufacturing activity in the nineteenth century.
- \* as the most notable surviving brewery complex in the municipality of Collingwood, a district noted for its breweries in the nineteenth century and for reflecting the development of the brewing industry from the early days of the existence of the colony of Victoria.
- \* for comprising the largest and most prominent brewing tower in the state the tower may also be considered important as
- \* a notable work of the architect James Wood
- \* as expressive of the nineteenth century brewing process
- \* as a symbol of industrial activity and the personal success of the wood family
- \* as a colonial echo of similar structures in Great Britain
- \* as a vantage point and symbol, and one of the tallest structures in the district in the nineteenth century

\* for its architectural detail, including polychrome brick and a mansard roof, the only substantially intact example remaining in Victoria of a feature typically associated with nineteenth century brewing towers

\* as an example of French "Second Empire" architectural style

\* for comprising one of the few surviving nineteenth century stables associated with a large manufacturing complex.

\* as an archaeological site which may reveal further evidence of industrial processes, buildings and activities on the site, including the Yorkshire Hotel and other properties owned by John Wood.

## Permit Exemptions

### General Exemptions:

General exemptions apply to all places and objects included in the Victorian Heritage Register (VHR). General exemptions have been designed to allow everyday activities, maintenance and changes to your property, which don't harm its cultural heritage significance, to proceed without the need to obtain approvals under the Heritage Act 2017.

Places of worship: In some circumstances, you can alter a place of worship to accommodate religious practices without a permit, but you must [notify](#) the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria before you start the works or activities at least 20 business days before the works or activities are to commence.

Subdivision/consolidation: Permit exemptions exist for some subdivisions and consolidations. If the subdivision or consolidation is in accordance with a planning permit granted under Part 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the application for the planning permit was referred to the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria as a determining referral authority, a permit is not required.

Specific exemptions may also apply to your registered place or object. If applicable, these are listed below. Specific exemptions are tailored to the conservation and management needs of an individual registered place or object and set out works and activities that are exempt from the requirements of a permit. Specific exemptions prevail if they conflict with general exemptions.

Find out more about heritage permit exemptions [here](#).

Construction dates	1858,
Architect/Designer	Wood, James,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	317
Property Number	

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## Plaque Citation

John Wood established a brewery here in the 1850s. The brewing tower, stables and cellars were designed by the founder's son James Wood in 1875 and are now rare surviving examples of a 19th century brewing complex.

## Extent of Registration

### AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 787.

Former Yorkshire Brewery, 88 Wellington Street, Collingwood, City of Collingwood.

(All of the buildings and remnant buildings of the former Yorkshire Brewery including the tower, stables, internal laneways and ancillary structures (as depicted in the dotted sections of the map Appendix A) and the land hatched excluding that to the east of the eastern face of the Yorkshire stables wall which is included in the Register Book Certificate of Title Vol. 9445 Folio 873).

[Victoria Government Gazette No. G31 8 August 1990 p.2435]

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